Newsletter

Meetings

Thursday 03/27/14
Resident Lectures
8:00 a.m. CHILD – DJJ Tour
9:00 a.m. CHILD – DJJ Tour
10:00 a.m. CHILD – DJJ Tour

PGY-1, PGY-2, PGY-3, PGY-4 Residents:
Please see weekly didactic notice email from the Education Office for scheduled topics and presenters

12:00 noon GRAND ROUNDS
“Evidence Based Treatment of Trichotillomania”
Omar Rahm, Ph.D., Assistant Professor
Rothman Center for Neuropsychiatry
Department of Pediatrics
University of South Florida

Friday 03/28/14
Third Year Medical Student Lectures
8:00 a.m. “Neurology and Other Medical Specialties”
Dr. Rossitza Chichkova
9:00 a.m. Neurology Grand Rounds
10:00 a.m. “Pediatric Neurology” Dr. Maria Gieron

In The Know!

Happy Birthday wishes to Kris McGill/March 28th and Dr. Teresa Baker/March 28th.

The Department of Psychiatry and Neurosciences is delighted to have the following physicians join us on July 1, 2014:

- Adam Gerson received his BSE in Bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania and his MS and PhD in Biomedical Engineering from Columbia University. He will receive his medicine degree from the University of South Florida.
• Grace Lee received her Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Psychology from the University of Virginia and her MS in Physiology from Virginia Commonwealth University. She will receive her Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from Nova Southeastern University.

• Matthew Morrison received his Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology and will receive his medical degree both from the University of South Florida.

• Ankita Patel received her Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Biology from the University of Florida. She will receive her medical degree from Florida State University.

• Eric Quintero received his Bachelor of Arts in Economics/Biology from the New College of Florida in Sarasota. He will receive his medical degree from the University of South Florida.

• Autumn Schultz received her Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and will receive her medical degree both from Wayne State University.

• Haider Shahid received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology and will receive his medical degree both from West Virginia University.

• Philip Wasef received his Bachelor of Science in Science from the University of South Florida. He will receive his medical degree from Florida International University.

New Fellows:

Addiction Psychiatry
• Hussain Khrad, M.D. – Tufts Medical Center, Boston, MA, Psychiatry Resident

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
• Sharron Jones-Daggett, M.D. – University of Virginia, Psychiatry Resident
• Shana Kirby, M.D. – Wayne State University, Psychiatry Resident
• Endra Sookoor, D.O. – USF Psychiatry Resident

Upcoming Grand Rounds
• May 1, 2014, Gabriel de Erausquin, M.D., Ph.D., MSc
• May 22, 2014, Theresa Chisolm, Ph.D.

Grand Rounds are held from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. in rooms 1013 A and B at The Morsani Center.

For information regarding the USF Memory Disorders Clinic, please click on the following link: http://health.usf.edu/medicine/psychiatry/p_memory_disorders_clinic.htm
Research Happenings!

For information regarding current clinical trials, please go to the following website: http://health.usf.edu/medicine/psychiatry/index.htm

Current Open Studies – Call Kathy at 813-974-7006 or Colleen at 813-974-9104 for more information on any study or to refer a patient.

Still Enrolling – Bipolar
A 9-month outpatient study of Ramelteon sub-lingual as an adjunctive treatment to prevent relapse of manic/mixed/depressive symptoms in patients 18-75 years who have experienced a manic/mixed/depressed episode within the last 9 months. Patients will continue on current mood stabilizers, antidepressants, or antipsychotic medications throughout the trial. PI – Carlos Santana, MD

Still Enrolling – Bipolar I Disorder with Depressive Symptoms
An 8-week outpatient study assessing Ramelteon sub-lingual as an adjunctive treatment for patients 18-75 years who are currently experiencing depressive symptoms associated with Bipolar I Disorder. PI – Carlos Santana, MD

Now Enrolling! bvFTD
A 12-Month Safety and Efficacy Trial of study drug in Subjects with Behavioral Variant Frontotemporal Dementia (bvFTD). Patients must be under 80 years of age and in general good health. A person with whom patient has regular contact must accompany them to study visits. MRIs, study visits including physical and neuro exams and safety and efficacy testing are provided at no cost. Subjects on stable dose of AChEI, memantine, or both may be enrolled. Subjects are randomly assigned either study drug or placebo at a 1:1 ratio. Principal Investigator – Jean Fils, MD – call Kathy at 974-7006 to make a referral.

Enrolling soon – Mild Alzheimer’s disease
This is a double-blind, placebo-controlled study to test the safety and effectiveness of an anti-amyloid antibody administered subcutaneously as a disease-modifying treatment in patients age 50 - 90 with mild AD. Stable dose of approved medications for AD will be permitted at study entry. Patients will undergo brain MRI exams for monitoring safety and response to study treatment. They will also undergo safety and cognitive testing. Patients must have a person with whom they are regular contact, who can accompany them to study visits. Principal Investigator – Jean Fils, MD – call Kathy at 974-7006 to make a referral.

Child and Adolescent with Autistic Disorder Clinical Trial
A 6-week outpatient study of Lurasidone to evaluate efficacy and safety in patients 6-17 years old that are diagnosed with Autistic disorder with irritability. Trial is a double-blind study with a 1:1:1 ratio. Subjects that complete the study will be eligible to participate in a separate 104-week open-label extension study. PI: Dr. Daniel Fallon. Please contact Colleen at ext: 4-9104 (or 813-974-9104) for more information.

http://health.usf.edu/medicine/psychiatry/research/index.htm
**Now Enrolling – PCIT with Preschool Children with ADHD**
An eight-month multiple baseline study to evaluate the effects of Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) on ADHD symptoms and behavior problems of male preschool-aged children. Male child patients must have a diagnosis of ADHD, be 3-5 years of age, and must not take medication or receive other forms of psychotherapy. Mothers will also be recruited to complete the therapy with their children and must be at least 18 years of age. PI – Kendall Jeffries DeLoatche, M.A.

