

## Who are Pediatric Nurse Practitioners?

Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (PNP's) are very special health care providers who are dedicated to improving children's health. PNP's have advanced education in pediatric nursing and health care and they serve children and families in an extensive range of practice settings. Working with pediatricians and other health care providers, PNP's have been enhancing the health care of children for over forty years.

PNP's are pediatric (registered) nurses with a master's degree in pediatric nursing. They meet state licensing, competency standards and continuing education requirements. Most PNP's are certified by a national certifying agency, guaranteeing expertise and competency maintenance.

### What do PNP's do?

Since 1965, PNP's have provided comprehensive care to children and families by focusing on health maintenance and education, illness prevention and minor and chronic illness management. They are in demand due to consumer recognition, acceptance and satisfaction. PNP's are knowledgeable about and work closely with community agencies.

PNP's serve as pediatric health care providers for well and ill children of all ages. Many parents choose a PNP as their child's health care provider knowing they will receive individualized quality health care. PNP's offer a variety of services including:

- Provide health maintenance care for children (physical exams), including well child examinations
- Perform routine developmental screenings
- Diagnose and treat common childhood illnesses
- Provide anticipatory guidance regarding common child health concerns
- Provide childhood immunizations
- Prescribe medication
- Order and interpret lab tests and x-ray result

PNP's are qualified to perform complete physical exams, take health histories, diagnose and treat common acute minor illnesses or injuries, order and interpret lab results and x-rays, manage stable chronic illness, counsel clients, provide health education and prescribe medications, according to state law.

Pediatric Services employs 4 PNP's to provide medical care to our patients. These providers practice with a state issued license and are supervised by the attending physician. PNP's take call during the week and the weekend and are backed up by a physician. All providers are available by appointment. We proudly introduce our nurse practitioners. (Please turn over to meet our NP's)



### **Susan W. Kearney, P.N.P.**

Susan Kearney, MS PNP, graduated with a Master of Science in Nursing from Boston College in 1987 (Alpha Sigma Nu National Honors Society). Prior to working with Pediatric Services, Susan worked at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield for 13 years in the department of Pediatrics. Susan is affiliated with the Western Massachusetts National Association of Pediatric Nurse Associates and Practitioners, and The Massachusetts Coalition of Nurse Practitioners. Susan has been with Pediatric Services since June 1999. Susan is currently available M-TH 8-5pm. Susan is now available in the Wilbraham office on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and is seeing patients in the East Longmeadow office on Mondays, and Wednesdays.



### **Kathleen D. Pion, P.N.P.**

Kathleen Pion graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Masters degree in 2000 and is a Certified Nurse Practitioner. Kathleen began her career as a registered nurse and has been practicing nursing since 1977. She began as a Nurse Practitioner in various settings including the school system and private practice, providing care to children and families for a wide variety of urgent and primary care concerns including newborn hospital care. Kathleen began at Pediatric Services in 2004 and is currently working Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and is available by appointment between 8 AM - 5 PM. Kathleen is now available in the Wilbraham office on Mondays and Wednesdays, and will be seeing patients in the East Longmeadow office on Friday.



### **Rachel Tartaglia, P.N.P.**

Rachel Tartaglia is a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Master's degree in Pediatric Nursing in 2000. She began her career in 1992 as a Pediatric Nurse working in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Baystate Medical Center. She then proceeded to work in the community as a Pediatric Early Childhood Developmental Specialist and Pediatric Home Care Nurse. Rachel has practiced as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in various settings, including two private pediatric practices and the Springfield school system, providing care to children and their families. Rachel is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8am- 5 pm in the East Longmeadow office.



### **Geneva Pedersen, P.N.P.**

Geneva Pedersen graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a Masters degree in 1998. She is a certified Family Nurse Practitioner through the ANCC. Geneva began her career as a registered nurse in 1986 working primarily in maternal child health and pediatrics for the Providence Hospital Health Care System. After graduating with her masters in 1998, she worked for 4 years as a nurse practitioner for a private pediatric practice in Springfield, Massachusetts where she provided care to children from birth to 18 years of age. She also worked as nurse practitioner in a teen clinic at Dean Technical High School in Holyoke for 1 year. Geneva began working at Pediatric Services in August of 2005. She currently works in the Wilbraham office on Fridays from 9am-6pm.

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