Fall is upon us, although you can’t tell by the weather. This is a very busy time for the College of Medicine, with many initiatives underway. Our fourth year students are submitting applications and next month we will be starting residency interviews. We have many students from USF and other schools participating in electives and acting internships. This year we will be recruiting for 12 pediatric and 4 med-peds residents, and for 3 neonatal and 2 allergy/immunology fellows. Our residents will continue to rotate through our two main clinical sites, TGH and ACH. I want to thank all of the clinical faculty and staff on both sides of the bay who help assure that our residents get an optimal educational experience. Our resident trainees continue to match in very competitive fellowships and secure excellent jobs. Our primary mission—education of our students and residents—is everyone’s responsibility, and it does indeed take a village. If possible try to get involved in some aspect of our training program, whether it is attending case conference or

**KUDOS**

**Dr. John Curran** is the recipient of the 2016 Schiebler Advocacy Award, bestowed at the Florida Chapter’s American Academy of Pediatrics Conference. The award, established in 2013, was established by the Florida Pediatric Foundation to honor the lifetime achievements of Dr. Gerold Schiebler and Audrey Schiebler. For over 50 years their advocacy efforts included the establishment of many programs in Florida including the Guardian Ad Litem, Children’s Medical Services, Poison Control Centers, Child Protection Teams and the Boggy Creek Camp for Children. This award recognizes Dr. Curran for working beyond his profession, for educating local and state legislators, and for diligently advocating to improve the health and welfare of Florida’s children. Congratulations, Dr. Curran!

**Dr. Heather Agazzi** was awarded the American Board of Professional Psychology specialty board certification in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. This board certification, which recognizes excellence in meeting the advanced education, training and professional standing that has been established by the specialty, includes examination by peers attesting to the demonstration of the designee’s practice. Congratulations, Heather!!

**Dr. Florence Desrosiers** was elected to serve as Region 5 Alternative Representative for the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Candidates were installed on Sept. 3 during the FCAAP’s Annual Conference held in Orlando.

**Drs. Jennifer Leiding and Andrew Galligan** have been elected to serve as the Faculty Council Representatives for USF Pediatrics. Thank you for your service on this important council!
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helping a trainee get accustomed to a new clinic. I hope this learning environment inspires you to be learning no matter what your job is in the department. Work is much more fun and fulfilling when you get to learn new things every day. And health care is constantly changing and pushing us to learn and adapt.

One area that has expanded to a new field is the area of quality. As I discussed in my grand rounds this month, payers are starting to use quality metrics to differentiate practices. Incentive payments and penalties are expanding. There are many aspects to quality metrics and USF Pediatrics is embarking on several initiatives this year that will help us to adapt to new policies. We will be sending out summary data from Press Ganey patient satisfaction surveys to our physicians and clinic sites quarterly. I hope we will look at specific areas to improve upon as we get more comfortable with evaluating this feedback. This is going to have to be done in the context of a team. Every aspect of the patient experience contributes to the review – from making the initial appointment, parking, the taking of intake and vital signs and checking out. Teamwork is the key to improving and addressing issues, and I hope that you all will integrate continuous quality improvement into your work life. Clinics and divisions need regularly scheduled time to meet and discuss goals, and define roles and review data – everyone needs to be empowered.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Bergamo is the author of Clostridium difficile Bacteremia in a Neonate, published in Clinical Pediatrics on August 12. doi: 10.1177/0009922816664068


PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Kathleen Armstrong presented a workshop titled Effective Parenting for School Improvement on July 23 at the International School Psychology Association Conference held at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

ALUMNI CORNER

Members of the Alumni Steering Team recently met for coffee to explore ways to get our alumni around the country to become “official” dues-paying members. We all strongly agreed that key reasons to become a member are that 100% of the funds go to supporting educational activities for the current pediatric and med-peds residents, it’s 100% tax deductable, and is really cheap – $50/year or $1,000/lifetime. Besides staying connected to one’s educational home and renewing old friendships, the Alumni Group’s goal is to provide financial support for residents to attend a regional or national meeting each year, who then share what they learned with their colleagues – so everyone is enriched by the experience. We’re also planning other fun activities and ways to highlight our alumni’s many success stories, so stay tuned and sign up!
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to help create efficiencies. I am charging the division chiefs and clinic managers to review and share the quarterly results. I hope that you will take the time to look at the scores and comments and work with your colleagues to provide high levels of care and experiences for our patients.

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

HAPPENINGS

HOT DOCS classes are resuming! For more information contact Dr. Carrie Adams at 813-974-1048 (cadams@health.usf.edu) if you have families to refer.

GRAND ROUNDS

October 6
Heat Advisory: Protecting Health on a Warming Planet
Alan Lockwood, MD

October 13
The 2016 John Curran Lecture
Assessing the Quality of Perinatal Care: Advances and Barriers
Scott Lorch, MD

October 20
Precision Medicine for Autoimmunity in Primary Immunodeficiencies
Jolan Walter, MD

October 27
Pediatric Cancer Survivorship and Long-term Follow-up
Andrew Galligan, MD

CLINICAL TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Kris Millrose, a licensed social worker, is September’s Clinical Team Member of the Month. Kris makes a huge impact on patients’ lives by providing superior care and service. He works with the most complicated patients and their families, who rely on him to help meet their numerous needs – he is a vital component of patient centered comprehensive medical care. Nominators noted that Kris is always willing to help and go above and beyond to help patients, and that his job as a social worker is a passion and a calling. He serves as a wonderful example for younger staff, and is a shining star of excellence. Congratulations, Kris!

RESIDENCY NEWS

Dr. Martin Guerrera is a member of the USF Medicine Team that won first place in the American College of Physicians’ Doctor’s Dilemma competition held in Key Largo. They will represent Florida at the national contest to be held in San Diego in 2017.

