

2009 NP Profiles and Photos



Patricia G. Albright

Mrs. Albright is a Family Nurse Practitioner who was certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 1996 following the completion of a Post Master's FNP Certificate Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Nursing in 1996. She has dual employment with the State of Florida and is an Instructor at USF College of Nursing and a Family Nurse Practitioner at the Pinellas County Health Department. She provides care to adults including well women exams, family planning, care for sexually transmitted infections and care for teens to assist with health promotion and disease prevention. Her primary responsibility is in the Teen Clinic 32 – 40 hours per month.



Deborah Condosta

Deborah Condosta is an Adult nurse practitioner certified by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in 1998. She completed her master's degree at University of South Florida in 1997 and has worked in the Endocrinology setting as well as Primary Care setting with a focus in diabetes at Brandon Outreach Clinic 15 hours a week. Deborah is the main provider at the clinic and is responsible for reviewing all labs, treatment plans and refills on all medications. She has been working in the University of South Florida nurse practitioner program as adjunct faculty teaching Health Assessment and serves as a preceptor for the program. Deborah is currently in the DNP program at University of South Florida and is in residency in Internal Medicine.



Nadine Connor

Nadine Connor is a family nurse practitioner who received her board certification from the American Nurses Credentialing Center in 2000. She completed her master of science in nursing from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and she received her bachelor of science in nursing from Columbia University in New York City. She has a dual appointment at USF in the Colleges of Nursing and Medicine where she works as both instructor faculty and as clinical faculty. She teaches advanced health assessment in the graduate nursing program and she performs clinical evaluations of nurse practitioner students. Nadine provides full scope primary care services as a clinical instructor for medical students at two USF affiliated free clinics, Brandon Outreach and Judeo-

Christian clinic. She works as a volunteer primary healthcare provider at Brandon Outreach 20 hours a month. Nadine is also a student in the doctor of nursing practice program at USF.

Sierra Gower MS, CRNA

Sierra Gower is a certified registered nurse anesthetist (CRNA) who was certified by the Council on Certification of Nurse Anesthetist (CCNA) in January 1993. She received a MS degree from SUNY Buffalo, Buffalo, NY in December 1992. She provides clinical anesthesia for the James A. Haley Veteran Hospital approximately 160 hours per month. Her scope of practice includes the delivery of all types of anesthesia including general, regional, and monitored anesthesia care, and on all patient acuity levels. The typical patient seen for surgical services at the James A. Haley VAMC have extensive comorbidities with ASA levels of II-IV. Routine operating room cases performed by Ms. Gower include general surgery, orthopedic, vascular, cardiothoracic, open heart, neurosurgical, plastics, ENT, gynecology and urology. She also performs anesthesia for out of department procedures as radiation therapy, MRI, endoscopy, cardiac catheterization and interventional radiology. She currently is a PhD candidate in the USF College of Nursing and in the process of starting a randomized control trial at the James A. Haley VAMC. The study is expected to start this fall with an expected end date of 2011. The study will investigate the use of three glycemic protocols and their effect on postoperative wound infections in open heart patients.





Dr. Cecilia Jevitt

Dr. Jevitt is a certified nurse-midwife who was first certified by the American College of Nurse-Midwives in 1982 after completing a master's degree in maternal-child and a certificate in midwifery at Emory University. She maintains clinical competency through the ACNM Continuing Competency Program. She has been in full scope nurse-midwifery practice for 26 years in the Tampa Bay area. She has a dual appointment to the USF College of Medicine, Department of

Obstetrics and Gynecology, and had had a practice with the Department since 2000. She sees women one day a week at the USF Health Clinics North and attends births at Tampa General Hospital 1-2 days per month. She also provides community service four times a year at migrant health fairs organized by Catholic Mobile Medical Missions. She preceptors nurse practitioner students at all these sites.

Dr. Versie Johnson-Mallard

Dr. Johnson-Mallard is a 1996 MSN graduate of the University of Florida Women's Health Nurse Practitioner program and NCC board certified. Her research is clinically grounded in culturally appropriate STI/HPV prevention educational and skill building interventions resulting in positive and sustainable behavior change. In addition,



she provides consultation to partners who share interest in the development of STI/HPV educational material, clinical guidelines and policy.



Dr. Susan Kennel

Dr. Kennel is a pediatric nurse practitioner who was certified by the Pediatric Nursing Certification Board in 1991. She completed a master's degree in primary care-young family tract at the University of Pennsylvania in 1991. She was formerly employed as a pediatric nurse practitioner in the cerebral palsy clinic at the Kluge Children's Rehabilitation Center (Charlottesville, VA). She presently has an appointment at the Rothman Center for Neuropsychiatry at the University of South Florida/All Children's Hospital. One day a week she provides comprehensive evaluations of children with neuropsychiatric disorders and performs neurocognitive testing. In this role she is also member of the research team at the Rothman Center.

