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# Pediatric and Family Medicine Practice Liaison Program



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### Referral Information

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"Hi. I am Mike Ost, MD, MBA and newly appointed Interim VP of Medical Affairs at CHP of UPMC. I am honored and grateful to serve in this position as I am helping our fine community of physicians at CHP and in our surrounding communities. I am here to build better relationships, facilitate access to care, and oversee a safe and professional environment for all we serve. I became the first Urologist in the United States to complete training in both Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) and Pediatric Urology. In this regard I continue to be clinically active, treating the wide spectrum of urologic disease. I have a long-standing clinical and research interest in minimally invasive treatment of congenital renal abnormalities and malignancies. I also cover the breath of pediatric urologic care, eager to help facilitate urologic care for your patients. As a hospital leader and Professor of Urology I am foremost a teacher – what we do can be impactful and effectively be passed on to others. I look forward to helping you."

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## First-of-Its-Kind Artwork Collection Revealed at UPMC Children's



Last month, UPMC Children's unveiled a new artwork collection, which can now be seen among the walls of the hospital corridors, by artist Dino Guarino. The collection captures the essence of the Pittsburgh Steeler's legend, Franco Harris as well as the "Immaculate Reception," which is one of the most famous plays in NFL history. The collection was donated by *84 Lumber* in the hopes of uplifting the spirits of our young patients and families as they visit UPMC Children's. See more photos of the unveiling [here](#).





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## Dr. Marian Michaels sits down with KDKA



Dr. Marian Michaels of UPMC Children's Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease discusses RSV with KDKA's Health Talk. Watch the video [here](#).

## Dr. Taylor Abel, MD Named Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery



Dr. Taylor Abel, MD, associate professor of neurological surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and Chief of Pediatric Epilepsy at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, has been appointed the next Chief of Pediatric Neurosurgery at UPMC Children's. Dr. Abel will begin this new role effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, succeeding Dr. Ian Pollack who has been serving in this role for 20 years. Congratulations, Dr. Abel!

## What's New at Children's?

- Continuing medical education is part of UPMC Children's mission. Learn more [here](#).
- Let patients know about our partnership with Lyft, giving free rides to appointments for those in need. For more information, [click here](#).
- *That's Pediatrics* – The Intersection of Climate Change and Child Health with Dr. Gabriel Cisneros and Dr. Maya Ragavan. Find the episode and subscribe to "That's Pediatrics" [here](#).
- *Health Break* – Train your brain: How to build healthier habits and healthier thoughts. Find [here](#).
- Dr. Jerry Vockley MD, PhD, chief of the Division of Medical Genetics and Director for Rare Disease Therapy at UPMC Children's is going to discuss a new era of therapies for rare diseases on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Sign up to listen to the discussion [here](#).



## Upcoming Webinars



Pediatric Educators Across the Continuum Meeting – Sylvia Choi, MD, FAAP and Evelyn Reis, MD and their talk "Creating a Safe Learning Environment" on February 14, 2024, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

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