

## 47<sup>th</sup> WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

### USF INTERNAL MEDICINE & PEDIATRIC DIVISIONS OF ALLERGY AND IMMUNOLOGY

We now move on to our Clinical Research Unit (CRU) staff. This newsletter introduces you to Ms. Patricia Michelle Twitmyer, BS, CMA, CCRC, Clinical Research Coordinator, Clinical Research Unit (CRU), Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine, University of South Florida Morsani College of Medicine.



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2017 AAAAI Foundation Benefit  
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Atlanta History Center  
Atlanta, GA

**CRU staff at the 2017 AAAAI Annual Meeting**  
**L to R: Michelle Twitmyer, BS, CCRC; Tom Casale, MD;**  
**Catherine Renee Smith, CMA, CCRC; Farnaz Tabatabaian, MD**



**Dr. Dennis Ledford and Michelle** after the  
**AAAAI 5K.**



**The CRU staff, early 1990s**  
**Back Row, L to R: Tracy, Linda, Michelle Twitmyer,**  
**Carmen Allotta**  
**Front Row, L to R: Yvette Adams Meunier, Alisa**  
**Diecidue Osterberg**



**Twitmyer Family, 2018**  
**L to R: Tom (Michelle's husband), Michelle, Alex (oldest son), Casey (Alex's wife) holding Sadie, Max (youngest son), and Jessica (daughter)**



**Michelle's grandkids, Jay and Sadie dressed as Snow White and a dwarf**



**Fun times!**  
**Michelle skiing with her younger two kids, Max and Jess, 2018**



**Rialto Bridge, Venice, October 2019**  
**Michelle travelling in Italy with her sisters and their daughters**  
**L to R: Sue and her daughter, Sierra; Chris and her daughters, Sam & Diana; Michelle's daughter, Jessica, & Michelle**



**Michelle snorkeling in the Keys with her kids, Jess & Max, with spiny urchin, 2013**

***From Patricia Michelle Twitmyer, BS, CCRC:***

I was born in Houston Texas, the 5th of 6 children. Over the course of my childhood, we moved coast to coast and in-between with lots of summer traveling through Canada and Mexico. By age 14, we were living in Sarasota, Florida where I finished high school at Riverview (Go Rams!). To pay for a university education, I took a medical assisting course and by age 19, I was office manager for a sports medicine office in Sarasota while attending night school at MCC, which I did for four years before transferring to USF in August 1989. I began work with Dr's Lockey, Fox & Ledford the same summer I started at USF and worked while finishing my bachelor's degree in Chemistry – December 1994. While working at the private office, I began to get involved in clinical research and loved it. By 1993, I began working for the Clinical Research Unit under Rita Johnson. After starting a family, my husband Tom's job took us out of state in 1998. We took that opportunity for me to stay home with my children which I did for 18 years before returning to the CRU in March 2016. These past five years at the CRU have been focused almost completely on food allergy studies which means I get to spend most of my work time with my favorite humans – children.

I've loved every minute of raising my three children. Even though many of you have heard me say how much I enjoy the work I do at the CRU, being a mom has still been my favorite "job".

My oldest son, Alex is 28, married with two beautiful children and just finished his MBA from USF with the goal of taking his CPA exams next year.

My daughter Jessica is 21 and a senior at USF majoring in psychology.

My youngest, Max, is 19 and is a freshman at USF, and he and Jess share an apartment, so my nest is empty as of this year.

We have a 5-acre navel orange grove in Dade City at an elevation of 220 feet (woohoo!) and beautiful sunsets each evening with a perfect view of the space shuttles when they launch. I enjoy nature, hiking, rollerblading, scuba diving, kayaking, exploring, and travel. Any day spent outdoors, is a good day!

Michelle is a hard worker and an integral part of the Clinical Research Unit. Her efforts and cheerful demeanor with the patients are greatly appreciated. She is a valued colleague and staff member and it is a pleasure to work with her.

With warm regards,

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