

Developmental Pediatrics Clinic Kicks Off in South Bend



Dr. Marilyn Bull

Clarian's Telemedicine program is growing with the addition of developmental pediatrics. Dr. Marilyn Bull, a Morris Green Professor of Pediatrics, is seeing patients at Memorial Hospital in South Bend.

"We think this is a great service to our families. They are appreciative because they don't have to travel all the way to Indianapolis which is a financial hardship for many families. We are still adapting to the equipment, but feel that overall, we have had three successful clinics and look forward to many more." Dr. Marilyn Bull.

Statewide Update from the Director

There has been a whirlwind of activity surrounding telemedicine/telehealth at the statewide level over the past few months. It's very exciting to see the amount of communication and education taking place about telemedicine to fill service gaps in communities around the state. Clarian is fully engaged with many individuals and organizations to help move telemedicine/telehealth forward in Indiana.

Medicaid- Clarian Telemedicine hosted a group of staff from the Medicaid Office at Riley for an in depth telemedicine demonstration as they work to operationalize the Indiana Medicaid policy for telemedicine reimbursement and develop guidelines for billing. Bedford Regional Medical Center assisted with this demo. Physicians providing telemedicine services should be able to begin billing Medicaid for consultations by the end of May. Rebecca Salley continues to work with the Medicaid Office to coordinate billing procedures and will be meeting with billers very soon.

Clarian Statewide Leadership Conference- Jennifer Baron from Clarian Telemedicine and Ron and Gloria Stewart from BRMC will present on telemedicine at the Clarian Statewide Leadership Conference on June 20. The presentation is part of a technology in healthcare panel and will also feature Mary Myers from Clarian e-ICU. The Clarian Statewide Leadership Conference in June 19-20.

Statewide Update Cont.

FCC- Indiana has applied for a Federal Communications Commission grant to fund statewide tele-communications infrastructure to promote telemedicine/telehealth in rural communities. The Indiana grant application was led by Shawna Girgis at the IRHA and Clarian is one of several partner organizations. There were 80 applications from around the nation submitted and 43 are still active in the review process including Indiana. For more information and to view a copy of the Indiana application visit www.fcc.gov.

IRHA Annual Conference- The first annual telehealth tract at this year's IRHA Conference will feature a wide variety of presentations on telemedicine/telehealth related topics. It is exciting to see the topic of Telemedicine/Telehealth be of interest to our rural healthcare providers. The IRHA Conference is June 6-7 at the Evansville Convention Center. For more information visit www.indianaruralhealth.org.

Morgan Hospital Joins Clarian Telemedicine

Morgan Hospital and Medical Center received its first Pediatric Grand Rounds on May 9th, 2007. Morgan Hospital is located in Martinsville. Clarian Telemedicine looks forward to working with Morgan Hospital and Medical Center as further telemedicine programs are implemented. "The Telemedicine program has been well received here at Morgan. We are excited about the educational offerings and cannot wait to establish our first patient clinic utilizing this technology. We look forward to working with the Clarian team to further develop services offered through this program for our community." Karon Perkins, Vice President, Physician Practice Operations & Corporate Compliance Officer, Morgan Hospital and Health Center. To learn more about Morgan Hospital and Health System please visit www.morganhospital.com.

Dr. Cain Joins Clarian Telemedicine as Medical Director

In 2007 Dr. Mark P. Cain, M.D., F.A.A.P., was named the Medical Director of Clarian Telemedicine. Dr. Cain is a Professor of Pediatric Urology at the IU School of Medicine. Dr. Cain brings his clinical expertise to the Telemedicine Department and will help lead Telemedicine into new and exciting endeavors throughout the state. Dr. Cain is currently active in all aspects of Pediatric urology with special interests in the management of congenital fetal urinary tract obstruction, reconstruction of genital abnormalities, and the surgical management of urinary incontinence in children.



Dr. Mark Cain

NACHRI Town Hall Meeting Uses Telemedicine

Clarian Telemedicine assisted with the National Association of Children's Hospitals Town Hall Meeting on children's health insurance. This event was organized by Karen Stroup, Director of Community Education and Child Advocacy at Riley Hospital for Children. This event included a video feed from the national NACRI Town Hall meeting followed by a local discussion led by Gary Miller, Vice President, Hospital Operations at Riley Hospital for Children and Dr. Marilyn Bull from Riley Hospital for Children. Statewide participants from Evansville– Deaconess Hospital, South Bend– Memorial Hospital, and Ft. Wayne– Lutheran Hospital, were able to participate via video conference. For more information about NACHRI please visit www.childrenshospitals.net.

Greetings from Kazakhstan

On Saturday, November 11th, Clarian Telemedicine was visited by Kazakhstan physicians Dr. Nurlan Akhparov and Dr. Irina Bezruk. Drs. Akhparov and Bezruk visited the telemedicine program as part of their larger trip to the United States. They were able to witness a Telemedicine demonstration and toured the Clarian campus.

In addition the physicians met with Dr. Rouse, and visited the Frank and Marian Snyder Family Resource Center, Edward A. Block Family Library, Ronald McDonald House, and took a trip on the People Mover.

"Everything is so convenient for doctors and patients, and these conveniences, made up of many small things, do so much to extend and enhance the lives of all of the people. We will work hard to replicate what we have seen." Dr. Irina Bezruk.

The trip was coordinated by Diana Underwood, of Grace Anatomy, Inc. in Buffalo, NY with the purpose of establishing medical relations between physicians in the U.S. and Kazakhstan. Dr. Bull hosted the group during their visit.

Don Hennig, a professional videographer, documented the medical trip, beginning the first week where the group toured Riley Hospital for Children.



The group visits the Riley Family Resource Center.



Meeting with Dr. Thomas Rouse



From left to right (Diane Underwood, Dr. Bezruk, Dr. Bull, Don Hennig, and Dr. Akhparov).



On the People Mover- From left to Right (Dr. Akhparov, Ainur Aiykhanova, Jennifer Baron, Dr. Bezruk)

Rita Riddle Joins the Clarian Telemedicine Team!

Clarian Telemedicine is pleased to welcome Rita Riddle, Telemedicine Specialist. Rita began her career at Clarian Health in 2002 working in IMACS and was an integral part of the opening process of Clarian West in Avon serving as an administrative assistant in Surgical Services. “I am very enthusiastic to become part of a program that provides healthcare at a statewide level and allows me to develop relationships with colleagues at partner hospitals across the state.”



Counting the Consults

We have facilitated
712 live and interactive consults
in 40 counties in Indiana, Illinois,
and Kentucky

*77% of parents
have saved a day
off work by using
telemedicine*

Telemedicine has saved patients
221,644 drive miles

Top 3 Specialties

Dermatology	198 consults
Urology	182 consults
Psychiatry	106 consults

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