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Dr. Oneith Cadiz, Chief Resident talks with Drs. Lee, Uus, Talo and Richesson.



Dr. Grace Dougan welcomes the new residents.



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The 2009 Interns Welcome Party was held at the home Dr. and Mrs. Nelson on Saturday June 27th. It was a chance for the new interns to meet the faculty and relax.

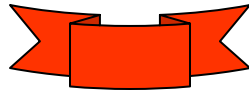
The Pediatrics Simulation Lab recently held their open house on June 30th. Pictured at left are Beatriz Arvelo and Jessica Keshishian practicing a lumbar puncture on an infant and Dr. Laura Haubner, the Center Director, with Dr. Preciousa Serna. The Sim Center is located at 17 Davis on the 1st floor.



From the Chairman's Desk

What a great last few days. The Welcome Party for the incoming first years was exciting. I want to thank all of those who assisted and the faculty who attended. June ended with the first use of the USF TEAM Simulation Center for housestaff orientation. Laura Haubner and her TEAM did an outstanding job. Graduation was exciting as always. More of the award winners will be noted in the August newsletter. I hope everyone had a festive and safe 4th of July.





July Birthdays: Nadia Sauer (Jul 3); Kenneth Young (Jul 4); Kathy Bennett (Jul 6); Maxine Sutcliffe (Jul 6); Mark Glaum (Jul 7); Heather Hartling (Jul 7); Amisha Patel (Jul 9); Kyle Popkave (Jul 9); Mudra Kumar (Jul 11); Georgette King (Jul 12); Kathleen Farrar (Jul 13); Carmen Cintron (Jul 18); Nicole Nations (Jul 18); John Cannon (Jul 19); Nancy Wallace (Jul 21); Kathy Guertin (Jul 22); Coralia Diaz (Jul 24); Monica Watson (Jul 24); David Banghart (Jul 27); Amy Kramer (Jul 27); Ben Pollara (Jul 28); Janet Sullivan (Jul 29); Lewis Barness (Jul 31);

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

Morna J Dorsey; A Petrovic; MR Morrow; L J Dishaw; J W Sleasman: “FOXP3 expression following bone marrow transplantation for IPEX syndrome after reduced-intensity conditioning.” Immunol Res Published online: May 27 2009.

Dr. Rani Gereige was recently featured in The Tampa Tribune magazine entitled 4You Health on June 9th. He discussed keeping our children safe in and around the pool. See the link below for the full article.

<http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/jun/09/how-can-i-keep-my-child-safe-in-the-pool/>

Carol M Lilly, MD, MPH, Division Chief, Division of Child Development was a presenter in the satellite broadcast “*Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD): What is it? How to we identify it? What can we do about it?*” which took place on June 19, 2009.

Dr. Pallavi Iyer had a poster presentation at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, June 10-13, 2009 in Washington DC: Pallavi Iyer, John Cannon. *Zebrafish KiSS1 ortholog is expressed in the hypothalamus in adult zebrafish.*

Dr. Anne Lenz had a poster presentation at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, June 10-13, 2009 in Washington DC: Anne Lenz, Dorothy Shulman. *Novel mutation of KCNJ11 (Phe35Cys) is associated with transient neonatal diabetes and is responsive to sulfonylurea therapy.*

Dr. Alicia Diaz-Thomas had a poster presentation at the 91st Annual Meeting of the Endocrine Society, June 10-13, 2009 in Washington DC: Alicia Marie Diaz-Thomas, Enid Gilbert-Barness, Thora Steffensen, Dorothy Shulman. *Unusual histopathologic findings in an XY female with clinical androgen insensitivity.*

Dr. Jeremiah Nelson served as a planning committee member and chair of the pediatric track, and spoke on “Transition from Pediatric to Adult Care: Family Dynamics” at the American Diabetes Association Southern Regional Conference, Orlando FL May 21-24, 2009.

Dr. Dorothy Shulman was asked to serve as the pediatric representative on the Hormone Foundation Committee of the Endocrine Society for 2009-2012.



Residency Program Graduation

Graduation was held on Saturday June 20th at the St. Pete Yacht Club, honoring 21 residents (16 Pediatrics and 5 Internal Medicine/Pediatrics) as they begin new directions in their medical careers.



