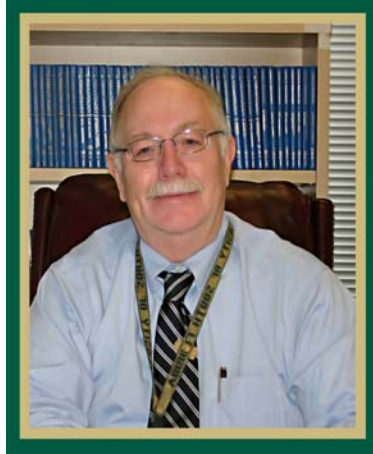


A Message from the Chairman



I am pleased to announce that we have received approval to move our Pediatric Resident Continuity Clinics presently at the STC to the 1st Floor of 17 Davis. This will include the medical student ambulatory rotations for the Primary Care and Special Populations Clerkship and other rotations. The 17 Davis facility will be refurbished and along with the TEAM Simulation Center become a hub of Pediatric Education for the Department. This effort will allow us to begin to truly separate the costs directly tied to education from those costs that are related to the USF Physicians Group. We have some additional exciting proposals that we hope to announce soon that will further this mission.

For those Faculty who are attending the PAS meeting in Vancouver BC, USF will join with UF and Miami for a Dessert Reception as in previous years. It will be on Sunday, May 2 8:30-10 PM. It will be in the Cracked Ice Room at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Center Hotel, 1088 Burrard Street. I hope to see you there.

Spotlight-Internal Awards

Congratulations!



Dr. Eric Storch received an Establish Researcher Grant in the amount of \$5,000 (May 1, 2010- April 30, 2011). Dr. Xiaoming Gong received a New Researcher Grant in the amount of \$9,984 (May 1, 2010- April 30, 2011).

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Grant Spotlight



The Department of Pediatrics will like to congratulate Dr. Storch on his recent two-year grant award entitled "Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Anxiety Disorders in Adoles-

cents with Autism Spectrum Disorders" from the All Children's Hospital Research Foundation for over \$200,000 to examine cognitive-behavioral therapy for anxiety disorders among youth with autism spectrum disorders.

Autism spectrum disorders affect as many as 1 out of 110 children (Centers for Disease Control, 2007), with many higher-functioning children not being diagnosed until elementary school or later (Fombonne, 2003). Significant impairment in social, adaptive, and school functioning is prevalent and longstanding (Howlin et al., 2004). In addition, comorbid psychological disorders are common in the ASD population (Simonoff et

al., 2008), and may cause substantial distress and impairment beyond that caused by the ASD diagnosis. Comorbid anxiety disorders, in particular, affect as many as 80% of children and adolescents with ASD (Bellini, de Bruin et al., 2007; Klin et al., 2005; Muris et al., 1998).

Although efficacious interventions have been developed for otherwise typically developing youth with anxiety disorders (e.g., Manassis et al., 2002; Storch et al., 2007; Wood et al., 2006), the linguistic, cognitive, and social characteristics of ASD may render standard treatment approaches less effective for children with ASD (Volkmar & Klin, 2000). Thus, there is a clinical need for the modification of existing treatment modalities for this unique group. To date, few studies have experimentally tested the efficacy of CBT for youth with a comorbid presentation of anxiety and ASD. This gap in the literature is of particular concern given the prevalence of comorbid anxiety

among youth, consequences of untreated anxiety, unknown efficacy of antidepressant medication for anxiety in ASD, and potential safety and tolerability issues related to medication use.

We were fortunate to be awarded a grant from the ACH Research Foundation to conduct a randomized controlled trial to examine the efficacy of CBT relative to treatment as usual (TAU). In the proposed grant, we will: (1) examine the acute efficacy of CBT relative to TAU, and (2) evaluate the short-term maintenance of treatment gains. Forty-six youth (ages 7-11 years) with ASD and comorbid anxiety disorder(s) will be randomly assigned to one of the two treatment conditions.

The research team consists of Drs. Storch, Tanya Murphy, Omar Rahman, Amy Parks, Adam Lewin, and Ms. Sarah Gunderson.

New Awards

Dr. Patricia Emmanuel received a ten month (12/01/09-09/29/10) award from Westat titled *ATN 093: Smile in Caring for Youth— Linkage to Care*.

Dr. Carol Lilly received ARRA funding for sixteen months (2/24/10– 6/30/11) from Florida Department of Health titled *Children's Medical Services Bay Area Steps*.

Dr. Rebecca Sutphen received an eight month (1/19/10– 08/31/11) award from H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center titled *Development and Assessment of Hereditary Breast Cancer Genetic Screening Tools for a Minority Population*.

Dr. Eric Storch received a two year award (4/1/10-3/31/12) from All Children's Hospital Foundation titled *Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for Anxiety Disorders in Adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Publications

Storch, E. A., Lewin, A. B., De Nadai, A., & Murphy, T. K. Defining Treatment Response and Remission in Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder: A Signal Detection Analysis of the Children's Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale. *Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry*.

