FROM THE CHAIR

Two important departmental events this past month were the Curran Lecture in Neonatology and the Child Protection Team’s Academy of Violence and Abuse. Both programs recognized important contributions by longstanding faculty members and also highlighted research findings that remind us why we chose pediatrics as a profession. At the CPT conference, Dr. Robert Block discussed early childhood stress and highlighted findings from the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) study on the impact on long term health outcomes. Trauma and stress in early life are associated with more high risk behaviors in adolescence, unintended pregnancies, alcoholism, smoking, depression and suicide.

At the Curran lecture, Dr. Michael Georgieff discussed the impact of early micronutrient deficiencies, particularly iron, on cognitive development. Both lectures highlight the critical time period between early gestation and early childhood and its impact on overall health. We know intuitively that much is happening in the first three years of life and as pediatric providers, we need to impart that knowledge on our leaders and staff.

KUDOS

Dr. Bill Brooks was honored during the Child Protection Team’s Tampa Academy of Violence and Abuse held on Nov. 4. He was presented a plaque honoring his dedication to the protection of the children of Tampa Bay, commitment to education in the furtherance of child well-being and safety, and service as the respected voice for Tampa Bay’s most vulnerable children and families. Dr. Brooks served as the CPT Medical Director for nearly 25 years. Dr. Patricia Emmanuel and Dr. Randell Alexander, past statewide CPT Director, recalled Dr. Brooks’s remarkable career during the ceremony. “I appreciate and am humbled by the award given to me by the USF Department of Pediatrics. Thanks to all who have assisted me in the many cases that I had over the years at CPT”; Bill Brooks.

Dr. John Curran was awarded the Hillsborough County Medical Association’s Frederick A. Reddy, M.D. Memorial Award at a dinner ceremony held on November 10. The award was established in Dr. Reddy’s memory to recognize those who give back to the community. Dr. Curran has been a major leader for child advocacy in our region for over 40 years. He was a friend and great admirer of Dr. Reddy, and is very honored to be the recipient of this important award, presented by Dr. Reddy’s widow, Maisie.

Three pediatric faculty members are on the Dean’s list of the top 20 clinical trial investigators for FY2015, ranked by trial revenue: Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle (#4), Dr. Tanya Murphy (#12) and Dr. Mark Ballow (#16), with revenues of $525,092, $204,274 and $130,662, respectively. Congratulations to the investigators and their staff!
community. As we move into a focus on population health, perhaps the care of the newborn and infant will receive the attention and funding it deserves. Attention to the social determinants of health is critical if we are to truly impact outcomes in our community. We are reminded of the need to continually advocate for our most vulnerable resource.

Since Thanksgiving is a week away, I also want to take this opportunity to give thanks to all of our faculty, staff and residents and students who work every day to improve the health of children and our community. I am proud that we continue to recognize our founding and early faculty members such as Dr. Curran who helped shape the department’s mission. Please note our Save the Dates for additional guest lectures and an inaugural Alumni and Community gathering. I wish all of you a peaceful holiday season.

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Chair, Department of Pediatrics

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Dr. Carina Rodriguez was awarded $100,000 by the Agency for Health Care Administration for her application that will provide community and primary care services at the Ybor Youth Clinic.

Dr. Mudra Kumar was recently elected as a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh.

Dr. Eric Storch was named a Fellow of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies.

Dr. Valerie Panzarino has been appointed to the USFPG Finance Committee.

2015 JOHN CURRAN LECTURE

Dr. Michael Georgieff presented this year’s John Curran lecture on Nov. 12. Dr. Georgieff gave an excellent talk about the importance of iron in fetal, infant and child development. Following the lecture he spent time rounding in the NICU and discussing clinical and research issues with neonatology fellows. The Curran Lectureship was established in 1992 to honor Dr. John Curran, who founded the USF Division of Neonatology, the USF Neonatology Fellowship Program, and the TGH NICU.

ACH RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Three USF Peds posters were presented at the ACH/JHM Research Symposium held October 16:

Walsh A, Tan S, Rodriguez C, Chenneville T, Lynn C. A Preliminary Look at Clinical Depression Screening Data and Follow-up Care for Youth with HIV.

Althouse M, Namachivayam K, Maheshwari A. Murine NEC-like Injury is Associated with Increased Expression of the Leucine-rich Proteoglycans Decorin and Fibromodulin in the Intestine.

Parikh K, Cupp SD, Leshko JL, Dadlani GH. Clinical Utilization of Global Longitudinal Strain in the Early Detection of Subclinical Cardiac Dysfunction in Pediatric Patients with Systemic Hypertension.
PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Maya Balakrishnan presented *Identifying the Problem and Developing a Problem Statement* at last month’s FPQC Training Program in Tampa, which she co-led with Dr. Karen Bruder. She also presented *The Effect of Promoting Teamwork in Delivery Room Management on Infant Outcomes During the Golden Hour* at the Florida Association of Neonatal Nurse Practitioners conference held in Clearwater on Nov 13.

