

HUNTINGTON MEDICAL FOUNDATION



Pamela Lee, M.D.

SPECIALTY Pediatrics

JOINED HMF 1996

EDUCATION/TRAINING

Internship and Residency
Childrens Hospital
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M.D., Temple University
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B.A., Psychology
Yale University
New Haven, CT

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

Dr. Lee was in private practice before joining HMF. She also worked as a pediatrician at Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena. She was attracted to HMF because of its proactive approach. “HMF has the resources for things like electronic medical records.”

Before moving to Southern California, she was an electrophysiologist at the San Francisco Medical School-Howard Hughes Medical Institute at the University of California, San Francisco.

In Bethesda, Maryland, she was a biochemist at the National Institute of Health with J. Craig Venter, the maverick biologist who later was a pioneer in sequencing the human genome. Dr. Lee also worked in research in immunology and psychophysiology at Yale.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Dr. Lee’s grandmother strongly advised her against medicine as a career. “Doctors work too hard!” she said.

However, working hard and playing hard is natural for Dr. Lee. She played field hockey for years, then switched to soccer. “I was speedy, so I played wing on the medical school team. I was the only woman on the team because none of the other women played soccer.”

“Seeing the U.S. women’s soccer team win the 1999 World Cup at the Rose Bowl was a thrill because it showed real progress for girls’ sports.” But “increased intensity in many children’s sports means overuse injuries are on the rise. I always suggest preventive exercises for female soccer players to reduce the chance of knee injuries.”

At home, her busy family life is filled with sports, music, crafts and reading. “My husband and I try to expose our two daughters to many experiences—academic, social, athletic and artistic. We try to keep a balance in our lives while we let them explore various interests. As parents, we hope they’ll find their passion and pursue it.”