

Kathryn K. Ostermaier M.D., F.A.A.P.

Biosketch:

Dr. Kathryn Ostermaier graduated magna cum laude from Texas A&M University in 1992 with a B.S. degree in Genetics. She completed medical school at Baylor College of Medicine in 1996 and did her Pediatric Residency at Baylor College of Medicine from 1996 - 1999. After completing her training, she joined Baylor as faculty. She has been committed to providing the best care possible to children with special health care needs, and started the Special Needs Clinic at Ben Taub General Hospital in 2001, one of only 2 such clinics in the area at the time. She became Board Certified in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics in 2004. In 2005, she became the Clinic Chief for the Texas Children's Spina Bifida Clinic. In 2007, she started the Special Needs Primary Care Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital, which is now the largest clinic of its kind in southeast Texas. She is now honored and excited to become the new Clinic Chief for the Down Syndrome Clinic at Texas Children's Hospital starting October 2009.

In her new role as the Clinic Chief for the Down Syndrome Clinic, she looks forward to providing the best collaborative and coordinated care possible for the patients and families. The clinic will continue to feature a team approach with not only a medical evaluation by Dr. Ostermaier, but also evaluations by Texas Children's physical therapists, occupational therapists, and speech and language therapists. In addition, the clinic is happy to announce the addition of a clinic coordinator, Ms. Eva Acosta. She will help streamline referrals for therapy and to subspecialists and organize laboratory and radiology studies for the families. Clinic hours will change to Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings to provide flexible scheduling options. The clinic location will remain the same on the 16th floor of the Clinic Care Center at Texas Children's Hospital.

Dr. Ostermaier looks forward to collaboration with the Down Syndrome Association of Houston. The work being done through the association is exciting and forward thinking. The combination of professional and parent partnership is a winning combination when maximizing the future of Houston's children with Down Syndrome. She looks forward to seeing all of you in clinic and around town!