This newsletter features the Eastern Allergy Conference (EAC) which took place June 3-6, 2021, Palm Beach, FL.

Back row left to right: chief fellow, Nicholas Kolinsky, DO; Dennis Ledford, MD, Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics; 2nd year fellow, Stephanie Hudey, MD. Front row left to right: 1st year fellow, Donya Imanirad, MD; 2nd year fellow, Maria Chitty Lopez, MD; 1st year fellow, Mary Ann Miranda, MD; 1st year fellow, Natalie Diaz-Cabrera, MD.

“Make an ‘L’ for Lockey and Ledford!” This picture includes past USF fellow, John Ramey, MD, and his wife, Mrs. Ramey.

“Selfie time!”

Donya S Imanirad, MD 1st year fellow (Internal Medicine)

Natalie Diaz-Cabrera, MD 1st year fellow (Internal Medicine)

Maria Chitty Lopez, MD 2nd year fellow (Pediatrics)

Mary Ann Miranda, MD 1st year fellow (Pediatrics)
From Nicholas Kolinsky, DO, Chief Fellow, Division of Allergy and Immunology, Department of Internal Medicine:

This was the first in-person national meeting since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and was certainly a memorable one. Our very own Dennis Ledford, MD, spoke on key topics such as "Clinical implications of asthma endotypes and phenotypes" and "Immunology: Risk factors and treatment of COVID-19". The EAC is the perfect opportunity for both fellows-in-training and practicing allergists/immunologists to hear the most current guidelines and recommendations in the field of allergy and immunology. All six University of South Florida fellows were awarded a travel grant for their excellent poster presentations.

Poster presenters and titles:
Nicholas Kolinsky, DO - Chlorhexidine: An Important Cause of Perioperative Anaphylaxis
Stephanie Hudey, MD - The Stubborn Rash
Maria Chitty Lopez, MD - The Other Side of the Coin: Immunodyregulation in Primary Immunodeficiency
Natalie Diaz-Cabrera, MD - Noninvasive Yet Destructive Allergic Fungal Rhinosinusitis in an Immunocompetent Patient
Donya Imanirad, MD - Anaphylactic Reaction to Camomile Tea

With warm regards,

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