

Meet our Physicians



Meaghan P. Granger, M.D. Hematology and Oncology International Medical Director

Education: University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Residency: Vanderbilt University

Fellowship: Children's Memorial, Chicago, IL & Children's Medical Center of Dallas (Both Hem/Onc.)

Board Certification: Pediatrics and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology

At an early age, Dr. Granger knew she wanted to be a pediatric physician. She said, "I chose Hematology and Oncology because of the science of the body and how it is built to protect itself and heal. I believe one day the secrets of the science will be unlocked."

Dr. Granger is committed to helping all patients with neuroblastoma, no matter where they are from. She says, "Our team at Cook Children's wants to help. We are thankful to be able to care for your child in a private setting with all the latest treatments collected from our collaborations and relationships around North America and the world."

Dr. Granger describes the environment at Cook Children's, as a family. "I especially like working here because there are no layers between me and the child I am caring for. It is just me and the patient one on one. As a mother, this is what I would want if my child were needing specialized care," she said.

The Oncology community is a close group and Dr. Granger often receives referrals from her colleagues across the U.S. and around the globe because of our Neuroblastoma program.

In her spare time, she likes being with her three children. She is very involved with her church community and also loves to cook, sew and read. She likes reading everything from medical news to mysteries.

Pamela J. Sherman, M.D. Orthopedic Surgery, Director of Hand Surgery Hand, Upper Extremity, Microvascular Surgery



Education: Brown University Providence, RI

Residency: Rhode Island Hospital: General Surgery Internship

The Hospital for Special Surgery/Weill Cornell Medical Center Orthopaedic Surgery Residency

Fellowship: Children's Memorial, Chicago, IL & Children's Medical Center of Dallas (Both Hem/Onc.)

Board Certification: Orthopaedic Surgery, Certificate of Added Qualification in Hand Surgery

For Dr. Sherman, the opportunity to help people gain or return to independence with use of the hands and upper extremities is rewarding. She says, "Orthopaedics is a field focused on improved motion and function. The ability to help children specifically is a privilege. Kids are so resilient and even with the greatest challenges the simplest improvements can make dramatic differences in their lives."

Dr. Sherman came to Cook Children's to help with hand/upper extremity cases. She had always treated children while treating adults, but when presented with the opportunity to focus on just children in the multi-specialty environment at Cook Children's, she said, "I couldn't pass it up. The comradery within our orthopedic department and amongst other departments is very special, and an equally rewarding part of my work day."

During her residency and early career in New York, she cared for many international patients. She says, "It is much more difficult to make medical decisions, especially that involving surgery, for your child as opposed to yourself. My goal is to help educate and guide families in their treatment path, especially when often there is not a right answer or one direction." For her, it is a privilege to care for children. She hopes to help families find patience and understanding needed for the challenges faced when they are seeking orthopedic care for children.

Dr. Sherman enjoys being with her three very busy teenagers. She serves as team mom for some of their sports teams. She loves to travel and explore with her family and also wakes early most days to run. "It is a great way to start the day, and I enjoy some runs alone but also those shared with fellow runners with whom I work," says Dr. Sherman. Also, Dr. Sherman belongs to a travel club which she says is a great opportunity to learn and share information throughout the year.



David Donahue, M.D. Neurosurgery

Education: University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, Tennessee

Residency: Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, TN - General Surgery; University of Tennessee - Neurosurgery;
Children's Memorial Hospital, Chicago - Pediatrics

Fellowship: Pediatric Neurosurgery - University of Tennessee; Semmes-Murphey Clini, St. Jude Children's;
Research Hospital and LeBonheur Children's Hospital

Board Certification: Pediatric Neurosurgery and Neurosurgery

When it comes to your child's brain, spinal cord and nervous system, you want the very best team of neuroscience specialists available. Dr. Donahue is a key member of our nationally-recognized neurosurgery team.

"Honesty," says Dr. Donahue, "is the best starting point with patients, even if they are very young. If a little procedure is going to hurt, you tell them. But you also tell them they are going to get through it just fine."

As the head of neurosurgery for Cook Children's Hospital this is the type of simplicity Dr. Donahue is known for. He is also a disciplined hard worker. He goes to bed at 9 p.m. sharp then awakens early to study patient cases with meticulous care. It's the kind of rigorous routine he learned as a medical student when he worked in a clinical genetic lab for free during the day and pumped gas at night to make money.

He has handled thousands of procedures in a career punctuated by experiences such as traveling to El Salvador with a Cook Children's Hospital colleague to establish an epilepsy practice. "These are the types of rewarding experiences in which you get a lot more out of it than you put in," Donahue says.

Dr. Donahue's outside interests are as wide and varied as his medical expertise is precise and focused. He and his wife raised three adult sons who all inherited their father's curiosity. He is a runner, walker, plays golf and is fluent in 2.5 languages, spending an hour each day working to make that total 3 languages.