FROM THE CHAIR

This week I had the good fortune to attend the AAP National Conference and Exhibition in San Diego. My hope is that Tampa’s Riverwalk can become the focal point as has happened in that city! Over 12,000 people dedicated to the care of children descended on the convention center including more than 20 USF medical students and several residents, many graduating residents and faculty. I was so impressed by the resourcefulness of our first and second year students who maximized a small stipend from the Student Affairs office. There was an all-day session focused on medical students and residents where they learned – not only about the profession of pediatrics – but about the political process in organized medicine.

I presented a poster on the legacy of Lewis Barness and it was gratifying to have his former colleagues and students stop by to remember him. We should be so proud of our legacy. Dr. Soylu presented an interesting study on the use of iPads in education and

AAP CONFERENCE

Faculty, residents and students attended the AAP National Conference and Exhibition held in San Diego October 11-14 and attended a USF Peds reception hosted by Dr. Patricia Emmanuel.

Dr. Emmanuel also presented a poster titled Dr. Lewis Barness’s Ongoing Legacy: The University of South Florida Department of Pediatrics as part of the AAP’s Pediatric History

2014 JOHN CURRAN LECTURE

This year’s lecturer is Dr. Vinod Bhutani, Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Bhutani was on the faculty at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania for 25 years prior to moving to Stanford in 2005. His research relates to neonatal thermoregulation and pulmonary function, and preventive strategies for chronic lung disease, jaundice and brain injury. He chairs the Global Prevent Kernicterus Network, and focuses on quality- and equity-driven maternal and child healthcare. His lecture, titled Each Baby is Precious, will address how high maternal/child morbidity/mortality rates can be addressed by implementing evidenced-based interventions that use innovative and culturally-adapted strategies to bridge barriers. Examples that will be reviewed include novel global approaches to keeping infants warm and eliminating Rh disease.
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Dr. Takagishi spent many hours in her new role on the Council for Early Childhood with our Lehigh Valley colleague and Vice Chair of the Peds department at LVHN, Elaine Donahue. Of course, Dr. Curran presided over much of the meeting as our past district chair and active leader in the national AAP. I love the AAP—their focus continues to remain on children and making the world better for each child.

For those of you interested in child advocacy on a more local level (and I hope that is all of you!) our own Steve Freedman and Sam Bell will be giving USF Pediatrics grand rounds on October 30th and will follow that lecture with a two hour workshop on legislative advocacy. They bring enormous expertise and years of experience working with the Florida Legislature. I hope they can help us to better understand our political landscape and enable us to lobby for our learners and our patients. Hope that you can join us.

Patricia J. Emmanuel, M.D.
Chair, Department of Pediatrics

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Walt Karniski, M.D. has re-joined USF Pediatrics as an Associate Professor in the Division of Child Development. Dr. Karniski is a board certified developmental pediatrician who has lived in the Tampa Bay area for 31 years. He first joined USF Peds as the Director of Child Development at All Children’s Hospital, and later served as Director of the USF Pediatrics Division of Child Development. In 1993, he left USF to establish a private practice in developmental pediatrics through the Florida Children’s Center, a multidisciplinary program for the evaluation and treatment of children with learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder and behavioral disorders. He developed and was co-owner of the Tampa Day School, a private school for children with atypical learning styles. He is also co-owner and executive director of the Bowman Academy and the business director of Tampa Day School and Shreiner Academy in Atlanta. His research and clinical interests focus on children with ADHD, learning disabilities, dyslexia, anxiety or other related disorders that impact learning and development.

Danielle Gomez, MD, joined USF Pediatrics in September as an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Pediatrics. Dr. Gomez attended the University of Central Florida and received her medical degree from Boston University School of Medicine. She completed her pediatric residency at Jackson Memorial Hospital, where she worked for a year as a NICU hospitalist and where she was the recipient of a resident teaching award and an outstanding quality care award. She graduated from USF’s pediatric endocrinology and diabetes fellowship program in June, 2014. During her fellowship, Dr. Gomez was actively engaged in research with Dr. Michael Shamblott on studies of endocrine progenitor cells in the adult human pancreas – research which may lead to effective cell therapy treatment for diabetes.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Tanya Murphy presented Alternative Mechanisms of Action for Antimicrobials & Psychotropic Medications at the Medical Academy of Special Needs Educational Forum held in Orlando in September.

Dr. Maya Balakrishnan presented Golden Hour Update at the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative’s Annual Neonatal Focused Meeting held in Tampa on September 30.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Raquel Alfonso, Administrative Assistant; Hematology

SAVE THE DATE

Oct 27
USFPG/UMSA/MSSC Annual Board of Director’s Meeting

Oct 30
Pediatric Faculty Development Workshop: *The Critical Ingredient of Academic Pediatrician Leadership*

Nov 4
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders: A Focus on Congenital Heart Defects

Nov 11
PAS abstract submission deadline

Nov 13
Perinatal Quality Improvement Symposium

Nov 14
Deadline for USF Faculty Travel Mobility Grant Program

Nov 18
Hillsborough County General Membership Dinner Meeting

Dec 3
Faculty Meeting & Holiday reception

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**Dr. Francisco Flores** made two presentations at the XXVII Curso Internacional de Perinatología y Neonatología held in Guatemala City in September: *Injuria Renal Aguda en Recien Nacido* and *Hipertension Neonatal*.

