From the Chairman’s Desk

The Holiday season is too rapidly approaching. I admit to not even beginning to be ready. Last night I attended the reception for Dr. Tanya Murphy as the Rothman Professor. Tanya’s recruitment represents what can be accomplished with a concerted effort. Similarly this week Dr. Diane Straub and Dr. Lisa Johnson, who joined us this month, started the Department of Juvenile Justice contract this week. We welcome Lisa and this new effort. The house staff recruitment process is in full swing. The quality of the applicants is great! I hope each and every one of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Bob Nelson

Lori Bowers, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics, has been named Interim Associate Dean of Undergraduate Medical Education at USF. Please follow the link below to for the full story. http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=2721 Congratulations Dr. Bowers!
November Birthdays:  Suzanne Delrahim (Nov 4); Annie Heffernan (Nov 4); Lisa Rodriguez (Nov 4); Mildred Bonet (Nov 7); Judy Pinkstaff (Nov 7); Joann Lang (Nov 12); Robert Haire (Nov 13); Thaddeus Herzog (Nov 16); Lena Mackinnon (Nov 17); Karen Childres (Nov 18); Carolyn Graisbery (Nov 18); Martha Henry (Nov 18); Catherine Kotto-Kome (Nov 18); Carla Graham (Nov 20); Katherine Morales (Nov 20); Sharon Lucia (Nov 21); Jennifer Schauble Lloyd (Nov 23); Rani Gereige (Nov 24); Shannon Terkoski (Nov 26); Ana Warren (Nov 27); Aleida Galvez (Nov 30); Julie Stann (Nov 30)

Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments

Denise Edwards, MD: Was quoted in an article for The Tampa Tribune in October entitled, “Feeding Kids Can Be Daily Struggle.” Harried parents seldom think that hitting the drive-through is going to make a child fat. But it's those choices — made at restaurants and impulse trips to the grocery store — that lead to unhealthy results, said Denise Edwards, director of the Healthy Weight Clinic at USF.
http://www2.tbo.com/content/2008/oct/04/feeding-kids-can-be-daily-struggle/

Luis Maldonado, MD: Was recently interviewed for a segment on Fox 13 news about children and Vitamin D. To watch the media link please visit the site below and click on Vitamin D for kids.
http://health.usf.edu/publicaffairs/news_coverage.html

Kim Hauser, MBA: Was recently featured on a segment for Studio 10 (a local news/community program) focusing on Prematurity Awareness. Please visit the link below for the story; within the story is another link, Prematurity Awareness and Ribs!. Click on it to watch the video segment.


Rajan Wadhawan, MD William Oh, MD Rebecca L Perritt, MS, Scott A McDonald, BS Abhik Das, PhD W Kenneth Poole, PhD; Betty R Vohr, MD and Rosemary D Higgins, MD. Twin gestation and neuro-developmental outcome in extremely low birth weight infants. Pediatrics, 2008. In Press.
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The Division of Infectious Disease was recently recognized for their efforts on behalf of the Ryan White Program. Below is an overview of their award and why they were recognized. Congratulations to the ID team for a job well done!

“Recognition Award for Outstanding Performance
Presented to: University of South Florida, Department of Pediatrics
October 31, 2008
In recognition of your superior daily job performance for the Ryan White Program and our HIV community. This award is specifically for having 100% of the following items in all charts reviewed last year: HIV proof, proof of primary care, consent forms, and all units of service were documented.”
Aubrey Arnold
Ryan White Program Manager

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Dr. Jennifer Takagishi was recently interviewed by Channel 28 for the National Children’s Study and the story aired October 27. Attached is the link. She was also interviewed by WUSF in a subsequent story on the national study.

http://hscvideo2.hsc.usf.edu/asxroot/HSC/Public_Affairs/NationalChildStudy.asx
http://www.wusf.usf.edu/University_Beat/UBeat_Past.cfm

There is more information on the National Children’s Study available at www.nationalchildrensstudy.gov

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Dr. Rani Gereige has had several items of interest posted to the AAP website. Under EDUCATION and Training, our USF Peds Competency documentation for the school health rotation which he created are listed. Click on:
http://www.aap.org/sections/schoolhealth/training.htm and scroll to the bottom of the page. Also on that same page, the “school health in Residency Training Powerpoint” is his presentation from the last AAP meeting.

