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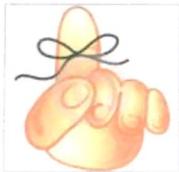
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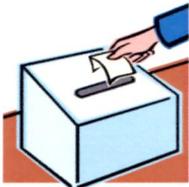
- April 17, 2011—9th Annual PossAbilities Triathlon (active.com)
*Join the Kids Triathlon!
- May 27-31, 2011- The National Orange Show
*Children under 12 free every day!
- September 15-18, 2011- 22nd Annual Route 66 Rendezvous
*Free to the public, enjoy classic cars, music and entertainment.

Medical Therapy Units are Closed:



- April 7, 2011 - In-service Meeting for CCS Staff
- May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day

A Reminder To Our CCS Families:



Please, fill out the Patient/Family Comment Cards and place them in the blue boxes that are located in the waiting areas of all our MTU's. We really do want your feedback so that we can be responsive to your needs.

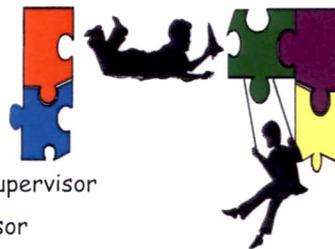
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Your MTU Staff

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Dr. Joseph Hohl, Martha Martin and Paul Mercier & his family

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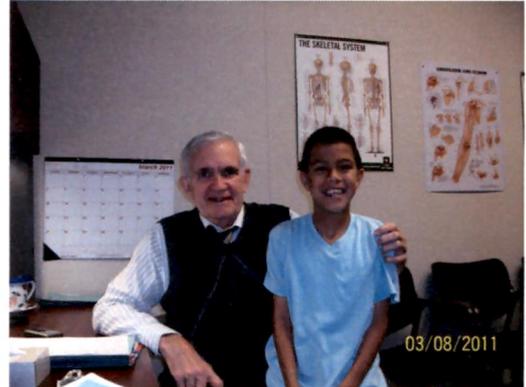
INTERVIEW WITH DR. HOHL



By Martha Martin, PT Montclair MTU

I had the privilege of sitting down with Dr. Joseph Hohl and interviewing him during one of our Montclair MTU Orthopedic clinics. This was not a lengthy interview, as he has quite a full agenda, but I found out that his heart is just as full... with compassion.

Dr. Joseph Hohl has been practicing medicine for 40 years. He has been seeing CCS patients for 36 of those years. He tells me he was drawn to Pediatric Orthopedics because of his interest in scoliosis; while his fellow medical school classmates and later, colleagues, considered Scoliosis too time-consuming and laborious to accurately diagnose and treat, Dr Hohl knew it was an area that needed attention.



For parents of newly diagnosed children with Cerebral Palsy, he always offers the advice of letting them know that this is a lifelong diagnosis, and that the goal always should be to prevent deformity and maximize function. I mentioned to him that I had heard him on several occasions say this to parents; he nodded, letting me know that this is what he will always aim for.

Being that he has worked with CCS patients for 36 years, I knew he had seen many changes throughout and asked him what has changed the most. I expected him to say something about MTU Online and going in the “paperless” and e-medicine trend. What he told me he has seen change the most is the volume of children in the program. “Because of children having a higher chance of surviving now than twenty years ago?” I asked. And he stated, “Because of the growth in population in this area (the Inland Empire is one of the fastest growing areas), and because of the improved availability and increased accessibility to services”.

One of the funniest things he remembers happening while working with CCS occurred on a clinic day in 2006 – it was Halloween, and all the therapists were dressed up. Yes, I can imagine it would have been comical hearing a therapist’s report from, say, Marvin the Martian.

His hobbies and interests include coin collection, Disney caricature collection, listening to classical music, and exercising--- playing tennis and riding a bicycle. The one hobby he has that would surprise us is that he really enjoys baking.

What rewards him the most about working with CCS patients is seeing children become functional and contributing members of society regardless of their handicaps.