At the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition held in Washington, DC last month, Dr. Jennifer Takagishi presented a poster titled *General Pediatric Office and Community Family Support Collaboration to Improve Early Childhood Developmental and Mental Health Outcomes*; co-authors included Drs. Sharon Dabrow and Carol Lilly. Dr. Kinjal Parikh presented *Clinical Utilization of Global Longitudinal Strain in the Early Detection of Subclinical Cardiac Dysfunction in Pediatric Patients with Systemic Hypertension*; co-authors included Dr. Gul Dadlani.

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg was a speaker at the Climate Health Summit in Washington, DC in September, where she gave a presentation titled *Climate Change and Waterborne Diseases*.

Dr. Eric Storch gave the 13th Annual Todd Ouida Lecture on Childhood Anxiety at the University of Michigan on October 21.

Dr. Tanya Murphy gave 4 presentations at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry held in San Antonio, TX in October:

* Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Disorder and Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infections: Identification and Intervention in Clinical Practice.

* When Should Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated With Streptococcal Infections or Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome Be Considered? What Then?

* Impact of Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Comorbidity in Children and Adolescents With Tic Disorders.

* Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome

Dr. Tanya Murphy gave 2 presentations at the University of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, in October: *Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes from a Multi-disciplinary Perspective and Pediatric Acute-Onset Neuropsychiatric Syndromes (PANS and PANDAS): New Discoveries that Explain and Help Treat Children with Abrupt Onset of Combined Neurological and Behavioral Symptoms.*
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At the 4th Annual Immunoglobulin National Society held in Washington, DC, Carla Duff, CPNP-PC, MSN, CCRP, IgCN presented Overview of Disorders Treated with Ig, and presented 3 posters: Successful Treatment of Pregnant Patients with Common Variable Immunodeficiency Using 20% Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin; Considerations for Selecting Needle Length for Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin Therapy (IgSC); and Effective Use of 20% Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin Therapy in an Adult Male with Pre-existing Thrombi (co-authors M Sher and JW Leiding). At the Immune Deficiency Foundation’s Family Retreat held in Coral Gables in October she presented Can I Really Ask that Question: All the Questions You Want to Ask But Are Afraid to Ask

Dr. Sim Yin Tan, post-doctoral fellow at the Rothman Center, was a presenter for a workshop titled HIV/AIDS in the Schools: Let’s Talk About It given at the Florida Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference held in Orlando.

PUBLICATIONS


AAMC’S FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Dr. Terri Ashmeade led a 1-1/2 day certificate program on October 15 and 16, titled Teaching Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. The goal of the AAMC initiative is to ensure that every medical school and teaching hospital in the U.S. has access to faculty who are ready, able and willing to engage in and lead education in QI, patient safety, and the reduction of excess healthcare costs. Drs. Diane Straub, Melinda Murphy, Maya Balakrishnan, Vinita Kiluk and ARNP Jennifer Trost completed the program, along with 2 residents, Drs. Harrison Cobb and Dennrik Abrahlan.
ALUMNI CORNER

The Pediatric Alumni Group has chosen the Charter Steering Committee for 2015-16: Drs. Terry DeClue, Antoinette Spoto-Canons, Brian Knox, Jose Jimenez and Amy Zittelo.

“During a recent business trip to Vero Beach I noticed a pediatrician’s office with “Dr. Karen Westberry” on the door. I went in and asked the receptionist if Dr. Westberry graduated from USF....she said yes! We had a nice visit – short, as she was seeing patients – and I snapped a photo for our Alumni FB page. Karen spent her residency at ACH from 1990-93, prior to the merger that brought the ACH program under USF’s umbrella in 1995-96. It was great to see Karen again. it has been 22 years!”

- Dr. Lynn Ringenberg

RESEARCH DAY

The 2016 USF Health Research Day will be held on Friday, February 19. The agenda will include poster sessions, an invited oral poster presentation session, keynote lecture and an awards program. The deadline for submission of proposals is November 30. While the emphasis is on student and trainee presentations of original research, faculty and staff are also encouraged to submit.

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

RESIDENT CORNER

As a result of Drs. Straub, Murphy, Abraham and Cobb attending Dr. Ashmeade’s AAMC workshop, the residency program QI curriculum will now incorporate patient safety principles at all stages of resident training, including introduction of the QI/PS program at orientation, implementation of brief root cause analysis at all case conferences and monthly morning report, and expansion of the current clinical self-reflection exercises done by the residents. A more comprehensive evaluation and feedback structure, and improved support for resident QI projects have been devised. The Resident QI and Research Forum will be held on Tuesday, April 12th – more reminders to follow!

The Annual Fall Intern Retreat was held on Oct 10 at USF Riverfront Park’s Ropes Course. Interns spent the day doing team building activities, sharing information and participating in Myers-Briggs inventory. Team building activities included a ropes course and zip line. A great time was had by all!

Dr. Lauren Friedman ran into Dr. Jordan Larson, 2015 grad, while interviewing for an ER fellowship in Oklahoma.

Hockey season has returned!