



- *Division of Pediatric Pulmonary Medicine*
- *Department of Pediatrics*

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#### Conditions Treated:

#### Research Areas:

- *Cystic Fibrosis (CF)*
- *Host-pathogen interactions in the lung*
- *Inflammation*

My research is focused on pulmonary inflammation and the innate immune system of the lung, and how these are altering during chronic and acute disease states.

#### Education

2006 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Urbana, IL), BS

2010 University of Alabama at Birmingham (Birmingham, AL), PhD

#### Publications

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