



# PEDS NEWS

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## Advocacy for Children



As we get closer to the Florida legislative session, now less than 30 days away, the news from Tallahassee seems to be dominated by issues that will impact our work and our patients' lives. It is exciting that the governor is focusing on education – an important issue for our students and for all of us who work in higher education. Tuition costs really do impact our environment. We struggle to minimize medical students' debt but still provide an excellent educational experience to all students and residents AND deliver cost-effective clinical care in an era of rising costs. The effective blending of service and education is made more challenging by changes in educational and duty hour requirements, and individualized tracks that focus on education and not service. As Florida citizens we need to fight for more funds for higher education, graduate medical education, Medicaid expansion and adoption of the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

The legislative agenda this year includes other issues that impact pediatrics such as booster seat laws (which have been enacted in many states except Florida), a congenital heart disease screening program (already implemented at TGH), changes to the way cases of sudden infant death are investigated, and the myriad of changes that will be implemented as a result of the ACA (more about this in a future issue). It is critical that the pediatric community has a voice, and we are grateful that the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics helps to keep children's issues at the forefront of the legislative agenda. We are also grateful to Drs. John Curran, Sharon Dabrow, Christy Pelaez, Mary Pavan and volunteer faculty Drs. Jose Jimenez and Nancy Silva – to name a few who participate on committees and help to represent USF, pediatricians, and patients and their families in our area.

Stay tuned as the session begins, and do not forget the power that our patients and families have in advocating for their issues. Monitor your subspecialty AAP society, join the FCAAP and stay informed.

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Chair  
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# Peds News | *New & Noteworthy*

## Spotlight on Research

Each month we will feature Pediatrics investigators and their research.

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The research of **Dr. Angel Luciano** from the Division of Neonatology focuses on the development of the immune system in infants – both before and after birth. His laboratory is investigating the development of and the role of specialized receptors (Toll-like receptors) on the immune cells of preterm infants. His team recently demonstrated that there are increased levels of an inflammatory molecule in the blood of preterm versus term infants, and that increased levels of this molecule affect



maturation of the immune system. Dr. Luciano is also working with **Dr. Larry Dishaw** from the Division of Molecular Genetics to describe the interactions between prenatal exposure to bacteria and changes in the intestinal microflora of preterm infants. His research has been funded by the TGH Office of Clinical Research, and featured in several manuscripts published in high quality journals.

### New Pediatric Clinical Trials

Investigator: **Henry Rodriguez, MD.** Title: *A Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Blind Placebo-Controlled Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Saxagliptin in Combination with Metformin IR or Metformin XR in Pediatric Patients with Type 2 Diabetes Who Have Inadequate Glycemic Control on Metformin Alone.*

Investigator: **Carina Rodriguez, MD.** Title: *A Phase 2/3 Open-label Study of the Pharmacokinetics, Safety and Antiviral Activity of the Elvitegravir/Cobiscistat/Emtricitabine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate Single Tablet Regimen in HIV-1 Infected Antiretroviral Treatment-naïve Adolescents.*

Investigator: **Silvana Carr, MD.** Title: *An Open-Label, Multi-Center, Single-Arm Study to Evaluate the Safety and Tolerability of Intravenous Zanamivir in the Treatment of Hospitalized Adult, Adolescent and Pediatric Subjects with Confirmed Influenza Infection.*

Investigators: **Lana Soyly, MD and Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann.** Title: *Evaluation of the Clinical Performance of Alere BinaxNOW Strep A Advanced Card Test.*

Investigator: **Bruce Schnapf, DO.** Title: *A 6-Month Safety and Benefit Study of Inhaled Fluticasone Propionate/Salmeterol Combination Versus Inhaled Fluticasone Propionate in the Treatment of 6,200 Pediatric Subjects 4-11 Years Old with Persistent Asthma.*



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## Kudos

**Dr. Richard Lion**, PGY-3, won a Tampa General Hospital “Very Good Care” certificate for January 2013.

**Dr. Jane Carver** was elected to membership in the Pediatric Academic Society.

**John Curran, MD**, Executive Director of the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative, announced the launch of a new website that serves as a comprehensive tool for a professional audience interested in vital perinatal health issues in Florida. The site provides materials and notices about upcoming events, the Collaborative’s newsletter and more. Please visit the site at:

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/chilescenter/fpqc/>



## Pediatric Faculty in the News

**Dr. Panida Sriaroon** was interviewed by Bay News 9 about allowing schools to keep epinephrine pens available for students.

**Dr. John Sleasman** gave several interviews at *I am a ChamPlon* that is raising awareness about living with primary immune deficiency disease. The event was a partnership between CSL Behring and professional Supercross racer Carl Schlacht, who is one of approximately 250,000 individuals living with primary immune deficiency in the U.S.

