September started out with a bang. We started to watch the forecasts as we enjoyed our Labor Day festivities, thinking and hoping that the storm named Irma would stay away. As the week progressed the threat to Florida increased and we worried about our friends and families on the east coast, and wondered when we should close clinics and initiate emergency plans. Uncertainty is a “situation involving imperfect or unknown information as it applies to future events”. We were uncertain - not sure whether to stay or leave, open or close. Uncertainty is stressful – and what we have gone through as a state and a nation over the past 6 weeks has been more than stressful. Harvey, Irma, Maria, Nate, mass shootings, fires. Long after the storm shutters have been taken down, there is a lingering uneasiness and folks feel off balance.

As we get back to normal, we need to remember to be thankful: thankful that Tampa Bay was not impacted like Houston or, even worse, like Puerto Rico; and thankful for everyone in our department who stepped up to keep caring for patients and getting the clinics operational again.  We are a

KUDOS

Dr. Brian Knox received the award for the top care provider for USF Health for the 2nd quarter of 2017. Dr. Knox had a patient satisfaction score in the 99th percentile, which was the highest of all USF Health providers for the quarter. Dr. Knox was presented the prestigious Patient Experience Quarterly Provider Award – a crystal bull statue. Congratulations Dr. Knox!

Upon the recommendation of the Nominating Committing of the USF Morsani COM Faculty Council, Dean Lockwood appointed Dr. Akhil Maheshwari to a 2-year term on the Research Committee.

Drs. Jane Mutch and Tracy Burton were appointed to the USF Faculty Council, joining Drs. Jennifer Leiding and Andrew Galligan who are serving the second year of their term. Thank you for your service!

The International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons was awarded the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize. Physicians for Social Responsibility, for which Dr. Lynn Ringenberg serves as immediate past-president, was one of the two organizations that founded ICAN in 2007. [http://www.psr.org/news-events/press-releases/international-campaign-to.html](http://www.psr.org/news-events/press-releases/international-campaign-to.html)

HALLOWEEN

Please participate in the 2nd Annual Department of Pediatrics Halloween Costume Contest! The clinical or medical directors at each location will submit pictures. Dr. Emmanuel, Desiree Brown and Cimarron Horton will choose the winning location, which will be treated to a celebration luncheon from the department. Good luck!
October’s Clinical Team Member of the Month is Daime Nieves-Munoz, RN, who is the Clinical Supervisor of the All Children’s Hospital Outpatient Care Center. Nominators noted that she is an amazing leader who is an integral part of our success at the ACH location. She has extensive nursing experience, as evidenced by her clinical skill and knowledge, and she provides excellent patient care and customer service. She consistently goes above and beyond and leads by example, as she teaches, trains and guides her staff. Daime works with staff and providers to ensure that patients get the best possible care, and she brings her integrity, dedication and compassion to every interaction.

Congratulations, Daime!

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dispersed department that spans several counties and numerous hospitals and clinics. This makes communication and decision-making even more challenging. During the hurricane we had faculty, fellows and residents at three different hospitals holding down the fort. Folks stepped up and made a difference. THANK YOU!

We continue to make a difference as we try to assist our partners in Puerto Rico who are struggling to regain some sense of normalcy. I know how stressful things were for us, and cannot imagine how they are managing. Please consider contributing to one of the funds listed in this newsletter, and let me know if you have other ideas about how we can assist.

We get back into the swing of the season next week with our first interviewees for Pediatrics and Med-Peds residency positions. The Allergy/Immunology and Neonatology divisions are already interviewing for fellowship positions. The logistics involved are complex, and allot of hard work and a bit of luck will help us secure excellent 2018 candidates for our residency and fellowship programs. Thank you to the many folks who are involved in this process. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a difference and the payoff is huge. The ebb and flow of education – interviews, letters, graduation... getting back to normal never felt so good.

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

Welcome New Faculty

Dr. Jessica Rodriguez has joined the Division of Nephrology as an assistant professor. Dr. Rodriguez attended Vanderbilt University School of Engineering for her undergraduate studies, where she graduated summa cum laude. After attending medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine she completed her pediatric residency and fellowship in pediatric nephrology at Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital at Stanford. Dr. Rodriguez was the recipient of numerous distinctions during her training, including awards for compassionate care, excellence in clinical pediatrics and teaching. Her clinical interests include caring for children with advanced chronic kidney disease, including those who are dialysis-dependent. Her primary research interests relate to quality initiatives in pediatric nephrology including implementation of a stewardship program on nephrotoxic drugs. Dr. Rodriguez is board certified in pediatrics.