Ryan Adami—Recipient of the ER Award



Sara Ansari—Recipient of the ACH Neonatology Award



Grace Dougan—Recipient of the PL3 Teacher of the Year Award



Kiersten Rial—Recipient of the PL 2 Teacher of the Year Award



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Rahhal S, Clarke W, Kletter GB, Lee P, Neely EK, Reiter EO, Saenger P, Shulman D, Silverman L, Eugster EA 2009 Results of a Second Year of Therapy with the 12 Month Histrelin Implant for the Treatment of Central Precocious Puberty. *Internat J Pediatr Endocrinol* 2009:1-4

Carel JC, Eugster EA, Rogol A, Ghizzoni L, Palmert MR; ESPE-LWPES GnRH Analogs Consensus Conference Group, Antoniazzi F, Berenbaum S, Bourguignon JP, Chrousos GP, Coste J, Deal S, de Vries L, Foster C, Heger S, Holland J, Jahnukainen K, Juul A, Kaplowitz P, Lahlou N, Lee MM, Lee P, Merke DP, Neely EK, Oostdijk W, Phillip M, Rosenfield RL, Shulman D, Styne D, Tauber M, Wit JM. Consensus Statement on the use of GnRH analogs in children. *Pediatrics*. 2009 Apr;123(4):e752-62. Epub 2009 Mar 30.

Drs. Allen Root and Frank Diamond were invited to serve as section chairs at the upcoming Joint Meeting of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society and the European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology in New York, Sept 9-12, 2009.

Dr Anne Lenz has had an abstract accepted at the upcoming Joint Meeting of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society and the European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology in New York Sept 9-12, 2009: Kathy Lewis, Anne Lenz, Samar Rahhal, Erica Eugster, John Fuqua, Ora Pescovitz and Dorothy Shulman. *Long term bicalutamide and 3rd generation aromatase inhibitor therapy in two boys with testotoxicosis*

Lenz AM, Root AW. Perspective: Congenital hypothyroidism: A forgotten clinical diagnosis. *J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab* 21:623-624.2008.

Dr. Allen Root continues to serve as section editor and provide written commentary for Endocrine and Metabolism in *Current Opinion in Pediatrics*.

Dr. Allen Root has written the chapter on Disorders of calcium and phosphorus metabolism. In Rudolph CD, et al (eds). *Rudolph's Pediatrics*, 22nd edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2009, in press.

Dr. Allen Root also served as Associate Editor-Section on Endocrinology, in Rudolph CD, et al (eds). *Rudolph's Pediatrics*, 22nd edition, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2009, in press.

Dr. Allen Root recently received an award of distinction from the Human Growth Foundation.

Dr Allen Root has had an abstract accepted at the upcoming Joint Meeting of the Lawson Wilkins Pediatric Endocrine Society and the European Society for Pediatric Endocrinology in New York Sept 9-12, 2009: Root AW, Diaz-Thomas AM, Coovadia A, Mueller T. *Autosomal recessive transmission of familial hypocalciuric hypercalcemia (FHH) due to a unique homozygous loss-of-function mutation in the gene encoding the calcium sensing receptor (CASR- Gly768Val)*

A Diaz-Thomas, J.I. Malone, K Swann presented a poster entitled: *Diet Liberalization in a 2 year-Old child with classical PKU after treatment with Sapropterin Didydrochloride* at the annual meeting of the American College of Medical Genetics March 26-30, 2009.



Residency Program Updates

HealthPark Health Fair was held on June 18th between 4—8 pm. They offered early bird back to school physicals and vaccines, free to children who will be starting school in the fall. In addition they also had a bike helmet giveaway. Those who participated included: Bea Agha, Beatriz Arvelo, Oneith Cadiz, Roxanna Eftekhari, Kristin Brown, Dan Flynn, Shilpy Setya, Dhaval Patel, Hernan Munoz and Karolina Dembinski. Attendings included Luis Maldonado, Jennifer Takagishi and Sharon Dabrow.



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Malone JI, Hanna S, Saporta S, Mervis RF, Park CR, Chong L, Diamond DM: Hyperglycemia Not Hypoglycemia Alters Neuronal Dendrites and Impairs Spatial Memory. *Pediatric Diabetes* 9:531-539, 2008.

