This past month we experienced the passing of our dear friend and founding chairman, Dr. Lewis Barness. Dr. Barness came to USF in 1974 to help start the medical school; his legacy lives on in all of us every time we spend a little extra time with a student, make a great diagnosis or percuss a heart. What made Dr. B so special was a combination of fierce intellect, endless curiosity, wit, kindness and compassion. He saw his students and faculty as people first—he was always quick to ask about your children or spouse, and he had an elephant memory for their names!

He pushed us to be better and served as an incredible role model. He was relentless in reading the literature, writing and communicating with colleagues throughout the world. For the past 20 years, he and his wife Enid Gilbert-Barness edited and wrote several major textbooks. He never stopped learning and teaching. He impacted children’s health in this community and well beyond through all of his trainees. It was a life well lived.

We will recognize Dr. B’s contributions in March. Dr. James Stockman, President of the American Board of Pediatrics for 20 years, will deliver the Lewis Barness Lecture on March 6, and will moderate the Fellow’s Forum after the lecture. A reception in Dr. B’s honor will be held the evening before the lecture. Please put these events on your calendar!

As another year comes to a close and we celebrate the holidays with family and friends, we should take time to reflect on the values lived by Dr. Barness that has made our department what it is today. I wish all of you a peaceful and happy holiday season full of laughter and friends.

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

Staff at STC recreated the Polar Express to spread holiday cheer to patients! Check out the 2nd Floor of STC to see their hard work.
**HOT DOCS CLASSES**

HOT DOCS (Helping Our Toddlers, Developing Our Children’s Skills) is offering two behavioral training programs that help parents/caregivers address challenging behaviors in children. DOCS for SUCCESS is a 6-week program that targets elementary-aged children, while HOT DOCS is a 7-week program that targets 1-7 year old children. The cost for each class is $100; both classes start on January 16th and will be held from 6-8:30PM. For additional information, please contact Carrie Adams (cadams@health.usf.edu, 813-974-1048). Pediatric caregivers are encouraged to share this information with the families they care for. HOT DOCS is a program of USF Pediatrics Child Development.

**METABOLIC GENETICS CLINIC**

The team supporting the Metabolic Genetics Clinic of the Division of Genetics and Metabolism includes metabolic geneticist Dr. Amarilis Sánchez-Valle, metabolic dietician Donna O’Steen, MS, RD, and genetic counselor Darrow Speyer, MGC, CGC. Other members include administrative assistant Julie Stann, genetic counselor Pat Newkirk, MS, CGC, and geneticists Drs. Judy Ranells and Kathleen Pope. The clinics are held each Tuesday at CMS, and are directed by Dr. Sánchez-Valle, who also serves as Medical Director for the Regional Metabolic Center for the Department of Health Newborn Screening Program that covers 14 counties. The team currently offers several clinical trials including two for patients with PKU, one for patients with fatty acid oxidation disorders, and one for patients with urea cycle disorders. In October, Donna O’Steen coordinated a metabolic clinic event at CMS attended by families and vendors who manufacture specialized metabolic formulas. These events, which feature hands-on educational experiences, help families cope with these rare disorders.

**KUDOS**

**Dr. Fred Alberts, Jr.,** Child Protection Team Clinical Psychologist, was recently elected to a Distinguished Fellowship in the National Academies of Practice and as a Distinguished Practitioner and Fellow in the Psychology Academy. The National Academies is an interdisciplinary organization that influences national health policy, legislation, and promotes quality healthcare through cooperative advocacy, practice, education, and research.

**Dr. Amarilis Sánchez-Valle** recently received notice from the American College of Medical Genetics that she passed her boards and is now board-certified in medical biochemical genetics – the first at USF! Dr. Sánchez-Valle is now triple-certified: pediatrics, clinical genetics and medical biochemical genetics.
Many of the Early Steps staff attended the 2013 Partnering for Success statewide meeting held November 13-15 in Orlando. This annual conference is a collaboration between Florida’s Early Steps, Early Head Start, Office of Early Learning, Child Protective Team and Child Find. At the meeting, Dr. Carol Lilly presented two sessions: To Infinity and Beyond: Next Steps in the Development of a Systematic Approach to High Quality Family-Centered Care within Florida’s Early Steps System, and The Effects of Trauma on Child Development. Drs. Emily Shaffer-Hudkins and Jason Hangauer participated on a panel entitled Fidelity Measures to Support Administration of the Battelle Developmental Inventory, Second Edition (BDI-2).

Odom J, Gieron-Korthals M, Shulman D, Newkirk P, Prijoles EJ, Sanchez-Valle A presented a poster entitled Novel mutation in GLUD1 causing hyperinsulinism hyperammonemia in a patient with high density of homozygosity on microarray at the 63rd American Society of Human Genetics Annual Meeting held in Boston in October.