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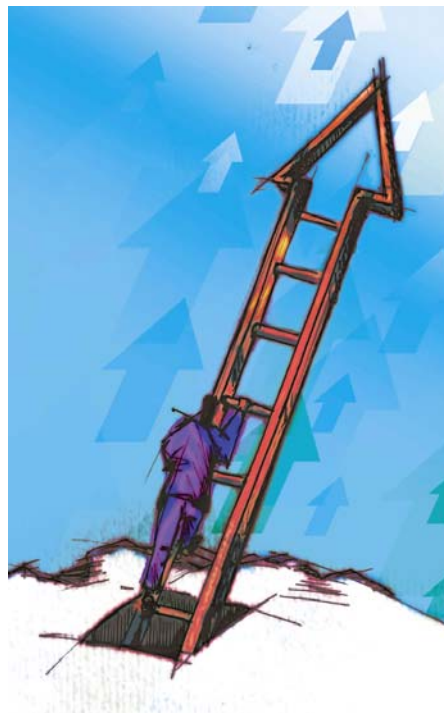
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Promotions



Dr. Jane Carver was promoted to Professor



Dr. Morna Dorsey was promoted to Associate Professor



Dr. Terri Ashmeade was promoted to Associate Professor



Dr. Melissa Loscalzo was promoted to Associate Professor

Accomplishments



Dr. Daniel Leonard spoke to a class of high school students at Wiregrass Ranch High School on April 1st. He discussed pediatric medicine and answered students' questions.



Third year resident Sowmya Ananthanarayanan has a paper accepted for publication in Pediatrics in Review. It discusses a patient with lupus nephritis and will be published in Feb. 2012



Dr. Sharon Dabrow was interviewed by a St. Petersburg Times reporter and quoted in an article on April 9th regarding the use of screening EKGs in student athletes.

USF Health Faculty Development Award



Drs. Tanya Murphy, Robert Nickeson and John Cannon



are the recipients of the USF Health Faculty Development Award for their participation in the Faculty Forward Survey of last spring.

The group at Harvard University selected nine random individuals from USF Health of the 246 full-time faculty who completed the survey at USF College of Medicine. The \$1500 is to be used for development

of knowledge, skills, attitudes or values that will assist faculty in pursuing excellence, advanced training, or acquisition of skills and knowledge that will lead them to become more effective and satisfied faculty member.

Quiet Quality Award (QQA)



Monica Watson (the Administrative Specialist for USF Pediatrics Infectious Disease) is the recipient of the Quiet Quality Award for the month of April 2010 for her invaluable contribution to the division.

The Quiet Quality Awards were implemented in the Fall 1996 to increase employee recognition. The recipients will receive a framed award certificate and a quality award pin. Their name will be announced on the QQA website, their picture will be displayed on the USF "Wall of Fame" in the Administration Building Breezeway, and they will be invited to attend an award reception hosted by the Staff Senate in June.

New Employees



Name	Position	Division
Carmen Hall	Clerical and Secretarial	Child Development
Rajesh Adusumalli	Sr Applications Developer.	Epidemiology
Page Dunning	Clinical Resch Administrator	Epidemiology
Cristina Pelaez	Assistant Professor	General Pediatrics
Lisa Harewood	Research Compliance Administrator	Epidemiology
Barbara Nabrit-Stephens	Assistant Professor	Adolescent Medicine

May 2010 Birthdays

Name	Day
Jennifer Pesce	2
Mandel Sher	2
Julia Rendon	2
Jim Torres	3
Carol Copney	3
Jana Richardson	4
Susan Bream	4
Heather Agazzi	5
Cristina McCarthy	5
Jared Gold	6
Lolita Delgado	7
Paula Mercier	8
Richard Emrich	9
Dennis Ledford	10
Jessica Fuller	10
A Carruthers	11



Name	Day
Raziah Maraj	11
Kristina Salvaggio	12
Ciara McCray	12
Sara Prupas	13
Wade Cressman	14
Allison Kennel	14
Bridgette Holloway	14
Lindsay Graham	16
Kathryn Kelly	17
Eknath Naik	19
Stacie Stapleton	19
Jessica Morgan	19
Donna Quinones-Edgecomb	20
Alicia Marion	21

Name	Day
Raquel Hernandez	21
Clayton Turner	22
Kristian Millrose	23
Persida Alies	24
Jason Fields	24
Theresa Ferlita	25
Caroline Thompson	26
Juliet Collins	27
Heidi Curran	28
Pallavi Iyer	29
Mirela Aldea	29
Jessica Keshishian	29
Carol Geddes	30
Enid Gilbert-Barness	31
Ashley Bayer	31



Pediatrics Grand Rounds-March 2010



Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM at MacInnes Auditorium Tampa General Hospital. Lectures are also videoconferenced to the All Children's Hospital/USF Children's Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004.

May 6: Risk Assessment, Anaphylaxis, Use of Epinephrine

Richard Lockey, MD
Joy McCann Culverhouse Chair in Allergy and Immunology
USF Department of Internal Medicine;
Division of Allergy and Immunology

May 20: Turner Syndrome 101: Genetic and Cardiac Care

Melissa Loscalzo, MD
USF Pediatrics; Division of Genetics

May 13: The Impact of HIV Infection and Treatment on Bone Health of Children and Adolescents

George Siberry, MD, MPH
Medical Officer; Pediatric, Adolescent and Maternal AIDS Branch
National Institutes of Health

May 27: Imaging of Non-Accidental Trauma

David Germain, MD
Education Director, Pediatric Radiology
USF Department of Radiology

Announcements



Vote for Ronald McDonald care mobile at <http://rmhc.org/> now to help us win \$5000. The deadline is April

30th.

Our thoughts and prayers go to some of our staff and their family for the loss of their close relatives.

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