Dr. Dennis Lee

Dr. Lee received the M.D. degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine in 1993. He completed his Anesthesiology residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Medical Center in 1997, and the Interventional Pain Management Fellowship at the University of California Irvine Medical Center in 1998. He is board certified by both American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA) and American Board of Pain Medicine (ABPM). He grew up in Northern California where he received his early education and attended the University of California Berkeley when he decided to be a physician. In addition to teaching pathophysiology and pharmacology graduate courses at the University of South Florida he has a part time private practice in Brandon where he treats his patients 2 days a week. He practiced OR anesthesiology from 1998 to 2005. Starting 2006, he began to focus on the pain medicine and rehabilitation from traumatic injury. Outside of the outpatient anesthesia practice, his main scope of current practice includes diagnostic and therapeutic peripheral nerve blockade, epidural injections, joint/bursa injections, fluoroscopic treatment of cervical, thoracic and lumbar degenerative disc disease and facet disease, facial pain/trigeminal neuralgia, headache, and complex regional pain syndrome.



Gregory Morris, MS. CRNA



Greg received his BSN in 1982 from the University of Texas at El Paso, TX. He completed his Master of Science degree in 1997 from St Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA., and completed his nurse anesthesia training through Nazareth Hospital's nurse anesthesia program in Philadelphia, PA. He successfully completed the national certification exam in 1998 and has been a full time Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) since that time. He has been employed full time by the Veteran's Administration Healthcare System since 1983. He has been practicing nurse anesthesia for the V.A. full time since 1997. As an employee of the University of South Florida, he has been the assistant director of the USF nurse anesthesia concentration since its inception in 2006. He is primarily responsible for the clinical education of the CRNA students and development of clinical sites as well as assisting with didactic education as needed. As an advanced practice registered nurse APRN/CRNA, he administers general, regional and monitored anesthesia care to a full array of adult patients within the VA system. Daily activities include, placement of arterial lines, central and peripheral venous lines, intubation and other airway management modalities, induction and emergence of anesthesia, prescription and administration of anesthesia related medications, and continuous assessment of the surgical patient to include preoperative assessment, perioperative assessment and post emergence assessment. During much of his last ten years, his predominate interest specialty has been neuroanesthesia. During ongoing patient assessment, he is responsible for application, interpretation and documentation of an array of monitoring modalities and making ongoing adjustments to anesthesia care based the interpretation of monitoring data. He is currently a full time student in the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) at USF.

James Steele

James Steele has been certified as an adult nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 1999. He completed a post master's certificate program for adult nurse practitioners at the University of Missouri-St. Louis in 1998. Since that time he has maintained a clinical practice as an adult nurse practitioner in internal medicine in a variety of settings including university medical centers, federally funded community health centers, and several free clinics. In August 2009, he worked with the USF College of Nursing to launch the SweetBay retail based health clinic. He has practiced there since, as well as serving as the on-site clinical project manager.





Dr. Linda Steele

Dr. Linda Steele has been certified as an adult nurse practitioner by the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 1978. She completed a Post Master's Certificate program for adult nurse practitioners as a Kellogg Fellow at the State University of New York in Buffalo in 1976. Since that time she has maintained a clinical practice as an ANP in internal medicine and women's health in a variety of settings including public health centers, Planned Parenthood, VA Medical Centers and in several free clinics. She plans on beginning her clinical practice at USF in the near future.

Dr. Cindy Tofthagen

Dr. Tofthagen is an oncology nurse practitioner who completed a master's degree in nursing with a concentration in oncology at the University of South Florida and was certified by the Oncology Nurse Certification Corporation in 2006. She works as an oncology nurse practitioner in private practice 32 hours a month.



Dr. Frances Sahebzamani Rankin



Dr. Sahebzamani is an adult nurse practitioner certified in gerontology by the American Nurses Credentialing Center since 1996 and adult nursing from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She completed her master's of science in nursing at the University of South Florida in 1995. Her practice career extends from 1995 to the present in the USF College of Medicine and the Public Sector Medicine Program, Division of Family Medicine where she currently holds a

joint appointment. Her practice specialty is primary care, preventive cardiology and metabolic disorders. Collaborating with Dr. H. James Brownlee, MD, Chairman, Division of Family Medicine, she co-developed and co-directed the USF Prediabetes Clinic from 2002-2006, the first prediabetes clinic in the Southeast United States. She serves on the Board of Directors for the Brandon Outreach Clinic, a free clinic for the uninsured, and has volunteered once a month at the clinic since 1995. She is a member of the USF College of Medicine Clinical Teaching Academy of Excellence and has been a preceptor of health professional students including nurse practitioner, first through fourth year medical students, Pharmacy Doctorate residents, physician assistant students, and graduate public health students since 1995.