

Microbiology Rounds Big Screen at Moffitt Cancer Center

Monthly interdisciplinary microbiology plate rounds are co-directed by Dr. Aliyah Baluch (Division of Infectious Diseases) and Dr. Ramon Sandin (Department of Pathology). Both the Moffitt and James A. Haley VA Hospital ID groups, Pathology and Internal Medicine at Moffitt have been participating in Joint Microbiology rounds. Cases are presented from a clinical perspective and then segue into the microbiology / pathology correlation. Discussing cutting edge technology is a large part of microbiology rounds especially in the presence of new multiplex PCRs changing the face of the field. With the addition of a large screen monitor to complement the microbiology rounds, the group continues to teach a variety of scenarios from bread and butter infections to rare molds and viral infections.



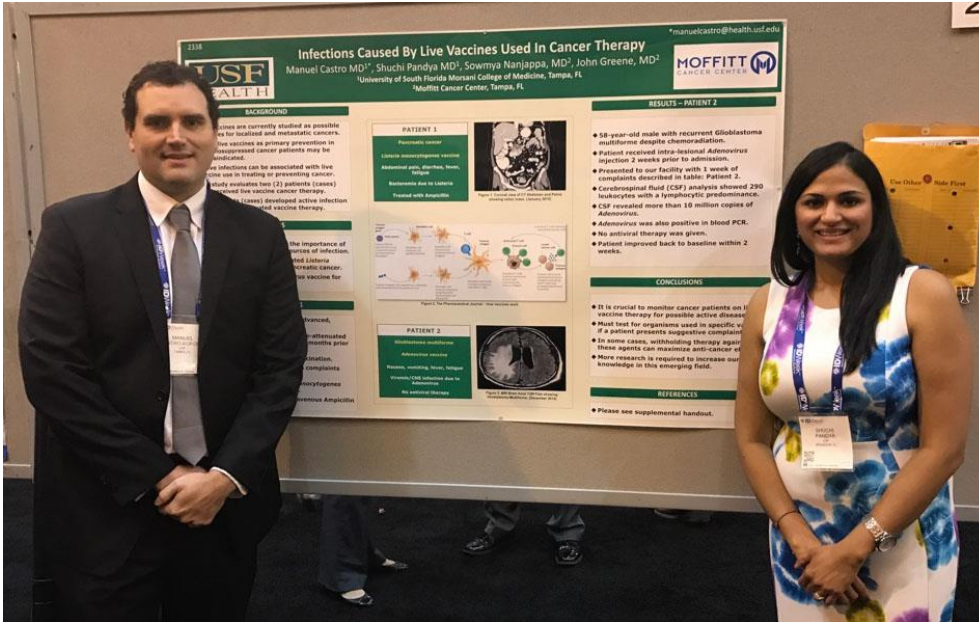
Our long awaited Android and OIS updates for smartphone/tablet apps have been released! They feature updated, modern interface, a favorite option - playlist integration, force touch (IOS), and even Apple Watch compatibility. Our YouTube page now has 550,000 lifetime views and more than 3000 subscribers, and we just recently posted our 200th podcast!

Dr. Ana Velez and Dr. Richard Oehler are working on a new international podcast channel on YouTube with foreign language podcasts in Spanish and Hindi. They are working with the Universidad CES in Medellin, Colombia on translating Spanish language podcasts. Also, USF Infectious Disease Fellow Shuchi Pandya is working on translating her podcast on SST Infections into Hindi.

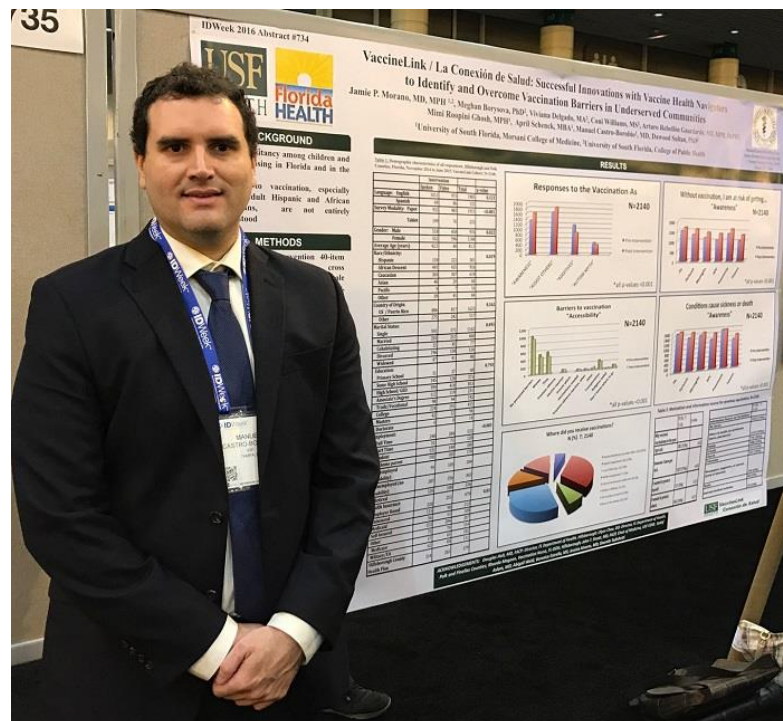
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USF ID Faculty and Fellows Represent the Division at National Conference

