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Visiting Faculty

David Lang, MD, FAAAAI, is head of the Section of Allergy/Immunology at the Respiratory Institute, Co-Director of the Asthma Center, and Director of the Allergy/Immunology Fellowship Training Program at the Cleveland Clinic. He is board-certified in allergy and immunology, internal medicine and medical examination. Previously, Dr. Lang was chief of Allergy/Immunology in the Department of Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and Co-Director of the Allergy and Asthma Center at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Lang has conducted a number of research projects and published numerous writings on asthma epidemiology, risk factors for anaphylaxis and evidence-based medicine. He earned his medical degree from the University of Michigan in Ann Harbor; completed his residency in internal medicine at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit; and completed subspecialty training in allergy and clinical immunology at Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation in La Jolla, CA.

Jun Lu, MD, is a third-year fellow in a combined Allergy & Immunology and Rheumatology fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle. A native of New York City, he earned a bachelor's degree at the City University of New York - Brooklyn College and his medical degree from the State University of New York - Downstate College of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency training at the University of California Los Angeles - Los Angeles Medical Center. Dr. Lu's research involves characterization and identification of the genetic defect found in families with significant autoimmunity and immunodeficiency that do not fit any of the known disorders. His research mentors are Dr. Hans Ochs and Dr. Troy Torgerson at the Seattle Children's Research Institute.

Gregory Redding, MD, is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine and Chief of the Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine Division at the Seattle Children's Hospital. He is board-certified in pediatric pulmonology and pediatrics. Licensed in Washington and Alaska, Dr. Redding has provided clinical care to children residing in Alaska since 1982. He has published more than 130 articles, chapters and reviews and served on national organizations promoting lung health and research. He speaks nationally and internationally each year. Current areas of research are spine and chest wall deformities, non-cystic fibrosis related bronchiectasis and health care education. Dr. Redding earned his medical degree from Stanford University School of Medicine in California.

Marc Riedl, MD, MS, is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and head of the Clinical Immunology and Allergy Section at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) School of Medicine. He is board-certified in internal medicine, clinical pharmacology, and allergy and immunology. Interests include novel therapeutics for allergic and immunodeficient conditions. He is involved in developing several drugs, with particular interest in treating hereditary angioedema and common variable immunodeficiency. Clinical research includes compounds to reduce the inflammatory effects of air pollution and methods of immune tolerance induction for allergy prevention. Dr. Riedl earned a master's degree in clinical research and completed advanced training in clinical pharmacology at UCLA. He earned his medical degree from the University of Chicago-Pritzker School of Medicine, completed a residency in internal medicine at Barnes-Jewish Hospital of Washington University in St. Louis, and a fellowship in clinical immunology and allergy at UCLA.

John Routes, MD, FAAAAI, is Chief of the Asthma/Allergy/Immunology Division, Medical Director of Asthma/Allergy/Clinical Immunology, and Professor of Pediatrics at the Medical College of Wisconsin. His clinical practice is at the Asthma and Allergy Center at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin. He is board-certified in internal medicine and allergy and immunology. He initiated the first statewide newborn screening program for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) and has ongoing research directed at understanding the pathogenesis of the interstitial lung disease and lymphoproliferative disorders in patients with common variable immunodeficiency (CVID). Dr. Routes earned his medical degree from the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City, and fellowships in allergy & clinical immunology and infectious diseases from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

James Tracy, DO, FAAAAI, FAAP, is a Physician at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology clinic, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at Creighton University in Omaha, NE. He is a past president of the Nebraska Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology, and was an American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) RSL Governor for the Midwest Region 4. He is board-certified in allergy & immunology, pediatrics, and osteopathic medical examination. Previously, Dr. Tracy served as Chief of Allergy and Immunology at Offutt AFB and was an Air Combat Command Consultant for Allergy and Immunology. Dr. Tracy has published numerous scientific articles and has a special interest in insect allergy, otitis media, chronic infections and practice management. He earned his medical degree from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed his residency at the David Grant USAF Medical Center at Travis AFB, CA, and a fellowship in allergy/immunology at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at San Antonio, Texas.

Local Faculty

Jeffrey G. Demain, MD, FAAAAI, FAAP, is an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Washington and an Affiliate Professor at the University of Alaska. He is the Director and Founder of the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Dr. Demain is board certified in both pediatrics and allergy immunology. He serves on the Insect Committee of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI). A nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Demain has been published in numerous peer reviewed medical journals and co-authored a textbook, Cutaneous Allergy. He regularly reviews manuscripts for the "Annals of Allergy Asthma and Immunology and Pediatrics." Dr. Demain served on the national board of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) for several years and is the founding president (and immediate past president) of the Alaska Chapter of AAFA. Dr. Demain remains very active in clinical and bench research, as well as academics. A long time Alaskan, Dr. Demain is an avid fly fisherman and outdoorsman.

