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Pediatric Surgery Capabilities Cover the Routine to Highly Complex Procedures:

Sophisticated Surgical Care Expands at The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital

The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital has expanded its pediatric surgery team with two highly skilled pediatric surgeons, **Yi-Hong Lee, MD, FACS**, and **Michael J. LaQuaglia, MD**, who join pediatric surgeon **John G. Gallucci, MD, FACS**. The pediatric surgery division offers a comprehensive range of procedures, from routine to highly complex surgeries, ensuring that families have access to top-tier care without the need to travel out of state.

"I'm extremely proud to welcome Dr. Lee and Dr. LaQuaglia to Saint Peter's pediatric surgical team," said Leslie D. Hirsch, FACHE, president and CEO of Saint Peter's Healthcare System. "Their arrival to Saint Peter's expands our pediatric surgical capabilities, allowing more families and their children greater access to complex surgical care close to home. Our pediatric surgeons offer comprehensive surgical care to treat common pediatric ailments, ranging from appendicitis and hernias to rare conditions, thereby offering families sophisticated surgical care for their children without having to travel out of state to larger medical centers."

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Leaders in Neonatal and Pediatric Surgery

Dr. Yi-Horng Lee brings over 20 years of expertise in pediatric surgery with extensive experience with neonatal surgery, minimally invasive surgery, surgical oncology, complex gastrointestinal and hepatobiliary reconstructions, feeding access surgery and the correction of chest wall deformities. He completed his undergraduate education at Columbia University in New York and earned his medical degree from The State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate College of Medicine. He completed his general surgery residency at The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, a year of fellowship in transplantation at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and a pediatric surgery residency at The Women & Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

Dr. Lee is certified in pediatric surgery by the American Board of Surgery. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics Surgical Section and the American College of Surgeons. He is also a member of the Association for Academic Surgery, American Pediatric Surgeon Association, Children's Oncology Group, and the Children's Hospital Association.

"I'm happy to be joining the team at Saint Peter's to further augment its excellent neonatology and pediatric services by offering comprehensive and family-centered care to medically fragile children in the community," said Dr. Lee.