**Drs. Jennifer Takagishi, Justyna Wojas, Tanya Murphy and Megan Toufexis** participated in a Psychiatric Experts Panel to update the *Psychotherapeutic Medication Guidelines for Children and Adolescents with Emotional Disturbances* hosted by Medicaid September 26-27. The panel of national and Florida experts updated guidelines for the treatment of ADHD, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, chronic impulsive aggression, disruptive behavior disorders, OCD, and tics, and added new guidelines for sleep issues, PTSD in children under 6 years old, and early-onset schizophrenia symptoms. Dr. Murphy spoke about obsessive-compulsive disorder and tic disorders, Dr. Wojas spoke about chronic and impulsive behaviors in youth and Dr. Takagishi represented the general pediatrician viewpoint regarding these medication guidelines and will work with Medicaid to disseminate them.

KUDOS

Research an **Jessica Trotter, MA, CRA-USF, Stella Polycarpou, MBA, CRA-USF** and **Ana Santos, CRA-USF** recently earned their USF Certified Research Administrator credentials, and will be recognized at the next TRAIN Award Luncheon in 2015. The CRA-USF is an internal designation given to employees who successfully complete one of several certification courses. For more information about training and credentials offered by TRAIN (The Research Administration Improvement Network) visit [http://www.research.usf.edu/train](http://www.research.usf.edu/train)

**Fred L. Alberts, Jr, PhD, ABPP**, Clinical Psychologist for the Child Protection Team, was recently elected Fellow of the Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology and the Society of Clinical Psychology at the recent 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association.

**The USF Peds Rothman Center**, which is part of the Southeast Regional Center of Excellence Network, was recently designated as a Tourette Syndrome Association Center of Excellence. The Rothman Center is one of 10 selected for this national award. According to **Dr. Tanya Murphy**, Rothman Center Director, the designation will help the Center build collaborations for future research projects and contribute towards needed resources and training.
FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Two USF Pediatrics faculty were recently interviewed by WFTS-TB for their Action News at Noon segment. Dr. Diane Straub was interviewed regarding the American Academy of Pediatrics recent recommendations regarding the use of hormonal implants and IUDs as a form of birth control for adolescents; the piece aired on Sept 29. Dr. Amy Weiss was interviewed regarding a recent publication in Pediatrics about teen sexting and sexual behavior; the piece aired on October 6.

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Dr. Luis Maldonado has been elected Vice Chief of Pediatrics at Tampa General Hospital, while Dr. Terri Ashmeade was re-elected as Chief of Pediatrics.

Dr. Cristina Pelaez was invited by the American Academy of Pediatrics to be one of five AAP District leaders to attend training through the James M. Anderson Center for Health Systems Excellence for Intermediate Improvement Science Series (I2S2). The training will take place from October 7, 2014 through June 19, 2015 and includes a combination of webinars and classroom workshops held at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center.

NEW PEDIATRIC CLINICAL TRIALS

Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD. Title: A Phase 1b, Open-Label, Multiple-Dose Study to Evaluate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Pharmacodynamics of NBI-98854 in Children and Adolescents with Tourette Syndrome. Sponsor: Neurocrine Biosciences, Inc.

Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD. Title: Ecopipam Treatment of Tourette’s Syndrome in Subjects 7-17 Years. Sponsor: Psyadon Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Investigator: Carina Rodriguez, MD. Title: Clinical Evaluation of the Expert Flu+RSV Express Assay. Sponsor: Cepheid

Investigator: Amarilis Sanchez-Valle, MD. Title: An Open-Label Phase 2 Study to Assess Safety and Clinical Effects of UX007 on Long-Chain Fatty Acid Oxidation Disorders. Sponsor: Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.

Investigator: Dorothy Shulman, MD. Title: The Answer Program® Registry Agreement. Sponsor: Novo Nordisk, Inc.

GRAND ROUNDS

November 6
Terri Ashmeade, MD
Overuse in Pediatrics: When is Less More?

November 13
Vinod Bhutani, MD
The John Curran Lecture: Each Newborn is Precious

November 20
Tamas Peredy, MD
Toxinology – Our Natural Deadly World

November 27
Thanksgiving

PEDIATRIC RESEARCH NEWS

Drs. Laura Weathers and Maya Balakrishnan, with help from resident Dr. Kelly Driver, are actively enrolling babies in the TGH NICU for their study that is investigating the use of auricular acupuncture to manage infants with neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS). The 11 infants enrolled to date have tolerated the acupuncture well. Contact Judy (jzaritt@health.usf.edu) if you would like additional information.
HAPPENINGS

Don’t forget to sign up for the faculty development workshop titled *Advocacy: The Critical Ingredient of Academic Pediatrician Leadership*, which will be held October 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 AM in STC 5050. RSVP to Jane Carver (jcarver@health.usf.edu).

Drs. Adam Lewin and Omar Rahman attended a Behavior Therapy Institute Training Program in Jacksonville, organized by the Tourette Syndrome Association with help from Dr. Tanya Murphy. The training course focused on comprehensive behavioral intervention for tics, with participants receiving certifications in this specific type.

IN MEMORIUM

Thelma Rothman passed away on October 7 at the age of 91. In addition to many other philanthropic activities, Mrs. Rothman and her husband endowed the Rothman Chair in Developmental Pediatrics at the University of South Florida/All Children’s Hospital Research Institute, currently held by Dr. Tanya Murphy.

PUBLICATIONS


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