

NEWSLETTER

A FAREWELL FROM DR. MARK BROWN

*Life affords no greater responsibility,
no greater privilege,
than the raising of the next generation.*
-C. Everett Hoop, MD

For the past 21 years, many of you have honored me with the privilege of working with you in the care of your children or perhaps your own care. With a lot of joy, and some sadness, I am writing to let you know that I have accepted a position at the University of Colorado and Children's Hospital of Colorado. My last day with the University of Arizona and Banner University Medical Group will be June 19, 2016.

Thinking back on our journey together, I remember most the sense of family that has always been a part of the CF community here. We have shared laughter and tears, births, graduations and weddings. We have

also said goodbye to some members of our family but will never forget them. You supported the CF team as we transitioned from a single center to separate pediatric and adult centers. The latter was hard for all of us, but it is what happens in life – growth is sometimes painful, and that is the case with my decision to pursue a new opportunity now.

It has been a great pleasure and privilege meeting and working with you in the care of your children or in your own care. I sincerely appreciate your friendship and loyalty over the years. I wish you and your children continued good health and all the best in the coming years.



SUPPORT FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS

Youth and families who have children with special health care needs can work with the Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN) staff to build a more family centered system of health care. Training and leadership development is a key component of this project. Families and youth are involved in various OCSHCN projects, as advisors, policy development, insuring “Family Friendly” language and processes.

One of the projects and programs utilizing the asset of parent and youth participation is **Pilot Parents of Southern Arizona**. This project is committed to providing encouragement and support to families who have children with special needs so that their children can reach their maximum potential within the family and society.

To get involved or receive support, visit <http://pilotparents.org> for more information.

CYSTIC FIBROSIS EDUCATION FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Hello, my name is Sofhia Ytuarte. I am a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner student at Arizona State University.

I am inviting you to participate in a project aimed at teaching school personnel about Cystic Fibrosis (CF). Your participation in this project may help in answering some questions about your child with CF that can be used to assist school personnel (nurses, health aides, teachers, etc.) in providing care specific to your child's

needs. Your participation in this project would consist of completing an online pre and post-survey and providing information on your child's school absences related to CF.

If you would like more information or would like to participate, you can contact me by phone at 520-909-3209 or email at nonnie521@msn.com. All information that you provide will be kept confidential.

ONLINE RESOURCES

www.uappc.peds.arizona.edu
The Pediatric Pulmonary Center's website

www.CysticLife.org
A social network for the cystic fibrosis community

CONTACT INFORMATION

Medical Questions
(520)694-5132

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(520)626-2962

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE UPDATE

Our CF care team continues to participate as one of fifteen CF centers across the country participating in a quality improvement (QI) initiative through the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

After reviewing our clinic data and the CF Foundation guidelines, our QI team agreed upon a specific aim goal of increasing the percentage of patients seen for their quarterly visits to 80% of all pediatric patients, and 50% of all adult patients, by end of June 2016.

We will have our QI poster data available for viewing during Monday CF clinics. If you would like to view the data, please ask any of our CF care team to show you the poster in the hall. We also plan to distribute patient surveys in clinic to learn about how we can improve the time spent in clinic, as well as contacting individuals with missed or cancelled appointments to learn how we can best help address barriers to clinic attendance.

Thank you in advance for your feedback and support in working together to improve CF care provided at the Tucson CF care center!



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