Unprecedented Expansion of Pediatric Oral Surgery Program at Women & Children’s Hospital

In a move that will dramatically change Buffalo’s pediatric dental landscape, Women & Children’s Hospital of Buffalo is pleased to announce the appointment of three Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons with experience in the evaluation and treatment of patients with complex dental and maxillofacial problems.

All three newly appointed surgeons will lead an effort to provide the highest quality service to Western New York’s most complex pediatric maxillofacial cases and will treat congenital, developmental, and acquired craniofacial disorders of the head, neck, teeth, and jaws.

Joli C. Chou, DMD, MD, who will lead the team, holds medical and dental degrees from the University of Pennsylvania and Tufts University. She has been an instructor and provider in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine for several years and has won numerous awards for her work. Dr. Chou’s extensive craniofacial training will complement the multidisciplinary care afforded to our children by the Craniofacial Center of W.N.Y. here at our hospital. She will begin seeing patients on August 1, 2014.

Paul Deitrick, Jr., DMD, MD, graduated from Muhlenberg College in Allentown, PA, and the University of Pennsylvania with medical and dental degrees, serving most recently as Chief Resident in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He has published papers on the analysis of mandibular motion after TMJ reconstruction as well as submental intubation as an alternative to tracheotomy in the treatment of maxillofacial injuries. He will begin seeing patients on July 1, 2014.

T. Brendan Fallon, DDS, served as chief resident at West Virginia University in the Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery program after graduating from the New York University, College of Dentistry and Princeton University. His experience and expertise in dentoalveolar surgery, implant dentistry, orthognathic surgery, TMJ surgery, and facial trauma will be an asset to this team. He will begin seeing patients on July 1, 2014.

These surgeons will provide emergency surgical treatment for children with jaw and facial injuries at a level that has previously been unavailable in the Buffalo region. In the past, many patients had to seek treatment outside of our region at centers as far away as New York City, Atlanta, Boston, and Philadelphia. This new Oral & Maxillofacial team will immediately recast Buffalo and Western New York as a center for cutting edge maxillofacial care to our region’s children.

Along with such routine procedures as wisdom tooth extraction and the placement of implants, our new team will specialize in treating cysts and tumors of the jaw, orthognathic/jaw surgery, vascular lesions (AVM) of the maxilla and mandible, jaw lengthening/distraction in infants and children with maxillofacial deformities and/or malocclusion. In addition, these surgeons will provide maxillofacial reconstruction for patients cared for by our Craniofacial Center who have congenital facial and skeletal deformities associated with cleft lip/palate, Pierre Robin Sequence, DiGeorge Sequence, hemifacial microsomia, facial asymmetry, as well as craniosynostosis syndromes such as Apert, Crouzon, Pfeiffer, and Nager Syndromes.

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