Khanna P, Strom JA, Eng M, Malone JI, Bhansali S Microneedle-Based Automated Therapy for Diabetes Mellitus. *J of Diabetes Science and Technology*. 2: 1122-1129, 2008.

Dr. Barry Bercu recently chaired and organized the Ninth USF Symposium on Bioethics: Conflicts of Interest and Challenges for Investigators, IRBs, Journals and Universities.

Dr. Barry Bercu is a Charter member of the newly constituted USF Academy of Inventors.

Dr. Barry Bercu recently wrote a Commentary/ Perspective in *Endocrine Today* on five IGF-1 studies presented by other investigators at the 13th International Congress of Endocrinology.

Diamond F, Dharamraj C, Luther S, Eichler D. The Leptin/adiponectin ratio in mid-infancy correlates with weight gain in healthy term infants, but is unrelated to serum insulin concentrations, body mass index of skin fold thickness. *J Pediatr Endocrinol Metab* 21,1133-38, 2008.

Dr. Frank Diamond was awarded the Belcher Award by All Children's Hospital.



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Dr. Frank Diamond spoke on Weight Management and Lipid Screening in Children at the Suncoast Pediatric Conference, June 2009.

Jason Caldwell, DO was accepted to the Clinical Immunology Society's Primary Immunodeficiency school in Miami in September of this year and will be present a case of Wiscott-Aldrich Syndrome.

On June 26, **Dr. Sleasman** served on the NIH Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel to review grants focusing on Immunodeficiency Diseases.

A/I Division manuscripts:

Bret J. Rudy, **John Sleasman**, Bill Kapogiannis, Craig M. Wilson, James Bethel, Leslie Serchuck, Sushma Ahmad, Coleen K. Cunningham, and the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions Short-Cycle Therapy in Adolescents after Continuous Therapy with Established Viral Suppression: The Impact on Viral Load Suppression. *Aids Research and Human Retroviruses June 2009*

Terri Ashmeade, MD was recently notified that she will receive Grant funding from MedImmune, along with Dr. David Wood from the University of Florida. They will look at the issue of care for high risk newborns born to poor, inner city parents.

Diane Straub, MD announced news that advocates in Florida are working to improve the process of transition from pediatric to adult health care for youth with disabilities, mandated in Senate Bill 988 which established a statewide Task force to access transition care. The Task Force along with the Florida Department of Health, Children's Medical Services produced a report entitled, "Ensuring Successful Transition from Pediatric to Adult Health Care: A New Report from the Florida Health Care Transition Services Task Force for Youth and Young Adults with Disabilities" identified 16 recommendations to improve upon the system of care for young children and adults between the ages of 12 and 24 with disabilities or chronic health conditions who live in the state of Florida. If you would like more information about the program, please contact Janet Hess at 813-259-8713 or jhess@health.usf.edu. The legislative report, strategic plan, meeting schedule, and other program documents are at www.healthcaretransition.org.

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HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES

Name	Position	Division
Tamara Alvarez	Medical Assistant	STC Clinic

Please join us in welcoming the above employees to the USF Health Pediatrics team!

Look for us on
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And
Twitter This August

"Items of Excellence"

By now everyone has probably seen the email publication of "Items of Excellence". This publication will run every two weeks.

What: Items of Excellence (IOE) are summaries of wins and accomplishments that support the vision and strategic goals of the HSC, the College and the department – timely items that we would like everyone to know about. Examples include announcements of recently awarded federal grants, recent recent publication in a major peer-reviewed journal or presentation at a national research conference, top-level appointments and honors, collaborative/team initiatives and accomplishments by departments or colleges, etc. – all leading to national prominence.

Who Can Submit: Anyone at the HSC – deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students.

How: Please report your IOEs to your department or college under the following five categories. Be concise – just the basic facts needed:

Creative Educational Models (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)

Research Really Matters (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)

Entrepreneurial Academic Practice (successful clinical practice and community outreach programs/projects, collaborations with community partners-- e.g. TGH, Moffitt, VA, ACH, outpatient sites).

Operational/Financial Innovation (streamlining of clinic operations resulting in greater efficiency and profit – scheduling, patient flow, medical records, billing, etc)

People Excellence – Items that demonstrate the Winning Spirit, Creativity and Accomplishments of the people at HSC