Knowing that parents of CCS clients would read this, he wanted to conclude with this reassuring statement, “I feel that San Bernardino County, CCS (California Children Services) is functioning well despite all the state budget cuts, and continues to provide good care to the children of this area.”

Thank you, Dr. Hohl, for the excellent and high-caliber care you provide for our patients and their families. We truly appreciate all you do and the compassion you have for them.



List of Medi-Cal Waivers

*** May Apply To CCS Families**

Source: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/medi-cal/Pages/Medi-CalWaiversList.aspx>

The Department of Health Care Services has a number of Medi-Cal waiver programs that provide home and community-based services, family planning services, specialty mental health services, or managed care to specific groups of eligible individuals. This website is to assist the general public in understanding the services available under Medi-Cal waivers, how to access those services, and to provide general information about Medi-Cal waivers. This website is under development and will be updated on an ongoing basis, so check back regularly for updates!

Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for the Developmentally Disabled (HCBS-DD)

Provides home and community-based services to developmentally disabled persons who are Regional Center consumers as an alternative to care provided in a facility that meets the Federal requirement of a intermediate care facility for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR); in California, they are the Intermediate Care Facility/Developmentally Disabled-type facilities, or a State Developmental Center.

In-Home Operations (IHO)

The In-Home Operations waiver is a new waiver established to serve either 1) participants previously enrolled in the NF A/B Level of Care Waiver who have continuously been enrolled in a DHCS In-Home Operations-administered Home and Community Based Services Waiver since prior to January 1, 2002, and require direct care services provided primarily by a licensed nurse; or 2) who have been receiving continuous care in a hospital for 36 months or greater and have physician-ordered direct care services that are greater than those available in the Nursing Facility / Acute Hospital Waiver for the participant's assessed level of care.

Developmentally Disabled – Continuous Nursing Care Program (DD-CNC)

The purpose of the DD-CNC waiver is to provided 24-hour continuous nursing care for developmentally disabled medically fragile persons in residential settings. The program provides home and community-based services that assist Medi-Cal beneficiaries to live in the community and avoid institutionalization.

Nursing Facility / Acute Hospital (NF/AH)

The Nursing Facility A/B Waiver was renamed the Nursing Facility/Acute Hospital Waiver effective January 1, 2007. This waiver combines the following three prior Home and Community-Based Waivers: (1) NF A/B Waiver; (2) Nursing Facility Sub-acute (NF SA); and the In-Home Medical Care (IHMC) Waiver. The purpose of the HCBS NF/AH Waiver is to provide Medi-Cal beneficiaries with long-term medical conditions, who met the acute hospital, adult, or pediatric sub-acute, nursing facility, distinct-part nursing facility (NF) Level of Care with the option of returning to and/or remaining in his/her home or home-like setting in the community in lieu of hospitalization.

The goals of the waiver are to: 1) facilitate a safe and timely transition of Medi-Cal eligible beneficiaries from a medical facility to his/her home and community utilizing NF/AH Waiver services; and 2) offer eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries, who reside in the community, but are at risk of being institutionalized within the next 30 days, the option of utilizing the NF/AH Waiver services to develop a home program that will safely meet his/her medical care needs.



Interview with CCS Client and Filmmaker, Paul Mercier

By Laura McLaughlin, MSW



When Celine Jose, PT at the Redlands MTU called to tell me she had a great suggestion for an interview, I was very happy. The only warning she gave me was that our subject, Paul Mercier, is a very busy young man and difficult to pin down since he is in college and pursuing his hobby of filmmaking to boot. When I finally got to speak with him over the phone I thought, "What a delightful and interesting individual!" Paul told me he has been attending the Redlands MTU for 11 or 12 years. He graduated from Redlands HS in June of 2010. His favorite classes were Advanced Multi Media and Windows Networking. His favorite teacher is Mr. Kevin Bibo. Currently, Paul attends Crafton Hills College, will complete his A.S. degree in Computer Science and then transfer to USC.