J. Timothy Foote, MD, FAAP, is General Practitioner specializing in pediatrics and allergy at the Banner Health Tanana Valley Clinic in Fairbanks, Alaska. The clinic offers comprehensive medical and surgical health care in concert with the Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. Dr. Foote is board-certified in pediatrics and asthma, allergy and immunology. His interests include asthma, and inhaled and food allergy. Dr. Foote earned his medical degree at the University of Tennessee and completed his residency at the Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock.

Rikki Keen, MS, RD, LD, CISSN, CSSD, is a Registered Dietician and board-certified Specialist in Sports Dietetics. She owns a private practice – Fuel & Fluids for Performance, LLC – serving athletes at various levels in a variety of sports. She also teaches nutrition courses at the University of Alaska Anchorage, and is a Clinical Dietitian at Alaska Regional Hospital. She has provided nutritional counseling and guidance to medical patients and athletes for more than 10 years. Ms. Keen earned a bachelor's degree from Florida State University, where she also served as a women's strength and conditioning coach. She earned a master's degree from Central Michigan University and earned certifications through the American Dietetics Association as a Sports Dietitian (CSSD) and Nutrition Support Dietitian (CNSD), and through the International Society of Sports Nutrition as a Sports Nutritionist (CISSN).

William Lucht, MD, is an Internist at the Lung and Sleep Clinic of Alaska in Anchorage, Alaska. He is board-certified in internal, pulmonary, critical care and sleep medicine. Dr. Lucht speaks at local and national forums on these topics. He earned his medical degree from the University of Colorado School of Medicine in Denver. He completed his residency at the University of California Davis Martinez Veterans Administration (VA) Hospital, and a pulmonary fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Tennessee.

Eric Meier, MD, FAAAAI, FACP, FAAAAI, is board certified in allergy and immunology and internal medicine, and a member of the staff at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology

Center of Alaska. Prior to joining the center, he was an active duty officer in the United States Air Force and spent 10 years as an Air Force physician. His most recent active duty assignment was two years as Chief of Allergy at the 3rd Medical Group, Elmendorf Air Force Base, and the allergy consultant to the Pacific Air Force. Dr. Meier attended the University of Texas South-western Medical School. After completing his residency in internal medicine at Keesler Medical Center in Mississippi, he served as a staff internist at the U.S. Air Force Academy for three years. He completed his fellowship in allergy and immunology at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 2005, before coming to Alaska. Dr. Meier is a marathon runner, skier and mountaineer.

Teresa Neeno, MD, FACAII, FAAP, has been a practicing Allergist since 1996 and is currently a specialist at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. She is board-certified in pediatrics and allergy immunology. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1991, she completed her pediatric residency at Keesler Medical Center followed by her allergy immunology fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. A recipient of the U.S. Air Force Health Professions Scholarship, Dr. Neeno has authored and published multiple articles and abstracts. She is a frequent speaker and lecturer and has presented her research at national meetings across the United States. Dr. Neeno frequently volunteers as camp physician to the American Lung Association's Asthma Champ Camp. She has served six years on Allergy and Asthma Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter (AAFA-Alaska) Board of Directors and is the immediate Past President of the Board. Dr. Neeno and her three daughters are key participants in authoring AAFA-Alaska's storybook: Wheezin', Sneezin' & Itchin' in Alaska.

Melinda Rathkopf, MD, FACAII, FAAAAI, FAAP, is board certified in allergy and immunology and pediatrics, and is a member of the staff at the Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Center of Alaska. Prior to joining the center, she was an active duty officer in the United States Air Force and spent nine years as an Air Force physician. Dr Rathkopf earned her medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia, before joining the military. She completed her pediatric residency training at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. She practiced general pediatrics for two years prior to her allergy and immunology fellowship training at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. She has been practicing in Anchorage since July of 2006. Dr. Rathkopf has published numerous articles in peer-reviewed medical journals, and is a nationally recognized speaker. She is current President of the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America Alaska Chapter.

Thad Woodard, MD, FAAP, is a Pediatrician with extensive experience in managing eczema and common allergic disorders in children and adolescents. He arrived in Alaska in 1978 on an assignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) after completing his medical training at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine. He has served on the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, Alaska Chapter's Board of Directors as President and is past medical director of the American Lung Association's Asthma Champ Camp for children with asthma. Currently, Dr. Woodard is chair of the Alaska Asthma Coalition. He has hosted the public radio program "Line One: Your Health Connection" since 1998.