



# PEDS NEWS

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## New Florida budget funding for severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID)



*SCID screening celebration of Florida legislation at the Glazier children's museum. The baseballs they are holding are signed by kids who have received bone marrow transplants.*

Thanks to the hard work by child health advocates, including key USF faculty and staff, funding for newborn screening for severe combined immunodeficiency disease (SCID) is included in the 2012 Florida State budget. In response to Governor Rick Scott's veto of the funding last year, advocates increased their efforts to ensure the funding was approved this year. The funding will cover testing of

all newborns for SCID, also known as "the bubble boy disease". Newborn screening will enable physicians to diagnose the disease early, when treatment is most effective. Our thanks go out to everyone who helped to ensure passage of this critical legislation. Florida is the 11th state to require newborn screening for SCID.

## USF Medical Home Transformation

A team of USF physicians, residents, and staff is working to obtain National Committee of Quality Assurance's (NCQA) Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) certification by October 2012. The current Quality Improvement Team includes Carol Lilly, MD, Masmina Sirleaf, Angel Lane, and Cristina Pelaez-Velez, MD, as team lead as well as residents Melanie Youschak, MD and Mary Baker, MD.

In September 2011, the team had its first training session in Orlando after being selected as one of 20 participating practices across the state to implement the Medical Home. They developed and presented a storyboard with USF's vision and goals, focusing on enhanced access of care, providing family-centered care, and coordinating care across multiple settings.

The program started after President Obama signed the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) in 2009, providing states funding and programmatic options for covering children through Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). In 2010, Florida was awarded the CHIPRA grant to implement the Medical Home. Florida created the "Florida Medical Home demonstration project." NCQA certification would improve the quality of pediatric care, increase reimbursement rates, and help to ensure that USF continues to serve as a role model for other institutions.

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# Peds News | *A Message from the Chair*

Politics — who needs it?

It seems like we cannot get away from political discourse right now – politicians are invading our TV, newspapers and even Pandora ads. In 2 weeks our area will be disrupted by the Republican National Convention. As much as we would like to tune out the noise, I want to convince you that we need to get involved and pay attention to politics.



The passing of legislation to add screening for severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID) to the State of Florida's newborn screen is just one example of why we should care about politics. Screening for TRECs (T-cell receptor circles) will be added to the newborn dried blood spot testing and will enable doctors to identify and treat newborns with SCID early. As a result, fewer infants will die of overwhelming sepsis or pneumocystis jiroveci pneumonia before they can be identified and receive a lifesaving transplantation. Thanks to our Immunology Chief, John Sleasman, and his team for helping to lobby the legislature to get this test added to the panel. Many were involved with the initiative including doctors, friends and parent champions who recounted the loss of their children to SCID. One of our residents, Catherine Kubiak, demonstrated the cost effectiveness of screening and presented her findings at a national immunology conference. So often we get frustrated with medicine and all that is beyond our control, but the passage of this legislation is an example of people taking the lead and getting politicians to do the right thing.

As we prepare for a national election and a new legislative session, let's not forget the power of our patients, their stories and our passion for keeping them healthy. We have enormous challenges ahead. Florida has over 2 million children in Kidcare - 85% of whom are on Medicaid - and 1 in 8 children in Florida remains uninsured. Children's Medical Services, a major safety net for children with chronic health issues, came close to being abolished last year. Initiatives such as Medicaid reform, the Affordable Care Act, and changes to our safety net programs and Department of Health all impact our patients and our ability to deliver care to them. We need to acknowledge the importance of organized medicine, especially the FAACP, in assuring that the children of Florida remain a priority in the discussion, and we need to stay informed.

Whatever your political affiliation, let us all keep the same message:  
*Children are our future and they need our voices.*

*Patricia J. Emmanuel, M.D.*  
Chair  
Department of Pediatrics

## Our Growing Family

### Kendall Kerns'



**Aria Robin Brown**  
Feb. 1, 2012

### Dr. Jennifer Kim's



**Natalie Kim**  
July 8, 2012

## New Staff

- ◆ Shawntrell Wilson  
Medical Assistant  
ACH
- ◆ Christina Barrera, ARNP  
Neonatology
- ◆ Mindy Kimpland, ARNP  
Hematology/Oncology

## Recent Publications

- Cunningham, A., Bausell, H., Brown, M., Chapman, M., DeFouw, K., Ernst, S., McClure, J., McCune, H., **O'Steen, D.**, Pender, A., Skrabal, J., Wessel, A., Jurecki, E., Shediach, R., Prasad, S., Gillis, J., Cederbaum, S. Recommendations for the use of sapropterin in phenylketonuria. *Molecular Genetics and Metabolism*, 106(3):269-76, 2012.
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- **Couluris, M**, Kinder, B, **Xu, P**, **Gross-King, M**, **Krischer, J**, Panos, R. Treatment of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis with losartan. *Lung*, July 19, 2012. Epub ahead of print.

## Kudos To

**Cristina Pelaez-Velez MD. FAAP**, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, for recognition by the AAP for Outstanding Leadership and Commitment while serving as Florida Chapter 2010-2012 Region 5 representative. Pelaez was re-elected for this position for another two years. Congrats!

**Kenneth Kavanagh, ARNP-C, MSN, MPH**, adult and mental health nurse practitioner in the Division of Infectious Disease and at the newly opened Ybor Youth Clinic, a clinic sponsored by USF Health and the Lazy Days Employees Foundation. Kenneth was invited to speak at the Hillsborough County Homeless Youth Forum in July, where he discussed healthcare needs, disparities, and barriers to care faced by homeless and vulnerable youth in the Tampa Bay area. USF Pediatrics, through the Ybor Youth Clinic, is participating in a new movement in Hillsborough County to address the unmet health care and social service needs of homeless youth.

