

## Department of Psychiatry and Neurosciences

USF Health · College of Medicine

Office of the Chair - Week of October 18 - 22, 2010

**Website: <http://www.hsc.usf.edu/PSYCH/>**

### Newsletter

#### Meetings

Thursday	10/21/10	8:00 a.m.	Call Center Meeting
			<u>Resident Lectures:</u>
		8:00 a.m.	CHILD "Psychopharm Case Conference" Dr. Sandra Stock
		9:00 a.m.	CHILD "Competency in Juveniles" Dr. Randy K. Otto
		10:00 a.m.	CHILD "Competency in Juveniles" Dr. Randy K. Otto
		12:00 noon	GRAND ROUNDS "Psychiatric Care at the End of Life" Jonathan T. Stewart, M.D. Professor in Psychiatry and Geriatric Medicine USF College of Medicine Consulting Geropsychiatrist James A. Haley VA Hospital, Tampa FL
		1:00 p.m.	GERI "Depression in the Elderly" Dr. Jonathan Stewart
Friday	10/22/10		<u>Medical Student Lectures</u>
		8:00 a.m.	"Eating Disorders" Dr. Pauline Powers
		9:00 a.m.	"Capacity for Decision Making" Dr. Tariq Halim
		10:00 a.m.	"Jeopardy" Dr. Glenn Catalano
		1:00 p.m.	"Sleep Disorders" Dr. Ali Bozorg
		2:00 p.m.	"Seizures" Drs. Benbadis, Frontera or Bozorg
		3:00 p.m.	"Neuro-Ophthalmology" Drs. Benbadis, Frontera or Bozorg

## In The Know

Happy Birthday wishes to Brenda Curtwright/October 20<sup>th</sup> and Margaret Stratton/October 24<sup>th</sup>.

On Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m., Clinical Research will be hosting a “*Not Too Scary Halloween Social.*” Please drop in for a clinical research update and some lunch!

## Research Happenings!

### Research Facts

Did you know... the Department has a new Research web page – see <http://health.usf.edu/medicine/psychiatry/research/index.htm>

What else didn't you know :

1. >50% of all new patients seen in our outpatient clinic want information on research being done in our department.
2. Participants in clinical trials receive psychiatric evaluations and follow-up visits; study specific testing (psychiatric, cognitive, behavioral, and health outcomes); labs; ECGs; physical exams; study medication; transportation assistance; 24/7 access to research team, a small stipend; and in some studies, medication vouchers for concomitant medications – all at NO COST.
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What else didn't you know:

**Current Open Studies – Call [813-974-2832](tel:813-974-2832) or [813-974-1404](tel:813-974-1404) for more information on any study or to refer a patient.**

### Abilify IM Depot Study

The Aripiprazole IM Depot Study extension has been extended! Participants in this study can now continue to receive **open-label Aripiprazole IM Depot until it is FDA approved up to a maximum of 8 years**. Our site can enroll up to ~~40~~ **6 additional subjects in this study until October**. Participants are started on oral Abilify – once tolerability is determined, the participant is switched to Aripiprazole IM Depot. Aripiprazole IM Depot is administered monthly. All study related medications, labs, ECGs and study visits are at no charge to participants throughout the duration of the extension study (remember up to 8 years or until drug is FDA approved). Principal Investigator – Carlos Santana, M.D.

### Cognitive Deficits in Schizophrenia

We are participating in a nationwide clinical research trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of an investigational medication used in the treatment of [Cognitive Deficits in Schizophrenia](#). This is a 12 week 'ad on medication' study for individuals with schizophrenia between the ages of 20-55. To be eligible subjects must have been *diagnosed or treated* for at least 2 years prior to screening and be stable on 1-2 atypical antipsychotic medications. Principal Investigator - Carlos Santana, M.D.

### Bipolar I Disorder, Manic or Mixed

This is a nationwide clinical research study evaluating the safety and tolerability of Cariprazine (an investigational medication) in patients with [Bipolar I Disorder](#). The study is a [20-week open-label study](#). Patients must be 18-65 years of age and be willing to be hospitalized during the initial titration phase of the study. Principal Investigator - Patrick Marsh, M.D.

### Bipolar I Disorder with Depressive Symptoms

The Department is participating in a nationwide clinical research study evaluating the efficacy and safety of an investigational medication used as [adjunctive therapy](#) in patients with [major depression associated with Bipolar I Disorder](#). This is a 15-week outpatient study. Patients must be 18-65 years of age and currently experiencing depressive symptoms. Patients must be on Lithium, Depakote, Lamictal, Abilify, Zyprexa, Risperdal, CONSTA, or Geodon. Assistance in obtaining Lithium and Depakote is available during the course of the study. Principal Investigator - Carlos Santana, M.D.

### Schizophrenia 'Jail Recidivism' Study

We are one of 40 sites in the United States participating site for this landmark study looking at arrest recidivism in adults with Schizophrenia. The study is a [15-month open-label study](#) comparing the rate of arrest recidivism and other health outcome measures in patients receiving [oral antipsychotic treatment compared to paliperidone palmitate injections](#). Participants receive antipsychotic medications and study visits at no charge throughout the study. Subjects must have been incarcerated at least twice in the last 24 months with the last release from jail occurring within 60 days prior to screening to be eligible to participate. Principal Investigator - Brian Keefe, M.D.