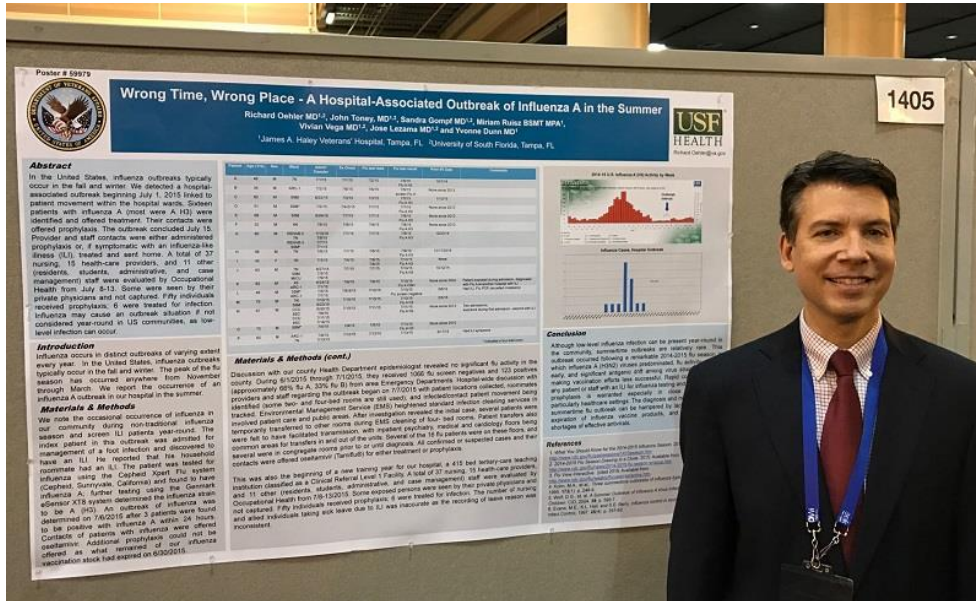
In October, USF ID faculty and fellows attended the annual IDWeek held by the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA). The event was held October 26-30 in New Orleans and featured conferences, ID topic updates and research presentations. Several of our faculty and fellows were invited to present their abstract posters.



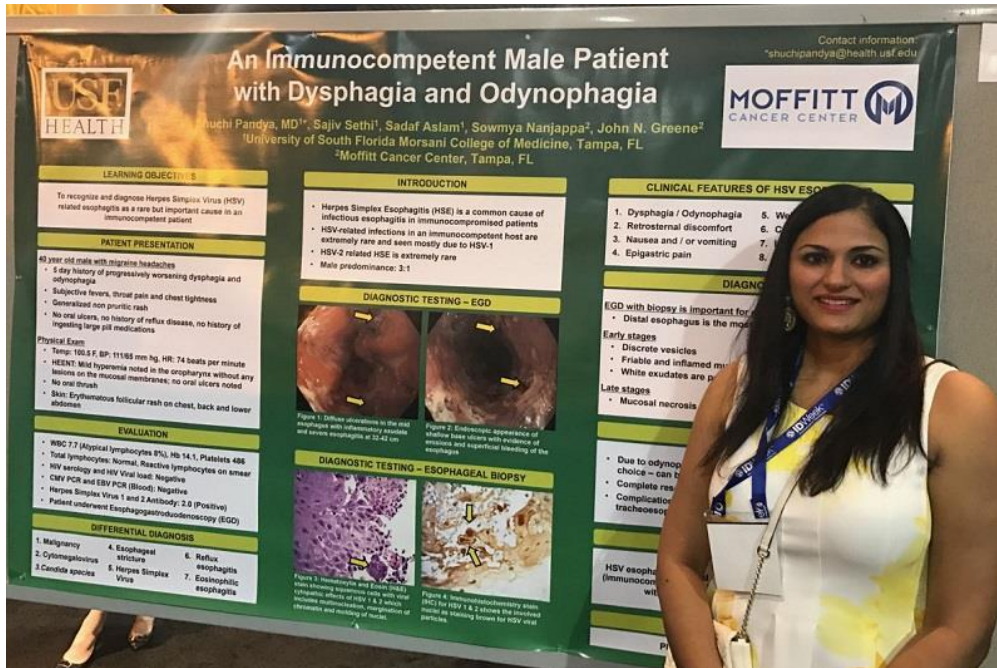
"Infections Caused by Live Vaccines" by Manuel Castro, MD (ID Fellow - pictured), Shuchi Pandya, MD (ID Fellow - pictured), and John Greene, MD (ID Faculty)



"VaccineLink/La Conexión de Salud: Successful Innovations with Vaccine Health Navigation to Identify and Overcome Vaccination Barriers in Underserved Communities" by Jamie Morano, MD (ID Faculty), and Manuel Castro, MD (ID Fellow - pictured)



