



*Pediatric Hospitalists
Dr. Barbara Boyd,
pictured at right
and
Dr. Karen Dyer
pictured at left*



Lakeland Launches Pediatric Hospitalist Program

The Lakeland HealthCare hospitalist program recently began full-time pediatric services at the St. Joseph hospital under the medical direction of **Dr. Barbara Boyd** and **Dr. Karen Dyer**.

Hospitalists are available for pediatric consultation in the Emergency Department, newborn nursery care, and pediatric inpatient care.

According to Dr. Boyd, it is a needed service that will, among other benefits, offer reassurance to parents who expect their child to see a pediatric specialist immediately in an emergency situation.

“Parents with a sick child expect and deserve immediate care, but their outpatient physician is not always immediately available,” said Dr. Boyd. “We see ourselves as an extension of the pediatrician and the family’s primary physician and are able to immediately assume the care of their sick patients.”

Dr. Boyd received her medical degree from the University of Illinois. She completed combined internship and residency programs in Internal medicine and pediatrics from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. She is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics.

Dr. Dyer received her medical degree from the University of the West Indies. She completed a neonatal/perinatal medicine fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital and a combined internship and residency program in Pediatrics at Howard University Hospital. She is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics.

To arrange for hospitalist services for your hospitalized patients, contact **Mark Harrison, MD,** at **269-542-1198.**