

## **Allison Ball, MD**

Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and a pediatric hospitalist at Beaumont Royal Oak.

Allison has two step children at the International Academy East:

- Connor Nolan, grade 11
- Keegan Nolan, grade 9

She grew up in southeastern Michigan and went to Kalamazoo College for her Bachelors of Art in health sciences. She minored in biopsychology, and completed a foreign study in Normandy, France.

She obtained her MD at University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2002.

She completed her pediatric residency at Northwestern University in Chicago at the then Children's Memorial Hospital (now Lurie Children's). In 2005 she returned to Michigan and took a position at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, evaluating and treating hospitalized children age 0 to 21. In 2009 she was promoted to division chief and led a large group of pediatricians and nurse practitioners.

In 2012 she took a leave of absence in East Africa where she completed a three month course through the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and obtained a diploma in this field. She then moved to Rwanda to teach and care for hospitalized children and newborns in the neonatal intensive care unit, having been granted a visiting professorship from Dartmouth University through the Human Resources for Health program, initially started by the Clinton Initiative.

She moved back to Michigan in 2014 and accepted a position at Beaumont Royal Oak in 2015. It was also this year that she met her husband and his two boys. In addition to her clinical work in hospital pediatrics, she is a global health director at Oakland University and holds a position on a child advocacy team, evaluating children suspected of being abused or neglected.

She teaches residents and medical students regularly, including mentoring them in scholarly activity such as research and advocacy projects. She also assists trainees in their global health endeavors in such countries as Pakistan, Israel, S Korea, Kenya, India and Jordan.

She loves discussing politics at the dinner table with her family, hiking and visiting national parks. She plays flute in the Detroit Medical Orchestra.