Drs. Butler, Schuette, Desai and Robles competed in the FCAAP’s Brain Bowl held in Orlando on Sept 4.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Heather Agazzi was interviewed by WTVT-TB (Fox13) on August 18 regarding the impact of homelessness on children. She discussed the difficulty that homeless children have in getting transportation to school, and described local resources to help this vulnerable population.

Dr. Kathleen Armstrong was interviewed by WNDU (NBC 16) on Sept. 1 regarding the importance of sleep for schoolchildren. She explained that extra sleep can mean better grades, and stressed that parents need to set limits on screen time and after-school activities.
HEALTHPARK

Healthpark relocated the pediatric medical area into a newly renovated space in August. Pictured: Resident physician Taylor Alberdi, center, examines Quieinton Spradley, right. Iesha Spradley, left, has been bringing her sons Qu‘Amar Hobbs, and Quieinton to the center since they were babies. “It’s so big and spacious,” said Quieinton.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Dr. Jennifer Casatelli attended medical school and completed her pediatric residency training at USF, and has served as a pediatric hospitalist at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital since 2002. Dr. Casatelli has been the associate program director for the USF pediatric residency program since 2002 and the on-site director for USF’s medical student education since 2005. She is currently the chairman of the division of pediatrics at All Children’s Hospital. She is board certified in pediatrics. Dr. Casatelli will be program director of the new pediatric hospitalist service at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Kristen Berlin attended medical school at the University of Florida College of Medicine, where she also earned her PhD in biomedical sciences and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in physiology and pharmacology. She completed her pediatric residency training USF. Dr. Berlin has served as the medical director of pediatric hospitalists for Florida Pediatric Associates since 2002, as pediatric medical director for Suncoast Hospice since 2014, and as pediatric medical director for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice since 2015. She is board certified in pediatrics. Dr. Berlin is a pediatric hospitalist based at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Lisa Cronin attended medical school at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick, NJ, and completed her pediatric residency training at Children’s Hospital in Los Angeles, followed by a residency in anesthesiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She has served as a pediatric hospitalist at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital since 2015. She is board-certified in pediatrics.

Dr. Roxanne Samuels attended medical school at Florida State University College of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency training at Morehouse School of Medicine in 2016. Dr. Samuels is a pediatric hospitalist based at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Kathryn Kelly attended medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed her pediatric residency training at USF. Since 2014 she has been a pediatric hospitalist at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital and Mease Countryside, and a pediatrician at Baycare’s Chronic Complex Clinic. She has served as the Pasco and Hillsborough County designated health authority for the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice since 2015. She is board-certified in pediatrics.
**SAVE THE DATE**

October 11  
Next faculty meeting

October 13  
The 2016 John Curran Lecture

**JOHN CURRAN LECTURE**

Dr. Scott Lorch, Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, will deliver this year’s John Curran Lecture on Oct 13. He is the Director of the Center for Perinatal Health Disparities Research and a Senior Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics. This annual lecture was established in 1992 to honor Dr. John Curran, who founded the USF Division of Neonatology, the USF Neonatology Fellowship Program, and the TGH Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Please join us for a breakfast reception in the MacInnes Auditorium foyer following the lecture.

**ADDITIONS**

Dr. Kelli Anzalone and her husband Christopher welcomed Landon Reid on Sept 28. Congratulations!

**CLINICAL UPDATE**

RL Solutions is our new Quality, Safety and Risk reporting system. This one stop process for reporting patient, provider, family or employee issues enables the Quality, Risk and Safety Department to track and follow up on events or near-miss events, and it will help us to work on our quality improvement processes. All USF Health clinical desktops should have a link installed, or you can access it on the network. The QRS Department asks that ALL users log into the system as soon as possible so you are recognized by the system and can receive files and information. Your login is the same as your HSCNet login. After logging on, click on the type of event you want to enter and include as much information as possible into the data entry page. In addition to dropdown menus the system allows for space to write free text information. All essential items are marked with an asterisk and must be completed prior to submitting a report. Reports are routed to the appropriate individuals so they can appropriately address and resolve any issues. Cimarron Horton and the clinical managers and supervisors can provide assistance if needed.

**NEW & NOTEWORTHY**

Dr. Patricia O’Brien attended medical school at the University of Florida here she also earned her PhD in biochemistry. She completed her pediatric residency training at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital and is a Fellow of the American Board of Pediatrics. She has worked as a pediatric hospitalist and general pediatrician in the U.S. and abroad since completing her training, most recently serving as a general pediatrician in Wexford, Ireland. She is board certified in pediatrics and is a Fellow of the American Board of Pediatrics. Dr. O’Brien is a pediatric hospitalist based at St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.

Dr. Karen Paltoo earned her DO degree at Des Moines University, completed a Nova Southeastern University osteopathic internship at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, and completed her pediatric residency training at the University of Florida in Jacksonville. She has served as a hospitalist at St. Joseph’s Hospital since 2011. She is board certified in pediatrics.

Dr. Jingjing Ao completed her pediatric residency at the Brooklyn Hospital Center. She worked as a pediatrician in Flushing, NY prior to joining Florida Pediatric Associates, where she has served as a pediatric hospitalist since 2013. She is board certified in pediatrics. Dr. Ao will be primarily based in USF Peds outpatient clinics.

Dr. Brooke Bavinger attended medical school at USF and completed her pediatric residency at the Children’s Hospital at Virginia Commonwealth University in 2013. She has served as a pediatric hospitalist for Florida Pediatric Associates since completing her training. She is board certified in pediatrics. Dr. Bavinger will be primarily based in USF Peds outpatient clinics.