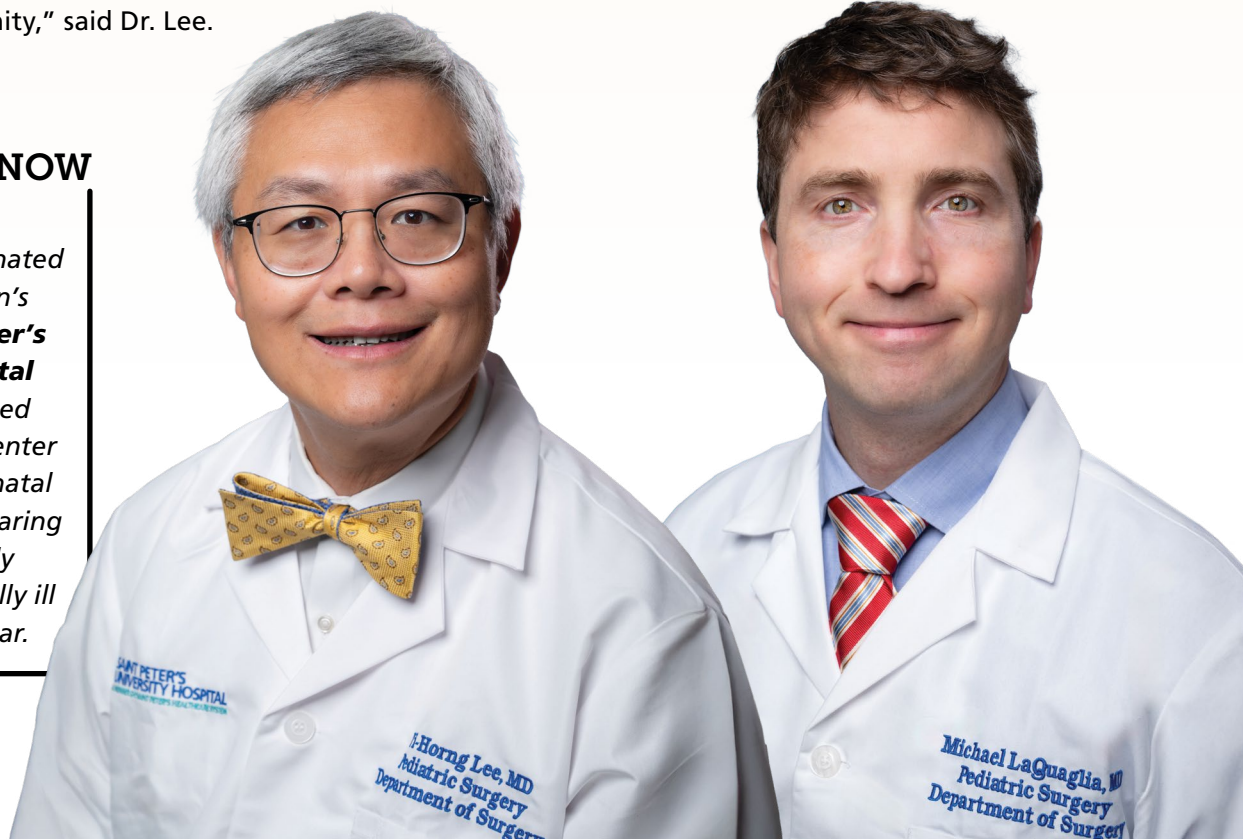
Dr. Michael J. LaQuaglia joins The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's with a focus on pediatric surgical oncology, particularly in better understanding and managing pediatric solid tumors including neuroblastoma and liver tumors. Dr. LaQuaglia earned his medical degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ), now Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He completed his general surgery residency at Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein University, Bronx, NY, followed by a fellowship in pediatric surgical critical care at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, a two-year pediatric surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York, and a pediatric surgery fellowship at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. LaQuaglia is certified by the American Board of Surgery in general surgery and surgical critical care. He also holds a master's degree in population health sciences with a focus on biostatistics and data science from the Weill Cornell Graduate School of Medical Sciences in New York.

"At Saint Peter's, I look forward to joining a team that manages the full scope of pediatric surgery at the highest level of excellence, while treating every patient like a member of their own family," said Dr. LaQuaglia.



DID YOU KNOW

*In addition to having a state-designated acute care children's hospital, **Saint Peter's University Hospital** is a state-designated regional perinatal center with a Level IV neonatal intensive care unit, caring for approximately 800 fragile or critically ill newborns each year.*





Expert Care Close to Home

The expansion of the pediatric surgery division at The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's University Hospital means New Jersey families now have convenient access to a broader range of routine and specialized surgeries.

"It can be daunting for parents to hear that their baby, child or adolescent needs surgery—no matter their age, it can be a scary thing to hear. As surgeons, we do our best to make sure that parents have the highest level of confidence and trust in our team by answering any questions and guiding them through the process. Our nurses, clinical staff and Child Life team ensure that our pediatric patients are comfortable before surgery and recovering well after their procedures," said Dr. Gallucci, who first joined The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's in 2003, performing pediatric and neonatal general and thoracic surgery. He graduated from Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and completed a six-year residency in general surgery at Cooper Hospital in Camden, NJ. Dr. Gallucci then traveled to Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, for a two-year fellowship in pediatric surgery at McGill University's Montreal Children's Hospital.

