

NEWSLETTER

WELCOME CAPT LEE

The Pediatric CF team is excited to welcome a new pulmonologist to the team, CAPT Rees Lee.

CAPT Rees Lee was born and spent his childhood in Sacramento, California. He attended Stanford University on an NROTC scholarship where he earned degrees in Biology (B.S. – honors) and Psychology (B.A.). Following college graduation, he spent 5 years as a Line Officer serving consecutively as Communications Officer and Navigator on USS GOLDSBOROUGH (DDG 20) and Training and Readiness Officer for Destroyer Squadron 35, both units homeported in Pearl Harbor, HI. CAPT Lee deployed twice to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Earnest Will, Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He is a qualified Surface Warfare Officer.

In 1991 CAPT Lee transferred to the Medical Corps and received a Navy scholarship to return to Stanford University for medical school. He graduated from Stanford with honors and continued his medical education at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth (NMCP) as a Pediatric intern and resident. He spent 3 years at Naval Hospital Oak Harbor (NHOH) as a general pediatrician followed by completion of a Pediatric Pulmonology fellowship at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in 2005. CAPT Lee is Board Certified in both Pediatrics and Pediatric Pulmonology. He is a member of the American Thoracic Society and a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Chest Physicians.

CAPT Lee has served in a variety of leadership positions throughout his career including NMCP Cystic Fibrosis Center Director, NMCP Medical Staff President and Chairman of the military's largest Pediatrics Department and Pediatric Residency at NMCP. From September 2013 to June 2014, CAPT Lee was the acting Executive Officer of the hospital ship USNS COMFORT (T-AH 20) followed by a 2 year assignment as the Executive Officer of Naval Medical Research Unit Dayton (NAMRU-D). He remained at NAMRU-D as the fourth Commanding Officer serving from 2016 to 2018, leading a team of military and civilian scientists advancing research knowledge in Aerospace Medicine,

Human Performance and Toxicology. CAPT Lee most recently served as the Force Surgeon for Commander, Naval Surface Force Atlantic, overseeing the medical staffs on 77 ships, including 9 afloat trauma hospitals, caring for 27,000 Sailors from the U.S. East Coast to Europe and Bahrain.



In addition to his 2 deployments as a Line Officer, CAPT Lee deployed in 2008 with USS BOXER (LHD 4) providing humanitarian assistance to Guatemala, El Salvador and Peru as part of Operation Continuing Promise; and deployed to the NATO Role 3 Combat Trauma Hospital in Kandahar, Afghanistan, as the Senior Medical Officer 2010-2011.

CAPT Lee has an extensive research portfolio including collaborations with Vanderbilt University's Center for Asthma and Environmental Sciences Research as well as being Government Sponsor of the Health Outcomes Research Center of Excellence, a public-private cooperative research program which uses Military Health System data to analyze healthcare outcomes.

His personal awards received while serving in the military include two Legion of Merit, two Meritorious Service Medals, five Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals (one with the combat valor device) and two Navy Achievement Medals.

Following retirement from the Navy in October 2021, Dr. Lee joined the University of Arizona as an Associate Professor in Pediatric Pulmonology and provides clinical care at Diamond Children's Hospital, part of the Banner Health network.

CONTACTING CLINIC



For all pharmacy and CF issues, please contact your CF nurse for assistance. To contact the adult team, please call (520) 694-5001. To contact the pediatric team, please call (520) 694-5437. Please

follow the prompts and leave a message when necessary.

The (520) 694-9939 number is no longer a working number and is not monitored.



RESEARCH UPDATES

We have been busy with clinical trials in CF! Vertex Trikafta is now being studied in children aged 2-5 with at least 1 delF508 mutation. We have several children participating and hope to have results next year. Vertex has a new triple therapy medication that we are studying. This medication has some of the components of Trikafta and some components that are different. We will be enrolling people aged 12 or older who have at least one delF508. This study will be blinded (you won't know what you are getting) but it will be either Trikafta or the new triple medication. We expect to be enrolling starting in January, so let us know if you are interested.

Aridis is a company studying inhaled gallium to treat Pseudomonas infections. The inhaled medicine is given once a week. We are actively enrolling people who are 18 years or older and who have Pseudomonas in their lungs.

The SIMPLIFY study continues to enroll people 12 and older who are on Trikafta, are doing well and want to come from their chronic inhaled DNase or hypertonic saline. Please let us know if you want to participate.

Our last active study is called STOP-PEDS and is enrolling children (under 18) to be in a study where they are randomly chosen to receive antibiotics at the beginning or an illness or to wait to receive antibiotics only if things get worse. You enroll in this study when you're well and have an intervention only if you get sick.

We have 2 wonderful research coordinators: Lisa Ryan (520-626-3125) and Jenna Pimentel (520-621-1806) They are excited to hear from you if you are interested in participating in research!

HOLIDAY PARTY



Our annual Holiday Party is MONDAY, December 13th at 6PM on Zoom at <https://uits-arizona.zoom.us/j/82532787976>. We look forward to enjoying the holiday season together with games and prizes.

We can't wait to see you there!

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