## National AIDS Conference

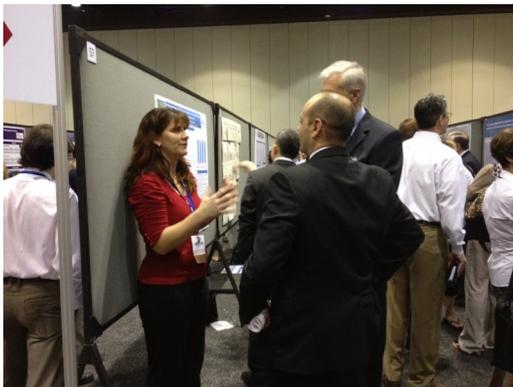
Individuals from the Division of Infectious Disease traveled to Washington, D.C. in July to take part in the 2012 International AIDS Conference. This was the first time in 22 years that the conference was hosted by the United States.

**Michelle McKinney, Linda Stephenson, and JaDawn Wright** participated in the Advocates March on Washington, taking an Amtrak train from Florida to D.C. to advocate for people living with HIV. **Sabrina Burns** served as a chaperone for youth and learned new ways to engage them in the Tampa Bay initiatives.

**Maria Rivera** was selected by the National Latino AIDS Action Network (LAAN) to serve as 1 of 22 embajadores (ambassadors) at the conference, through which she gained knowledge from other professionals in the field of HIV prevention research.



# Peds News | Presentations & Training



Carla Duff presented three posters at the Ig-NS (Immunoglobulin Nursing Society) meeting in Orlando from August 3-6, 2012.

- **Duff, C.** Hunter, J, Ochoa, D, and Zampelli, A. Biweekly Dosing of Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin in 3 Patients with Primary Immunodeficiency.
- **Duff, C.** Blouin, W, and Sedlak, D. Development of Standards of Care for Immunology Replacement Therapy.
- Stein, M, Farnan, K, Eufrazio, D, **Duff, C.** Hunter, J, Ochoa, D, Levasseur MC, Aro, L and Zampelli, A. Use of Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin in Patients and Concomitant Anticoagulant and Antiplatelet Therapy.

**Drs. Kathleen Armstrong, Jillian Childres, and Emily Shaffer-Hudkins** recently presented at the 34<sup>th</sup> annual International School Psychology Association conference held July 9 through July 13, 2012 at McGill University in Montreal.

Their presentation was entitled: "Behavioral parent training to improve school readiness and academic success."

Topics presented by other experts included school psychology perspectives, instruction design and delivery, counseling and testing, technology and innovation, psychological health and well-being, diversity and inclusion, and professional and ethical issues.



## Training



**Adam B. Lewin, Ph.D.** (Neuropsychiatry) attended a training program May 14-18 at the CHIPS (Child Intervention, Prevention and Services) Institute sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health Division of Services and Intervention Research at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

CHIPS is a highly-selective interdisciplinary training consortium for early career scientists pursuing research careers in child mental health treatment. Attending the program's five-day intensive annual Summer Research Institute helps fellows, refine objectives and shape a large-scale research project.

The program included a panel discussion with recent K-awardees, a lecture by NIMH staff about the different funding mechanisms available, and one-on-one meetings with expert researchers, statisticians, and NIMH staff. Fellows were also given opportunities during the conference to present their research plans to the CHIPS faculty, fellows, and NIMH staff for feedback and advice.

### New and fun teaching initiative



Pediatrics launched a new teaching initiative in July called Creating Resident Excellence in Student Teaching (CREST) that pits all General Pediatric Residents and Medicine-Pediatric residents against one another for a light-hearted, educational competition.

Residents are automatically enrolled, and they attend lectures related to effective teaching, providing feedback, and leadership skills. They use their new skills to engage 3rd and 4th year medical students.

The curriculum is a competition between resident teams, which earn points for teaching activities. Participation is voluntary but the team that wins earns closer parking spots to the hospital, dinner, and a trophy on which their names will be engraved.

The goal is to create high-quality teachers and to enhance the medical student experience for the Pediatric Clerkship. Currently, Team 3 is leading the competition with 60+ points earned. We hope to develop excellent physician teachers and to enhance the pediatric experience across the board.

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Please email submissions for next month's issue by September 1st

### Grand Rounds

**Sept. 6 Dying to be Thin: The Assessment and Management of Patients with Eating Disorders** Kevin Wander, MD; Chief of Eating Disorders, University of Florida College of Medicine

**Sept. 13 Understanding the Breadth of Vaccine Responses in Groups at Risk** Carina Rodriguez, MD; USF Pediatrics

**Sept. 20 Addressing Oral Health Disparities Through the Medical Home** Rani Gereige, MD, MPH; Director of Medical Education, Miami Children's Hospital

**Sept. 27 Update on Food Allergies** Morna Dorsey, MD; USF Pediatrics

Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM  
MacInnes Auditorium, Tampa General Hospital

*Lectures are videoconferenced to the All Children's Hospital/USF Children's Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004 Archived copies of most lectures are available on our website: <http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/>*

### Save the Date

**CTSI Research Methods Series**  
September 12-14, 2012

**Rani Gereige, M.D. — Grand Rounds and Faculty Development Seminar**  
September 20, 2012

**Ybor Clinic Ribbon Cutting**  
September 14, 2012

**Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Meeting**  
September 27-28, 2012