Faculty from the Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology Division made presentations at two meetings last month:

The Immune Deficiency Foundation Family Conference Day held at Lowry Park Zoo in Tampa:
- Dr. Jennifer Leiding: Immunizations and Primary Immunodeficiency Disease
- Dr. Panida Sriaroon: Managing Recurrent Infections
- Dr. Mark Ballow: Insight to Immunological Testing
- Drs. Leiding, Sriaroon and Ballow: Ask the Medical Experts: Q & A Session

The American College of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology Annual Meeting held in Baltimore:
- Dr. Farnaz Tabatabaian presented a poster entitled Aggressive or Invasive Allergic Fungal Sinusitis?
- Dr. Jennifer Leiding gave a lecture entitled Presenting Signs and Symptoms of Patients with Recurrent Infections: Guidance for the Differential Evaluation of Immune Deficiency Diseases
- Dr. Mark Ballow gave a lecture entitled Vaccine Responses in the Evaluation of Patients with B-Cell Immune Deficiency.

Dr. Melania Poonacha presented a poster entitled The Pet Rat: Furry Friend or Fatal Foe at the American Academy of Pediatrics meeting held in Orlando in October. Other authors included Drs. Kenneth Visalli and Paola Dees.

NEW PEDIATRIC CLINICAL TRIALS

Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD. Title: A 6-month, multicenter, randomized safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetic and preliminary efficacy study of AZD5213 in adolescents with Tourette’s disorder. Sponsor: AstraZeneca Pharmaceutical
PUBLICATIONS


Dr. Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann is an author on a paper entitled Genetic associations with 25-hydroxyvitamin D deficiency in HIV-1-infected youth: fine-mapping for the GC/DBP gene that encodes the vitamin D-binding protein. Frontiers in Genetics 4:234. Nov 14, 2013


Drs. Carina Rodriguez and Panida Sriaroon are authors on a paper entitled IgM repertoire biodiversity is reduced in HIV-1 infection and systemic lupus erythematosus. Frontiers in HIV and AIDS. Nov 15, 4:373, 2013.

HAPPENINGS

Inez Marcano and Ana Santos attended the Lunch & Learn session in November. At these quarterly meetings, arranged by the Administrative Council, student and staff issues are discussed with Dr. Genshaft and other USF administrators. Ms. Marcano is a member of the council, and she encourages people to attend the meetings, which are held on the second Tuesday of each month at the Marshall Center.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Christine Johnson: Medical Assistant, All Children’s Hospital
Morgan McGuire: Staff Assistant, Child Protection Team
Ana Hifko: Community Caseworker, Early Steps
Ann Guzman: Community Caseworker, Early Steps
Maria Saavedra: Insurance Specialist, Early Steps
Jessica Youngblood: Insurance Specialist, Early Steps
Debbi Hutchinson: Community Caseworker, Early Steps
Brenda Fernando, RN: Children’s Medical Services

NEW FELLOWS

USF Peds will be welcoming six fellows for the 2014/15 Academic Year:

The Division of Allergy, Immunology & Rheumatology:
Dr. Sheila Bina: Med/Peds, Stony Brook Hospital
Dr. Jenni Yoon: Internal Medicine, Medstar Good Samaritan Hospital

The Division of Neonatology:
Dr. Jackie Endaya Nguyen: Pediatrics, University of South Florida
Dr. Aimen Ben Ayad: Pediatrics, Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center
Dr. Akshatha Akshatha: Pediatrics, University of Toledo
Dr. Matthew Compton: Pediatrics, Loma Linda University

RESIDENCY NEWS

Several of our residents matched at excellent fellowship programs:
Jacqueline Endaya Nguyen, MD: USF Neonatology
Noah Grams, MD: Emergency Medicine, Phoenix Children’s Hospital
Philip Matar, MD: Emergency Medicine, Cornell University
Erika Pasciuta, MD: Emergency Medicine, University of Louisville
Beth Shipman, MD: Rheumatology, University of Alabama, Birmingham

Many residents participated in The Great American Teach-In in November at schools throughout the region.

Dr. Garrett Alderfer was named TGH Resident of the Month in November – congratulations!
Grand Rounds

Jan 2  Happy Holidays!

Jan 9  The Affordable Care Act and the Health Care Exchange
      David Berman, DO

Jan 16  Update on Immunizations
       Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, MD

Jan 23  Improve Your Success as a Published Author
       Jane Carver, PhD

Jan 30  Hematopoietic Stem Cell Transplantation for Primary Immunodeficiencies
       Aleksandra Petrovic, MD

Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM in MacInnes Auditorium—Tampa General Hospital

Lectures are video-conferenced to the All Children’s Hospital/USF Children’s Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004

Archived copies of most lectures are available on our website: http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand_rounds.htm

SAVE THE DATE

March 8, 2014 - 3 PM at YYC

Save the Date for the First Annual Ybor Alley-oop for Youth benefiting the Ybor Youth Clinic! Explore Tampa’s Historic Ybor City on this interactive basketball themed scavenger hunt, all while supporting the work of the Ybor Youth Clinic.

Check out our Facebook page for more information and to register for the event. Call 813.396.9137 to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

SAVE THE DATE

Jan 10:  Deadline for abstract submission for USF Health Research Day

Jan 13:  Submission deadline for USF Internal Awards: Conference Support and Faculty International Travel

Feb 17:  Submission deadline for USF Internal Award: Proposal Enhancement

Feb 21:  USF Health Research Day

Mar 6:  Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows’ Forum

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