



The Heart Center

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Dear Division Chief/Fellowship Program Director,

Thank you to those that helped forward our recruitment needs from last year to your interested fellow graduates. After a successful recruitment season over the past year, we have some current recruitment needs of which I would like to make you aware here at the Heart Center of Children's Hospital of New Orleans (CHNOLA). I would be grateful if you could forward this letter on to your fellows graduating next Spring.

First, we are recruiting for an imaging position with general expertise in transthoracic and transesophageal echocardiography and specific additional training in cardiac MRI and CT. Our Echocardiography Laboratory is staffed with 10 pediatric sonographers and six attendings with expertise in imaging. We perform approximately 10,000 echocardiograms/year and 800 fetal echocardiograms/year. Our laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art ultrasound imaging systems from General Electric, Philips, and Siemens. Our PACS system is Syngo.

We are also recruiting a cardiologist with expertise in Adult Congenital Heart Disease (ACHD). This cardiologist would join our current ACHD-boarded cardiologist (Dr. Scott Macicek) to help expand this growing program. We have partnerships with our adult cardiologists of our sister hospitals of University Medical Center and Touro Medical Center in the Louisiana Children's Hospital Medical Center (LCMC) enterprise as well as our adult colleagues at Tulane University Medical Center.

The Heart Center of Children's Hospital of New Orleans has 27 physicians with expertise in echocardiography, ACHD, interventional cardiology, electrophysiology, pulmonary hypertension, heart failure and transplant, pediatric coronary artery disease, preventive cardiology, cardiovascular intensive care, cardiovascular genetics, and cardiac anesthesia. In January 2020 we moved into our brand new 27 bed cardiac intensive care Unit and Acute Care Unit (ACU). We have two cardiovascular surgeons who perform state-of-the-art surgery and specialize in neonatal repairs. Last year we performed nearly 300 surgeries. We currently have five cardiology fellows and will have 6 fellows beginning in Academic Year 2025 and beyond.

Children's Hospital is a 224-bed quaternary stand-alone children's hospital - the only such children's hospital in Louisiana. Its catchment is not only the entire state of Louisiana but the entire Gulf South (Mississippi and

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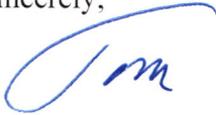
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Alabama). In November 2021, the hospital completed a 350-million-dollar renovation which included the CICU and ACU mentioned above as well as all new operating rooms, and two new cardiac catheterization laboratories. In addition, the construction included total renovation of our front entrance and facade, the radiology department as well as needed renovation of hospital infrastructure (e.g., cafeteria, child life suite, chapel, family resource center, etc.). CHNOLA is affiliated with both the Louisiana State University and the Tulane University Departments of Pediatrics. Residents and medical students from both institutions rotate through and complete their programs at CHNOLA. The hospital is in an upscale residential neighborhood which adjoins one of the largest parks in New Orleans (Audubon Park). In addition, we have gorgeous on-campus housing for out-of-town families and a brand-new Ronald McDonald House on campus was just completed this year. The campus is currently one of the most beautiful in the country.

If you have an interest in any of these positions, please feel free to call or text me (513) 310-1199 or send me an email thomas.kimball@lcmchealth.org. I am looking forward to talking with you.

Sincerely,



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