**Dr. Patricia Emmanuel** was interviewed regarding vaccine safety by radio channel 970 WFLA.

**THANK YOU!**

## **RESIDENCY NEWS**

The Program Directors, Chiefs and Pediatrics Education team would like to thank all of the residents for their enthusiastic participation in the recruiting process – which included more than 30 dinners and lunches and many miles of driving. The feedback from applicants has been overwhelmingly positive, and the residents’ participation is much appreciated. A special thanks to **Dr. Stacey Keller** who put the most miles on her car and **Drs. Erin Wright, Miriah Gillispie and Noah Grams** for attending many interview dinners.

Also a big thanks to **Drs. Sharon Dabrow, Diane Straub, Ron Sutsko, Any Weiss, Maya Balakrishnan, Valerie Panzarino, Vinita Kiluk, Lana Soylu, Jennifer Casatelli**, our Chair, **Dr. Pat Emmanuel** and our Chief residents, **Drs. Katie Braley and Matias Jasin** for interviewing 161 applicants over 33 interview days!

This wouldn’t have been a successful interview season without the help of everyone coming together as a team to show our applicants why USF Pediatrics should be number one on everyone’s list!



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## Publications

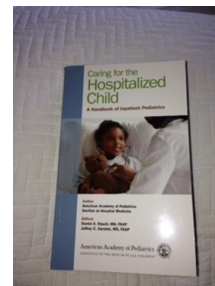
**Storch EA**, Arnold EB, **Lewin AB**, Nadeau JM, Jones AM, De Nadai AS, **Mutch JP**, Selles RR, Ung D, **Murphy TK**. *The effect of cognitive-behavioral therapy versus treatment as usual for anxiety in children with autism spectrum disorders: a randomized, controlled trial*. J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry. 2013 Feb; 52(2):132-142.

Jones AM, De Nadai AS, Arnold EB, McGuire JF, **Lewin AB**, **Murphy TK**, **Storch EA**. *Psychometric properties of the obsessive compulsive inventory: child version in children and adolescents with obsessive-compulsive disorder*. Child Psychiatry Hum Dev. 2013 Feb;44(1):137-51.

**Sutsko RP**, Young KC, Ribeiro A et al. *Long-term reparative effects of mesenchymal stem cell therapy following neonatal hyperoxia-induced lung injury*. Pediatric Research 73:46-53, 2013.

Syed S, Balluz R, Kabagambe E, Meyer W, Lukas S, Wilson C, Kapogiannis B. Nachman S, **Sleasman JW**. *Assessment of biomarkers of cardiovascular risk among HIV type-1-infected adolescents: role of soluble vascular cell adhesion molecule as an early indicator of endothelial inflammation*. AIDS Research and Human Retroviruses. 2012 Dec 3. [Epub ahead of print]

**Dr. Sharon Dabrow** co-authored two chapters in the book recently published by the American Academy of Pediatrics entitled Caring for the Hospitalized Child. A Handbook of Inpatient Pediatrics. The chapters are entitled, *Acute Liver Failure*, authored by **Drs. Tabassum and Dabrow**, and *Pyloric Stenosis*, authored by Drs. Paola Dees and **Dabrow**.



## **BUZZ AROUND PEDS**



**Tanya Murphy, MD, Eric Storch, PhD and Adam Lewin MD** attended a benefit for Tourette Syndrome entitled Tee-Off for Tourette in Crystal River in February, and visited with American Idol singer/songwriter Dave Pittman.

## **Peds Growing Family**

### New Hires

Christine Bogren —  
Medical Assistant, STC and  
17 Davis  
Clinic

Marguerite Legagneur —  
Medical Assistant, ACH Clinic

# **Welcome**

## Grand Rounds

- Mar 7**     ***Challenging Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology Cases: An Interactive Session***  
Shelly Holmstrom, MD  
Dawn Palaszewski, MD  
USF Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Mar 14**    ***Finding a "Cure" for Cystic Fibrosis: New Research Methods and Miraculous Results from CFTR Mutation Specific Strategies***  
Phillip Farrell, MD  
University of Wisconsin
- Mar 21**    ***Medically Complex Children and Schooling***  
Cristina Pelaez, MD  
Kris Millrose, MS  
USF Pediatrics
- Mar 28**    ***The Arts in Pediatric Healthcare: Practices and Possibilities***  
Heather Spooner, MA  
Art Therapy Instructor  
The University of Tampa

*Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM*

MacInnes Auditorium—Tampa General Hospital

Lectures are video-conferenced 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/grand\\_rounds.htm](http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand_rounds.htm)*

## Other Upcoming Events

- **USF Research Day, February 22**
- **Resident Match Day at Hula Bay, March 15.**
- **Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative  
Second Annual Conference,  
March 21-22**
- **Lewis A. Barness Lecture  
and Fellow's Forum, April 4**



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