

Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Loma Linda University Medical Center

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Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Medical Center provide tertiary care and level one-trauma services to four major counties in Southern California. Loma Linda University Children's Hospital serves 1.2 million children in San Bernardino, Riverside, Mono, and Inyo counties which constitute approximately one-fourth of the land area in the state of California. The Children's Hospital is also home to the second largest neonatal intensive care unit in the United States. The Children's Hospital and Medical Center provide comprehensive education and clinical training to medical students as well as residents and fellows in all medical subspecialties.

As a pioneer in neonatal heart transplantation, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital has performed more infant heart transplants than any other center of its kind. This expertise has allowed the Children's Hospital to expand its transplant programs to include pediatric liver, kidney, and bone marrow transplantation, designating it as the only comprehensive children's transplant center in the Inland Empire.

The extensive pediatric referral base of the surrounding region and the large in-house NICU population provide ample exposure to a diverse and challenging caseload. In 2006, over 7000 pediatric anesthetics were administered at the Loma Linda University Children's Hospital and Medical Center. There are 3 operating facilities within walking distance: The Children's Hospital and Medical Center has 16 operating rooms, East Campus has 5 operating rooms, and Outpatient Surgery Center has 6 operating rooms. Anesthesiology residents and fellows are able to easily fulfill their case requirements at these facilities and "away rotations" are not necessary. Additional anesthetizing experience is gained from providing pediatric anesthesia outside the operating room for radiologic procedures, radiotherapy, proton therapy, cardiac catheterization, hematology/oncology procedures, gastroenterologic procedures, and surgical procedures in the NICU and PICU.

The Loma Linda University Department of Anesthesiology is primarily comprised of subspecialty-trained anesthesiologists, including 15 pediatric and pediatric cardiac anesthesiologists. The Department of Anesthesiology has an accredited one-year Pediatric Anesthesiology fellowship program that accepts 1 fellow per year. As a result of the high volume of complex pediatric surgeries, the Pediatric Anesthesiology fellow can expect to gain expertise in all facets of pediatric anesthesia, including pediatric cardiac and pediatric regional anesthesia as well as ultrasound-guided vascular access. The Chair of the Anesthesiology Department is Robert Martin, MD, the Vice-Chair is Richard Applegate II, MD, the residency Program Director is Gary Stier, MD, and the Director of Pediatric Anesthesia is Linda Mason, MD.

Pediatric Anesthesiology Staff:

Linda J. Mason, MD-Director of Pediatric Anesthesia

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