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USF Pediatrician connects young Rays fans with donated World Series tickets.
For the complete article please follow the link.
http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=2270

Dr. John Curran with Tampa Bay Rays fans Justin Richards, left, and Sean Newkirk, right, patients at the USF Health Cystic Fibrosis Clinic.
Join Brennan Calkins and GREAT STRIDES is the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's largest and most successful national fund-raising event. This year, everyone is walking in the GREAT STRIDES walk at the 2009 Tampa - Lowry Park Zoo walk on 05/16/2009. Please help me meet my fund-raising goal of $150.00 by sponsoring me. Your generous gift will be used efficiently and effectively, as nearly 90 cents of every dollar of revenue raised is available for investment in vital CF programs to support research, care and education.

Making a donation is easy and secure! Just click the "Click to Donate" button on this page to go to make a donation that will be credited to my team. Any amount you can donate is greatly appreciated!

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a devastating genetic disease that affects tens of thousands of children and young adults in the United States. Research and care supported by the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is making a huge difference in extending the quality of life for those with CF. However, we continue to lose precious lives to CF every day. That's why your help is needed now more than ever to ensure that a cure is found sooner - rather than later. To learn more about CF and the CF Foundation, visit www.cff.org.

Together, we can make a difference in the lives of those with CF! Thank you for supporting the mission of the CF Foundation and GREAT STRIDES!

- Join My Team
- Visit CFF website

Medical Students and Residents Updates

A correction to the October Newsletter: It was noted in the October newsletter that Lisa M. Guetzko, MD; (PGY-3); was the recipient of the Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics Resident Section for the project titled, “Outreach for refugee children in Tampa Bay.” I would like to include that Roxanna Efftekhari, MD (Chief Resident) was instrumental in this research project also. Please congratulate Dr. Efftekhari as well—my apologies for the oversight.

Allison Hull, MD: Was recently elected to the Barness/Behnke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). This society is based in excellence in humanism and professionalism in medicine. There will be an induction ceremony as well as a banquet to honor the new inductees. Congratulations!

“Items of Excellence”

By now everyone has probably seen the email publication of “Items of Excellence”. This publication will run every two weeks.

**What:** Items of Excellence (IOE) are summaries of wins and accomplishments that support the vision and strategic goals of the HSC, the College and the department – timely items that we would like everyone to know about. Examples include announcements of recently awarded federal grants, recent recent publication in a major peer-reviewed journal or presentation at a national research conference, top-level appointments and honors, collaborative/team initiatives and accomplishments by departments or colleges, etc. – all leading to national prominence.

**Who Can Submit:** Anyone at the HSC – deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students.

**How:** Please report your IOEs to your department or college under the following five categories. Be concise – just the basic facts needed:

- Creative Educational Models (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Research Really Matters (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)
- Entrepreneurial Academic Practice (successful clinical practice and community outreach programs/projects, collaborations with community partners– e.g. TGH, Moffitt, VA, ACH, outpatient sites).
- Operational/Financial Innovation (streamlining of clinic operations resulting in greater efficiency and profit – scheduling, patient flow, medical records, billing, etc)
- People Excellence – Items that demonstrate the Winning Spirit, Creativity and Accomplishments of the people at HSC

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**Hold the Date!!**

Annual Pediatrics Holiday Reception
December 10th: STC Conf Rm 5051
December 11th: CRI Conf Rm 1st floor
3:00 pm—5:00 pm
More information will be forthcoming.

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**Please hold the date**

2009 GASPARILLA CHILDREN’S PARADE
Saturday January 24th at 3:00 pm
Plan on joining the fun!

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USF Health Funding Finds List
Just a reminder you can view updated weekly funding finds online at the USF Health Office of Research. [http://hsc.usf.edu/research/](http://hsc.usf.edu/research/)

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