Our Lady of the Lake Children’s Health

Outpatient Pediatric Physical Medicine

**Occupational Therapists**

**April Callam**, MS, OTR/L joined OPPM in March 2014. April received her bachelor’s degree in psychology and master’s in occupational therapy from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, Va. April trained and worked at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughter in Norfolk, Va. for two years gaining further education in feeding difficulties and Brachial Plexus Birth Palsy prior to moving to Louisiana. She is a provider within the pediatric feeding clinic and provides specialized therapy services for pediatric feeding difficulties and adapted transportation systems for children with special needs. April is a certified child passenger safety technician with special training in car seats for children with special needs. She is trained in Beckman Oral Motor and S.O.S. (Sequential Oral Sensory) feeding techniques and is skilled and experienced in the evaluation and treatment of a wide range of developmental disabilities. Her skills include oral motor development, activities of daily living training, fine motor development, neurodevelopmental treatment, treating sensory difficulties, splinting, equipment management, and more. April's favorite part of the job is empowering families and children to live life to their fullest potential.

**Ashley H. Lummen**, MOT, LOTR, has been a team member since July 2015. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Southern Mississippi then completed her master’s degree in occupational therapy from the University of Mississippi Medical Center. Ashley provides specialized occupational therapy evaluation and therapy services for the social engagement clinic, as well as for kids with suspected developmental delays, coordination deficits, visual motor/visual perceptual skill deficits, autism and dysgraphia. She has received specialized training in the use of the Handwriting Without Tears handwriting program. Ashley thoroughly enjoys working with the pediatric population and their families and appreciates the clinic’s unique interdisciplinary approach to evaluation and treatment of her patients.

**Beth Ann Hosse**, MS, LOTR, joined the team in January 2015. She received her undergraduate degree in kinesiology from Louisiana State University and her master’s of science in occupational therapy from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Beth Ann’s skills include oral motor development, Activities of Daily Living training, fine motor development, neurodevelopmental treatment, treating sensory difficulties, splinting, equipment management and more. Beth Ann is a certified child passenger safety technician with special training in car seats for children with special needs.
She is also trained in Beckman Oral Motor and acceptance, exposure, independence, observation and understanding (AEIOU) feeding techniques. Beth Ann is passionate about working with families in order to provide each child with the interventions needed to help them be successful in their daily lives. She thoroughly enjoys working with a team of talented, caring physicians and therapists in order to provide an interdisciplinary approach to treatment that is unique for each child.

**Bobby Chelette**, LOTR, joined the Pediatric Development and Therapy Center in May 2006. He is a senior occupational therapist (OT) who specializes in the area of pediatrics. Bobby has worked as a pediatric OT for over 15 years and graduated from The University of Louisiana at Monroe. He is a provider within the learning and behavioral clinic and specializes in OT evaluations that holistically address all the areas of a child’s daily occupations. He also provides weekly client and family-centered therapy services that enhance the development of a child’s visual motor/visual perceptual skills, handwriting, fine motor skills, upper extremity/core strengthening, independence in activities of daily living (shoe tying, dressing, buttoning, grooming, etc.), and leisure skill exploration. His training also includes therapy services that center on promoting age-level sensory integration/modulation skills that help to support attention span, social skill development, behavior and learning skills. Bobby has completed training in Beckman Oral Motor, Infant Behavioral Assessment (IBA), Interactive Metronome, and Handwriting Without Tears (evaluation and intervention). He has also received training in neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT), Sensory Integration, and pediatric feeding and swallowing. Bobby believes that everything is possible with God and that the key to successful therapeutic intervention is the collaboration between the therapist and the child’s family.

**Speech Language Pathologists**

**Caitlin Navone**, MA, CCC-SLP, joined in April of 2015. She has her master’s of arts in communication science and disorders. Caitlin has previously worked at private practice clinics and a school for children with autism. She is a provider within the social engagement and learning behavior clinics. She also provides therapy services for pediatric developmental language disorders, articulation disorders and reading difficulties. Caitlin was trained in the use of Phonic Faces, a program used to aid in the learning of literacy skills. Caitlin has a great interest in working with children with autism to aid in providing the child with the skills to communicate to the best of their ability.
Mallory L. Millet, MS, CCC- SLP, has been a team member since September of 2014. She received her master's in communication sciences and disorders from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, La. Mallory has three years of experience working with the geriatric population in nursing home and home health settings prior to starting at Our Lady of the Lake. Her area of expertise included dysphagia management specifically with implementing programs to improve quality of life. She has been with Our Lady of the Lake now for four years and has taken that same passion into the pediatric feeding realm providing treatment for infant/newborn feeding progressions and functional swallow deficit. She works within the pediatric feeding clinic and the learning behavior clinic where she focuses on her second love of literacy development. Mallory is very passionate about encouraging children to reach their maximum potential. She enjoys working with the families to ultimately have one of two mindsets: we love to eat (safely) and we love to read!

Tailyr M. McAlpin, M.S, CCC-SLP, joined the team in December 2017. She obtained her undergraduate degree from Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans, La. and then completed her master's degree in speech language pathology from Southern University. Tailyr is an American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) certified speech language pathologist. Tailyr has specialized training in working with children with developmental disabilities, swallowing/feeding disorders and autism. She previously worked in the East Baton Rouge School System, where she served students of all ages and served alongside a team of specialists that were put together to revamp the structure of services offered for students with autism within the parish. She is a provider within the pediatric feeding clinic. Tailyr also provides specialized therapy and evaluation services for children with all developmental backgrounds and communicative deficits and is very passionate and committed to working with the OPPM team and families of children with developmental disabilities.

Physical Therapists

Caroline R. Denison, PT, DPT, CPST, joined the team in January 2018. She received her Doctor of Physical Therapy from Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and is a licensed physical therapist in the state of Louisiana. As a certified child passenger safety technician, Caroline volunteers her time helping families select and properly install car and booster seats in the Baton Rouge area. Additionally, Caroline serves as the membership chairman for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association.
Caroline specializes in treating pediatric orthopedic impairments and enjoys helping kids get back in the game. When Caroline isn’t treating patients, you can find her enjoying the outdoors with her husband and two dogs, Pebbles and Bluebell.

Danielle Morris, PT, DPT, PCS, CPST, joined OPPM in September 2008. She received her Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from Louisiana State University, Master’s of Science in Rehabilitation Science from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center and then went on to complete her Doctor of Physical Therapy from University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, Texas. She is a Pediatric Certified Specialist through the APTA and is a certified pediatric provider of Neurodevelopmental Treatment. Danielle is also a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and an instructor for the National Curriculum: Safe Travel for All Children. She is a co-coordinator for the Louisiana Child Passenger Safety Task Force, responsible for helping to provide safe transportation for children with special needs. She serves as Baton Rouge District Chair for the Louisiana Physical Therapy Association, the State Representative for the Academy of Pediatric Physical Therapy and serves on the Baton Rouge Wheelchair Tennis Board. Danielle has 25 years of experience as a pediatric physical therapist. She is passionate about helping children to participate in the events of life, and to travel safely.

George Bunch, PT, clinical specialist, is a pediatric physical therapist who has been working for Our Lady of the Lake for 30 years. He graduated from Louisiana State University School of Physical Therapy in 1988. He is trained in pediatric neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT) and baby neurodevelopmental treatment (NDT). He has been to various education courses on lower extremity biomechanics, serial casting, courses on the recommendation of lower extremity orthotics and treatment of children and young adults with neurological disorders. He believes the collaboration of the patient, family, medical team and school is the key to improving a child’s function.