

Pediatric Research Enterprise Mission and Values

The University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics Research and Scholarship Mission is to create new knowledge with the goal of improving health and disease outcomes of children and their families. This will be accomplished through a portfolio of investigational programs that includes basic science research; clinical and translational research; rigorous analysis of human factors issues; evidence-based improvement in health care delivery, processes, outcomes, and healthcare disparities; and development and assessment of training programs for future investigators, educators and clinicians. These activities are deliberately inter-professional in nature, and will be conducted across the University of Louisville and Norton Healthcare and with the engagement of community partners.

The Vision for Research and Scholarship in the Department of Pediatrics is to be a leader in the discovery and validation of new knowledge in a way that improves child health and health care delivery locally, nationally, and globally. These joint efforts are critical to enhance the reputation of both the University of Louisville Department of Pediatrics and Norton Children's Hospital.

The Values which guide research and scholarship efforts in the Department of Pediatrics include integrity, compassion, diversity, rigor, accountability, and inter-professionalism. These are defined as follows:

- Integrity: A commitment to honesty in all phases of the research/scholarship processes.
- Compassion: A commitment to prioritize those investigations that promise to make a significant difference in the lives of the children and families we serve.
- Diversity: A commitment to recognize unique human characteristics and communities, and how these characteristics may impact health.
- Rigor: A commitment to maintain the highest standards of adherence to the scientific reasoning and peer-review process.
- Accountability: A commitment to informational and financial openness and transparency with study subjects, the University of Louisville, Norton Healthcare, community partners, and any relevant external stakeholders during all phases of the research/scholarship process.
- Inter-professionalism: A commitment to the integration of physicians, nurses, and other allied healthcare providers that care for children across the University of Louisville and Norton Healthcare, with the engagement of community partners, in our research activities.