Comprehensive Pediatric Surgical Services

In addition to the surgical capabilities provided by Drs. Lee, LaQuaglia and Gallucci, the pediatric surgery program at The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's is distinguished by its capability to manage a variety of complex cases using state-of-the-art technology and techniques. Among the specialized surgical services available are:

- **Craniofacial-Neurosurgery**
Treating conditions related to cranial and facial abnormalities, sometimes requiring neurosurgical expertise
- **Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) Surgery**
Including treatment for skull-based tumors and other ENT conditions requiring surgical intervention
- **Endocrine Surgery**
Addressing diseases of the thyroid and adrenal glands with both traditional and minimally invasive techniques
- **Gastrointestinal Surgery**
Using advanced techniques to treat gastrointestinal issues with shorter recovery times
- **Neurological Surgery**
Addressing pediatric neurological conditions requiring surgical intervention
- **Ophthalmological Surgery**
Providing surgical care for various eye conditions
- **Orthopedic Surgery**
Including innovative procedures such as anterior scoliosis correction surgery to address spinal deformities with advanced techniques
- **Plastic Surgery**
Offering reconstructive and cosmetic procedures tailored to pediatric patients
- **Urologic Surgery**
Addressing urologic conditions with both traditional and minimally invasive surgical options

With physicians specializing in areas like endocrinology, neurology, sleep medicine, and more, The Children's Hospital at Saint Peter's provides comprehensive, interdisciplinary care. This collaborative approach ensures holistic care for each child, with surgeons and physicians working together for the best outcomes.



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To learn more, visit saintpetershcs.com/pedssurgery

Cancer Support

Bone Marrow Transplant

For patients who have had an allogeneic transplant

Call for information: 732.235.8522

Breast Cancer

Call for information: 732.235.7011

Gynecologic Cancer

In partnership with the Cancer Support Community Central NJ

Call for information: 732.235.6792

Living with Cancer

Call for information: 732.235.7557

Diabetes Education*

For information about classes, call the numbers listed below.

Diabetes

Self-Management Education

Call for information: 732.339.7630

Gestational Diabetes

Self-Management Education

Call for information: 732.339.7630



COVID-19 Vaccines

For age eligibility and clinic dates, visit

saintpetershcs.com/covidvaccine



Parent Education

Some parenting classes are being held online. Once registered for a class, access information will be provided to you.

Register at saintpetershcs.com/ParentEducation. For information about the following classes, please call Parent Education at 732.745.8579.

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| Baby Care | Hypnobirthing |
| Birth Center Class (for moms under midwifery care) | New Daddy Class |
| Breastfeeding Class | Prenatal Yoga/Exercise Class |
| Grandparents Class | Prepared Childbirth/Lamaze Classes |
| | Sibling Class |

Support Groups

Bariatric Nutrition Support

2nd Thursday of each month

Next meeting:

February 13 • 6 – 7 pm

Call 732.339.7450 for Zoom meeting information

Bereavement

Call Pastoral Care for information: 732.745.8565

Craniofacial Teen Girls

Call for information: 732.745.8600, x8113

MyGoal Autism Family

2nd Sunday of each month

Next meeting:

February 9 • 3 pm

Call 877.886.9462 or email

info@mygoalautism.org for virtual meeting information

SHARE

3rd Thursday of each month

Next meeting:

February 20 • 7 – 9 pm

Call 732.745.8522 or email

imariano@saintpetersuh.com for Zoom link

Spouse/Partner

Caregiver Support

Call for information: 732.745.8600, x8653

Happy 5th Birthday to the

Mary V. O'Shea
Birth Center
AT SAINT PETER'S UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

Parent Support

Registration is required. Visit saintpetershcs.com/ParentEducation or call 732.745.8579.

Breastfeeding Support Group

1st Tuesday of each month

Next meeting: February 4 • 1 pm

New Moms Support Group

"Life Will Never Be The Same"

1st Tuesday of each month

Next meeting: February 4 • 12 pm

Saint Peter's Virtual Urgent Care

Monday through Friday
5 to 10 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



saintpetershcs.com/virtualurgentcare

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Online scheduling is also available with select Saint Peter's Healthcare System physicians via Zocdoc at BookMySPDoc.com

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