Paul is a young man with a plan. He states, "I will use my computer science degree from USC to finance my film career". In fact, he has already won an award for his filmmaking. He entered a contest with a group of friends and they won first place out of 30 teams in the Inland Empire 48 Hour Film Festival! The film is now entered in the Miami Day International Film Festival for the best short film in the United States. If it wins, it will go to the world famous Cannes Film Festival! Paul says the film was student-funded and was shot at Pioneertown, near our Yucca Mesa MTU. The teams were given a genre theme, a statement of random dialogue and a prop. They wrote, filmed and edited the film in the span of 48 hours. You can look on YouTube to find the film. It is called Snakebit, by Work and Play Productions, Inc. Impressive!

When asked what he would like to be doing in 10 years he says, "Of course, I would like to be doing something in Hollywood but I really think I will be head of IT at a Tech company like Google or something." Wow! When asked what he does for fun, he says he likes to play video games and hang out with his friends.

Over the years, in the CCS program, he tells me that Elaine Bauman, OTR, MTU Supervisor was one person who really positively influenced him and that Celine Jose, PT has been there through thick and thin for the last 5 years. He says jokingly of Celine, "Whenever we needed anything she got it for us and we bugged the crap out of her!" He also wanted to give a "shout out" to Scott Whitlatch, one of our vendors, who has gone the extra mile through everything and even drove all the way out to Reche Canyon when they lived out there for a while. He says Scott is a "great guy".

When asked what advice he would give to younger children in the CCS program he says, "I know it's cliché, but I would say, Don't listen when people tell you that you can't do something. I heard an anonymous quote that goes something like this, 'Sometimes we have to do what we don't want to in order to achieve what we want'. I studied so hard in high school and many times stayed up until midnight, I've seen people crack under the pressure but I've had 8-10 surgeries, four day a week therapy, completed all my classes and went through a lot of pain. Sometimes I hear others complain and think if I can do that, I can hit it out of the park." He says, with a laugh, that some people call the MTU PT's, "Physical Terrorists", but he really appreciates how they pushed him and made him work through the pain. I have a feeling in the years to come we may be hearing more about him ... see you at the movies, Paul!

THE AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE ACT: What Californians should know

Source: www.chcf.org—California Health Care Foundation

The Affordable Care Act was signed into law in March 2010 and is designed make it easier for millions of Americans to obtain, pay for, and keep the coverage they need. After the law is fully implemented in 2014, estimates are that 94 percent of Californians will have coverage.

Highlights of the Law:



Bars insurers from:

- Denying coverage because of pre-existing medical conditions, including children.
- Dropping the coverage of people who become sick
- Charging higher premiums because of health issues

Requires large employers to:

- Provide health insurance, or be subject to potential penalties

Encourages small employers to:

- Provide coverage in exchange for tax credits

Requires individuals to:

- Obtain health insurance or pay a penalty, unless they qualify for certain exemptions.



For Additional Information or Resources

2-1-1 Is a toll-free phone number that provides information and referrals for health and social services, dialing 2-1-1 is the quickest way to access non-emergency resources for your family, your neighbors and your employees.

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What is SCAMP Camp?

The American Lung Association in California Southern California Asthma Management Program (SCAMP) Camp is a week-long overnight camp for kids with asthma that combines asthma education with traditional summer camp activities like hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, and archery.



Who can attend?

Children with asthma between the ages of 8-14 years old can participate. Parents must complete an application form and submit a non-refundable \$35 application fee due by **April 29, 2011**. Please note that space is limited, and campers are accepted on a number of factors, not on a first-come, first-serve basis.

When will camp be held? June 26 - July 1, 2011

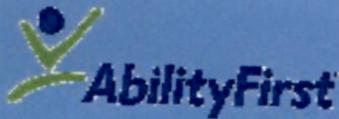
Where? YMCA Camp Marston
Julian, California (San Diego County)
* Transportation is provided

Experienced medical staff are on hand 24/7 to make sure each child receives proper treatment for their asthma, so parents can rest while their kids have a great time!

For more information or to request an application, contact:

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