"Wrong Time, Wrong Place – A Hospital-Associated Outbreak of Influenza A in the Summer" by Richard Oehler, MD (ID Faculty - pictured), John Toney, MD (ID Faculty), Sandra Gompf, MD (ID Faculty) and Vivian Vega, MD (ID Faculty)



"An Immunocompetent Male Patient with Dysphagia and Odynophagia" by Shuchi Pandya, MD (ID Fellow - pictured), Sadaf Aslam, MD (ID Faculty), and John Greene, MD (ID Faculty)



(Pictured (L-R): Manuel Castro, MD (Fellow), Beata Casanas, DO (ID Fellowship Program Director), Aliyah Baluch, MD (Faculty), Richard Oehler, MD (Faculty), Shuchi Pandya (Fellow), Jeniffer Torres-Velazco, MD (Past Fellow)

SEPTEMBER 2016 News



In 2009, ID faculty member Dr. Sandra Gompf and her husband, pediatric hospitalist Dr. Timothy Gompf lost their son, Philip, to Primary Amoebic Meningo-encephalitis (PAM) after he swam in untreated recreational freshwater in Polk County. Since their loss, the Gompfs and other parents bereaved by PAM conferenced several times with CDC officials of the Waterborne Disease Prevention Branch about raising awareness. The Gompfs created the awareness website Amoeba-Season.com and an awareness video featuring the Gompf's story and prevention tips followed. The campaign is supported by the USF Foundation at Philip T Gompf Memorial Fund for ID Research and Education.

This September the USF ID Summer is Amoeba Season project joined the Jordan Smelski Amoeba Awareness Foundation at the American Academy of Pediatrics 2016 conference. Held in San Francisco, over 10,000 pediatricians and health professionals attend every year. Sharing a booth in the Exhibit Hall, the Gompfs and Steve Smelski shared their personal experiences with over 1,000 pediatricians, pediatric nurses, and other professionals who stopped to learn about PAM, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment.

AUGUST 2016 News

Congratulations to [Beata Casanas, DO](#) who was recognized this year as a distinguished physician by being elected to Fellowship in the Infectious Disease Society of America (IDSA). The Fellowship in IDSA honors those who have achieved professional excellence and provided significant service to their profession.

Congratulations to [Charurut Somboonit, MD](#) who was promoted to Professor and [Dr. Sally Alrabaa, MD](#) who was promoted to Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Disease and International Medicine.

[Dr. Ana Velez](#) recently returned from Medellin, Columbia where she met with the Dean and President of CES University, and the Chief of Staff at Hospital Santa Clara/Clinica Noel, and administrators at the Tropical Instituto of Medicine in Medellin and Apartado, where they discussed the development of the following programs; 1) a clinical elective and microbiology rotation for USF medical students, residents and ID fellows, 2) an international tropical medicine course for healthcare workers, and 3) a collaboration between the Hospital Santa Clara/Clinica Noel and Shriner's Hospital to help children in need of complex surgeries.

In addition, Dr. Velez presented two lectures; "Neutropenic Fever" for the 3rd and 4th year medical students, interns, residents and attendings at the Hospital General and the Clinica CES-Prado, and "Antimicrobials Basic Concepts" for 2nd year medical students at CES University

Below is a link to a (Spanish language) testimonial Dr. Velez did for the CES University's "de Regreso a Casa".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rP39GRwiZol&feature=youtu.be>



Welcome Seetha Lakshmi, MD who joined the Faculty of the Division of Infectious Disease & International Medicine in August 2016. Dr. Lakshmi completed her Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery at Mysore Medical College in India. She received her MD from the Cleveland Clinic in Weston, FL and recently completed her Infectious Disease Fellowship at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

[John Greene, MD](#) received the Outstanding Resident Teaching Award at Moffitt presented at the USF Health Morsani College of Medicine Internal Medicine Residency Program Graduation Ceremony on June 2, 2016. This award reflects his fortitude of involving both residents and students in all things - he exemplifies the characteristics of the Teacher Clinician. Dr. Greene also celebrates 25 years with the Division of Infectious Disease and International Medicine.

Congratulations to the ID Fellowship Graduates 2016!



Dr. Beata Casanas, Connie Nadler and Dr. Minh Ho.

At the awards ceremony following graduation, ID Fellow, Minh Ho, DO, received the first ever annual Jeffrey Nadler Award for Excellence in Research. This award was created this year in honor of Dr. Jeffrey Nadler who was a USF ID Faculty member for 19 years. He oversaw clinical trials that helped lead to the development of more than 20 antiviral drugs now routinely used to treat patients with HIV and was a lead investigator for one of the earliest human studies of an HIV vaccine. Dr. Nadler passed away in 2010. Dr. Nadler's wife, Connie Nadler was there to present the award to Dr. Ho.



Dr. Kelly Kynaston receiving award from ID Faculty, Dr. Sandra Gompf.

Also at the ceremony ID Fellow, Dr. Kelly Kynaston was presented the annual Outstanding Infectious Disease Fellow Award from the Moffitt Cancer Center ID faculty.