

	<p>Bill Basco, MD, MS Chairman Pediatrician in Chief Professor of Pediatrics (Hospitalist)</p>	<p>William.basco@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 28 years in practice, second year at UTCOM Chattanooga</li> <li>• Chair of Pediatrics since October 2024 and Pediatrician in Chief at the Children's Hospital at Erlanger</li> <li>• Experienced clinical leader and health services researcher</li> <li>• Former Academic General Pediatrics and Pediatric Hospital Medicine Fellowship Director</li> <li>• Loves the growth of the community and the easy access to the outdoors offered by Chattanooga</li> </ul>
	<p>Karla Garcia, MD Residency Program Director Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics (General Pediatrics)</p>	<p>Karla.garcia@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 32 years in practice, 29 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, 7 years as Program Director</li> <li>• Enjoys traveling, organic gardening, supporting her church, and eating out at new restaurants around town</li> <li>• Likes to go hiking with her husband and 4 kids</li> </ul>
	<p>Jason Zurawick, MD Assoc. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Hospitalist)</p> <p>*Program Alumni</p>	<p>Jason.zurawick@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 17 years in practice, 17 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, alumna of the residency</li> <li>• Enjoys all outdoor activities and sports</li> <li>• Likes to go adventuring with his wife and 3 kids</li> </ul>
	<p>Vanessa Pigg, MD Assoc. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (General Pediatrics)</p> <p>*Program Alumni</p>	<p>Vanessa.pigg@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 years in practice, 10 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, alumnae of the residency (couples matched here)</li> <li>• Enjoys escape rooms, speed skating (former speed skater) and watching movies</li> <li>• Loves to go to the Chattanooga parks with her husband, 2 young kids and mini poodle</li> </ul>
	<p>Merritt Adams, MD Asst. Program Director Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics and Orthopedic Surgery (Non-operative Sports Med)</p> <p>*Program Alumni</p>	<p>Merritt.adams@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 years in Chattanooga, residency here, fellowship away and back in practice for 10 years.</li> <li>• Enjoys traveling, sports and baking</li> <li>• Likes the big town feel of Chattanooga without the big town headaches. Does a lot of activities around town with her 4 kids.</li> </ul>
	<p>Brittnea Adcock, DO Asst. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (NICU)</p>	<p>Brittnea.adcock@erlanger.org</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 years in practice, 3 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, 2 years as the NICU resident education director</li> <li>• Loves spending time with her husband and daughter at the most magical place on earth</li> <li>• Enjoys getting lost in a good book, playing fetch with her mini Aussie Doodle, or</li> </ul>

			cheering on her daughter at cheerleading competitions
	<p>Alicia Andrews, DO Asst. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Hospitalist/ Gastroenterology)</p> <p>*Program Alumni</p>	Alicia.andrews@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Around Program since 2008, as resident, chief resident, hospitalist and GI faculty (last 6 years)</li> <li>• Enjoys crafting, baking and SEC football</li> <li>• Loves the Chattanooga scenery, location, safety and family atmosphere</li> <li>• Loves to bike with her husband and 4 kids</li> </ul>
	<p>Claire Jones, MD Asst. Program Director Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (PICU)</p>	Claire.jones@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of practice in pediatric critical care</li> <li>• PICU resident education director &amp; EPIC physician builder</li> <li>• Enjoys traveling, hiking, weightlifting, soccer, cheering for the Georgia Bulldogs, trying new restaurants, &amp; renovating our home</li> <li>• Married with 2 young kids &amp; a wild border collie</li> </ul>
	<p>Ghussai Abdelgadir, MD Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Infectious Disease)</p>	Ghussai.abdelgadir@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 years of clinical practice across 3 continents</li> <li>• 4 years of pediatrics infectious diseases</li> <li>• Enjoy walking and my 3 growing kids</li> <li>• Married, with 3 teens</li> </ul>
	<p>Jeffrey Bennett, MD Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics (Hospitalist)</p>	Jeffrey.bennett@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 21 years in Hospital Medicine, in 10<sup>th</sup> year at UTCOM</li> <li>• US Air Force Veteran (1990-2004)</li> <li>• Happily married to Tara for 33 years</li> <li>• Love spending time with our 2 grown children, creating furniture in the wood shop, and traveling with friends</li> </ul>
	<p>Heather Gilliam, DO Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (General Pediatrics)</p> <p>*Program Alumni</p>	Heather.gilliam@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 years in practice, 9 years at UTCOM Chattanooga, alumna of the residency (was chief resident)</li> <li>• Enjoys spin classes, baking, being a soccer/ballet mom</li> <li>• Loves to go to CFC soccer games, Riverwalk adventures with her family and eating Clumpies ice cream with her husband and 3 young kids</li> </ul>
	<p>John Heise, MD Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Adolescent)</p>	John.heise@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In private practice/medical director/behavioral health positions in addition to adolescent medicine for 32 years, 7 years at UTCOM Chattanooga</li> <li>• Avid traveler: enjoys Europe, Caribbean and cruises</li> <li>• Enjoys theater, sci-fi books, movies, events</li> <li>• Published author</li> </ul>
	<p>Kathryn Hines, MD Assoc. Professor of Pediatrics Pediatrics Clerkship Director (Hospitalist)</p>	Kathryn.hines@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8 years in practice, 8 years at UTCOM Chattanooga</li> <li>• Enjoys hiking, camping, historical fiction and listening to records</li> <li>• Loves to go for a hike or spend the day on the Riverfront with her husband, and 3 young kids</li> </ul>

	Matthew Kreth, MD Asst. Professor Pediatrics (Pulmonology)	Matthew.kreth@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 years in practice and 9 years at UTHSC</li> <li>• Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic and Director of Pediatric Tracheostomy and Home Ventilation Program</li> <li>• Loves kayaking, ebike riding, and camping with his two kids and lovely wife</li> </ul>
	Brandon Morrical, MD Asst. Professor of Pediatrics (Cardiology)	Brandon.morrical@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7 years in practice, 7 years at UTCOM Chattanooga / Erlanger</li> <li>• Married, with 2 crazy little girls (5 and 9yo) and 2 dogs</li> <li>• Enjoys outside time with friends and family - boating, wakesurfing, paddleboarding, biking (road and MTB), hiking, golfing, skiing, etc</li> </ul>
	Ashley Thurston, MEd, C-TAGME, CAP Residency Program Coordinator	Ashley.thurston@erlanger.org	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinator for 20 years, 7 with Pediatrics at UTCOM</li> <li>• Husband is the Pediatrics Plastic Surgeon for the region, and reason for being in Chattanooga</li> <li>• Enjoys cooking/testing Pinterest recipes, watching LSU and Saints football</li> <li>• Likes to cheer on her 4 kids in their activities (Signal Mountain marching band, Boy and Girl Scouts, Lacrosse, Cheerleading, Tball)</li> </ul>