**Antibiotic Treatment Trial for the PANDAS/PANS Phenotype**
The purpose of this research study is to know if the antibiotic azithromycin improves symptom severity in children with sudden and severe onset obsessive compulsive symptoms known as PANS, Pediatric Acute Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome, and PANDAS, Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcus. This study seeks to compare the effects of placebo vs. azithromycin on symptom severity as well as to assess immune risk factors in children with PANDAS/PANS. Your child is being asked to take part in this research study because he/she may meet criteria for PANS/PANDAS and has a current episode of Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder (OCD) symptoms of less than or equal to 6 months that has been associated with an infection. Children ages 4-14 years old who are not currently taking prophylactic antibiotics or undergoing cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) are eligible to participate. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information.
Principal Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD

**Child and Adolescent Tourette’s Disorder Guanfacine Clinical Trial**
The purpose of this research study is to learn more about the new extended release formula of the drug, guanfacine. This new formula is called *Intuniv*. This study will help us understand how safe and how well this new extended release formula of guanfacine works for children with chronic tics. Your child is being asked to take part in this research study because he/she has been diagnosed with Chronic Motor or Vocal Tic Disorder or Tourette’s Disorder. Main symptoms are motor tics such as uncontrolled movements and/or vocal tics such as repeated noises. These tics occur many times a day, nearly every day lasting for at least 1 year. Children ages 6-17 years old are eligible to participate. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information.
Principal Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD

**Investigational Medication (AZD5213) for Adolescents with Tourette’s Disorder**
The purpose of this research study is to assess the safety, tolerability, and effectiveness of an investigational medication (AZD5213) in adolescents with Tourette’s disorder (TD). AZD5213 is a novel histamine H3 receptor inverse agonist that shows promise for the potential treatment of a variety of indications, including TD. This is a multicenter, randomized, two-part study of AZD5213 in adolescents (ages 12-17 years) with TD. In Part 1 of the study, following an up to 21-day screening period, eligible subjects will receive a single small dose of AZD5213 in-clinic. In Part 2 of the study, each treatment (AZD5213 or placebo) will be administered in two 3-week periods (six treatment periods, total). Each treatment will be received in one of Periods 1-3, and again in one of Periods 4-6. Visits will occur weekly during Part 2 of the study. Some visits will be in-clinic; while other visits will be performed by telephone. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information. Principal Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD.
Investigational Medication (Bitopertin) for Adults with OCD
The purpose of this research study is to evaluate an investigational medication (bitopertin) for adults with OCD, and determine if patients treated with bitopertin and a selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) may experience fewer symptoms compared with those treated with SSRI only, a currently recommended treatment for OCD. To pre-qualify for this study, patients must be between the ages of 18 and 65 years, currently taking medication for OCD, and continue to have symptoms of OCD while on medication. Additional eligibility requirements will be discussed with all potential participants prior to enrollment. Reimbursement for travel may also be provided. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information. Principal Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD.

Pediatric OCD D-Cycloserine and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) Research Study
The purpose of this research study is to examine if d-cycloserine enhances cognitive behavioral therapy for pediatric OCD. Participants will be involved in fifteen clinical visits spanning a nine-month period. Each participant will receive ten sessions of cognitive behavioral therapy and seven doses of the study medication or placebo one hour prior to session. Children ages 7-17 years old are eligible to participate. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information. Principal Investigator: Eric Storch PhD

Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for Anxiety Disorders in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder Research Study
The purpose of this research study is to examine the efficacy of a manualized cognitive-behavioral therapy to treat anxiety disorders in children with autism spectrum disorders. Therapy sessions last approximately one hour a week for sixteen weeks. In addition, participants will be involved in a number of anxiety and developmental assessments free of charge. Children ages 7-16 years old are eligible to participate. Please call (727) 767-8230 for more information. Principal Investigator: Eric Storch, PhD.

Stepped Care Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Pediatric Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
The purpose of this research study is to assess the efficacy of a form of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), called Stepped Care CBT, that requires fewer therapy visits and utilizes family members as active components in treatment. Children and families who are interested must complete an initial assessment to determine eligibility. Eligible participants must be between 8 and 17 years of age and have a primary diagnosis of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder. Once eligibility is determined, participants will be randomly assigned to receive Stepped Care CBT or standard CBT. Those receiving Stepped Care CBT begin treatment in “Step One” which includes 3 sessions with a therapist over the course of 6 weeks while being coached through a take-home workbook. If after 6 weeks it is determined by the research team that insufficient progress has been made, participants progress to “Step Two” which includes 9 additional therapy sessions over 9 weeks. Those receiving standard CBT
Habit Reversal Training for Children and Adolescents with Trichotillomania: A Controlled Trial

The purpose of this research study is to further investigate how well Habit Reversal Training (HRT) works to reduce hair-pulling symptoms in children and adolescents with Trichotillomania. Trichotillomania (TTM) is a condition that involves strong urges to pull out one's own hair. Children and families who are interested must complete an initial assessment to determine eligibility. Eligible participants must be between years of age 7 and 17 and be diagnosed with TTM. All children will have the option to receive 8 weekly HRT sessions that are up to 60-minutes each. Half of all children will be chosen at random to receive these sessions immediately and the remaining half will receive the sessions after eight weeks. These sessions will focus on developing skills for managing TTM and decrease hair pulling. For more information please call (727) 767-8230 and ask for Amanda Collier.

Principal Investigator: Adam Lewin, Ph.D., ABPP & Omar Rahman, Ph.D.