



CHILD Manitoba

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Saturday
Appointments are
Available!

Call to save your
spot!

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

- * **1000** One Year Visits have been completed!
- * **962** Three Year Visits have been completed!
- * **290** Five Year Visits have been completed!



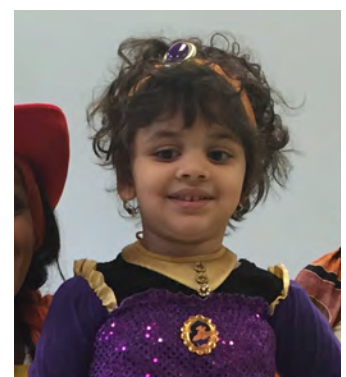
SEASONS GREETINGS!

Happy New Year! We hope you have enjoyed some wonderfully festive activities so far this winter . Please feel free to send us holiday pictures. Since we last touched base, everyone over here at CHILD Manitoba has been enjoying the holidays, making new year resolutions and spending time with family and friends. The weather has been so beautiful. We took a short break in December but we are back at it, continuing to visit with all of our adorable five year olds.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to send us an email, give us a call or connect with us on social media. And for those of you who have completed all the visits, you are welcome to contact us anytime and let us know what's happening in your lives. We love keeping in contact and we will continue to reach out to you through social media and our quarterly newsletters.

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From Left to Right: Sophie, Avery, Ameena

Have you shared a photo of your CHILD yet?
Feel free to mail or email us one !



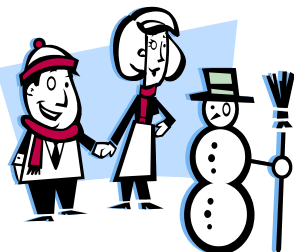
L to R: Dr. Diana Royce and Dr. Dean Befus with poster award winners: Anne-Marte Boucher-Lafleur, Stephanie Legere, Laura Feldman, Mena Soliman, Young Woong Kim, Amrit Singh, Linda Warner, Saiful Huq, Dr. Meghan Azad and Dr. Elinor Simons

Allergy research continues to make waves as was evident at the 2015 Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology (CSACI) conference. Three members of our Manitoba CHILD team, Saiful Huq, Dr. Meghan Azad, and Dr. Elinor Simons, attended the conference in October to present research posters using CHILD data and were all awarded certificates for outstanding posters. Way to go guys!! You can read about their research below.

Canadian Society of Allergy and Clinical Immunology

Saiful Huq compared automated versus hand measurements as methods of calculating skin test results for CHILD 1 year skin test data in Manitoba. He found that automated measurement was faster and more accurate than hand measuring. Saif was awarded a first place certificate.

Using CHILD data, **Dr. Meghan Azad** looked at the relationship between wheeze (a symptom of asthma), atopy (a positive skin test reaction to an allergen) and atopic dermatitis (allergic eczema) in the first year of life. Increased time and intensity of breast feeding was associated with a reduced risk of wheezing and had no relation to atopic dermatitis. Dr. Azad was awarded a



second place certificate.

Dr. Elinor Simons

evaluated the association between the age at which peanut was introduced into the diet during infancy and the development of reactions to peanut or positive skin tests to peanut by age 3 years among the CHILD participants. Later introduction of peanut was associated with higher rates of reported reactions and positive skin tests to peanut by age 3. Confirmation of peanut allergy status at age 5 years will help to determine if early introduction of peanut is protective against persistent peanut allergy in childhood. Dr. Simons was awarded a first place certificate.



Happy Halloween!!!

Once again our annual Halloween party was a success! Our theme this year was Toy Story. We had a great turn out and it was fun to see all the creative costumes. There were princesses, ghosts and even a Slurpee! We hope everyone had a good time dressing up and 'trick or treating'!



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Dream Lottery 4 Kids

CHILD researcher Dr. Meghan Azad was featured in a segment on Global News discussing how the money raised from the Dream Lottery 4 Kids can be used to help support the CHILD Study and why the CHILD study is so important. To check it out follow this link:

<http://globalnews.ca/video/2241064/globals-shannon-cuciz-breaks-down-where-money-raised-from-dream-4-kids-lottery-goes/>



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