Office of the Chair - Week of June 30 – July 4, 2008

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Newsletter

Meetings

Tuesday 07/01/08 12:00 noon Outpatient Clinic Committee Meeting

Thursday 07/03/08 8:00 a.m. Call Center Meeting

Resident Lectures:
8:00 a.m. CHILD – Welcome with Program Director and Chief
9:00 a.m. CHILD – “Family Assessment” – Dr. Stock
10:00 a.m. CHILD – “The Interview of the Child” – Dr. Ramos
11:00 a.m. CHILD – “The Interview of the Child: – Dr. Ramos
12:00 noon No Grand Rounds

Friday 07/04/08 HOLIDAY - HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!

In The Know!

Dr. Lisa Brown, Assistant Professor, USF has been appointed to the Disaster Mental Health Subcommittee under the National Biodefense Science Board Federal Advisory Committee. This subcommittee will make recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) relating to catastrophic health events. These recommendations will address pre-event, intra-event and post-event education, as well as interventions to protect, promote and restore individual and community mental health.

Congratulations to Dr. Emily Lazarou who recently passed her board from the American Board of Independent Medical Examiners. She is also publishing an article in the Journal of Psychiatric Practice titled, “Manufacturing Crystal Meth: A Case Illustrating The Medical-Psychiatric Complications of an Illegal Act” as a guest Law and Psychiatry Column in the July 2008 issue of the Journal of Psychiatric Practice. Her company, La Coop, PA will be opening July 1, 2008 at 3030 North Rocky Point Drive, Suite 262, Tampa, Florida 33607, specializing in psychotherapy and medication management of adults and forensic psychiatry.
USF Psychiatry (Heidi Bruty, M.D., principal investigator) is participating in a nationwide clinical research study for children and adolescents diagnosed with Tourette’s Disorder. The study is being conducted on behalf of Boehringer-Ingelheim and seeks to evaluate the safety and efficacy of an investigational medication versus placebo for 6 weeks followed by an open-label follow-up study for participants aged 6-17 inclusive. For more information, call Colleen Killian, BA, at 974-9104. To make a referral, call 974-1404.

Lundbeck Study, Carlos Santanta, M.D. (principal investigator) – USF Psychiatry Department is participating in a nationwide clinical research study being conducted to examine the neurocognitive effect of sertindole versus quetiapine in patients with schizophrenia, taking a stable dose of antipsychotic for the last 4 weeks and their physician is considering a change in medications due to suboptimal response or side effect of their current antipsychotic. For more information, call Colleen Killian, BA at 974-9104; or to make a referral, call 974-1404.

HALO Study – USF Psychiatry (Brian Keefe, M.D. principal investigator) is participating in a nationwide clinical research study being conducted to examine the safety and efficacy of a nicotinic receptor agonist (the investigational drug) on Cognitive Deficits in Schizophrenia (CDS). The purpose of the study is to learn whether adding the investigational drug to the patient’s other medications can improve CDS. No changes to the patient’s already stable antipsychotic regimen are required to enroll in the study. Potential Study Participants must be: Diagnosed with schizophrenia, taking a stable dose of one of three specific antipsychotic medications (quetiapine, olanzapine, or risperdal – CONSTA is ok too), active smokers. For more information, call Yvonne Bannon, RN, MS, CCRC at 974-2832; or to make a referral, call 974-1404. Enrollment ends June 30th.

The USF Department of Psychiatry is seeking men and women with anorexia nervosa for an anorexia study. Volunteers must be between the ages of 18-65, be 15% below ideal body weight, fearful of gaining weight even though underweight and able to keep eight clinic appointments. Pauline Powers, M.D. is the Principal Investigator. For more information, please call 813-974-3633.