Retirement

Dr. Walt Karniski retired from USF on September 29. He first joined USF Pediatrics in 1983 serving as the Director of Child Development at All Children’s Hospital, and later served as Director of the USF Pediatrics Division of Child Development. In 1993, he left USF to establish a private practice in developmental pediatrics. Dr. Karniski also developed and was co-owner of Tampa Day School, a private school for children with learning disabilities and atypical learning styles. He also founded and developed Lexis Preparatory School in Phoenix, Arizona. He continues as the co-owner and executive director of the Bowman Academy preschool. His clinical interests focused on children with ADHD, learning disabilities, dyslexia, anxiety and other related disorders. He plans on traveling extensively and spending time with his two children and two grandchildren. Thank you for your dedicated service to USF Pediatrics!!
FACULTY PROMOTIONS

Congratulations to our faculty who achieved promotion, effective August 1, 2017! A reception in their honor was held on Sept. 28.

Promoted to Professor:

Dr. Carina Rodriguez
Dr. Hye-Seung Lee
Dr. Karen Wickline

Promoted to Associate Professor:

Dr. Frances Desrosiers
Dr. Betty Horng
Dr. Jennifer Leiding
Dr. Amy Weiss

USF PEDS ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

This month we feature Dr. Nancy Landfish, who is a 1991 graduate of the USF Peds residency program. She shared these thoughts with us: “My medical career has been one filled with diversity, crossing the lines of private practice, academic medicine, and government international medicine. It seems like only yesterday, driving down Bayshore Blvd. with the soon-to-be Chief Resident Dr. Patricia Emmanuel just days after the match when she asked: “Can you picture yourself here?” At that time, I was a native New Yorker who had never been to Florida, and the next words out of my mouth were “Where do I sign?” The USF pediatrics residency impacted my life, both personal and professional. I met friends who have become part of my family, colleagues who I still look to for advice, and who have provided me with a multidisciplinary education critical to my neonatology career.

Upon finishing my fellowship at the University of Rochester, Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester NY, I knew Tampa was my location of choice, and I accepted a position with another USF graduate at Brandon Regional Hospital. After a few years, I became the Medical Director of the NICU, married Edward Bailey, and grew the NICU to a 23 bed level 3A facility.

Brandon Regional Hospital is part of a large corporate chain of hospitals. As Medical Director my responsibilities were to provide leadership to my group, outstanding care to the patients in my unit, serve on both hospital committees and on national committees. This enabled me to impact the care, quality, and safety for neonates not just at my facility but across their network of hospitals. I was able to interact with many different types of facilities, large and small NICUs, academic, and private practice groups, with the same goal to improve care, quality and safety.

After 20 years in Brandon it was time to move on, and through my corporate networking a colleague asked if I would be interested in going back into academic medicine at the University of Kansas. Teaching was always a passion, and being able to return to the bedside and share my knowledge with young doctors, interns and residents and step away from corporate meetings seemed like a refreshing change. I became active in quality improvement projects, using my experience from both private practice and corporate medicine to make a difference. The only problem was, Tampa was home and Kansas is 2 flights away. After 3 years as a commuter physician working 5-10 days a month in Kansas, I missed not being around my husband daily, so I needed to make a decision to move to Kansas, or move to Germany.

Yes that’s right Germany. My former nurse practitioner Heather Golka who I worked with for over 20 years, starting at Tampa General Hospital where

PUBLICATIONS

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

USF Peds T-shirts are available through our education division: $12 for adult and $10 for children’s sizes. CMS Building staff enjoy their t-shirts – and they make great holiday gifts! Contact Kelly Paulina (kpaulina@health.usf.edu)

GRAND ROUNDS

October 26
Anthony Sochet, MD
High Flow Nasal Cannula

November 2
Pablo Sanchez, MD
The 2017 John Curran Lecture: Antibiotic Stewardship in the NICU: The Time is Now!

November 9
Dipti Amin, MD
This 2-hr medical errors lecture will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 AM Improving Diagnoses – Diagnostic Errors and How We Can Do Better

November 16
Suzanne Jackman, MD
The Care of Transgender Youth

November 30
Laura Drach, DO
Pediatric Palliative Care

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she was a nurse and I was a resident, was working for the Department of Defense in Germany. After we all left Brandon we spoke often and reminisced how it would be so nice to work again together. Upon her arrival to Germany she was asked if she knew a neonatologist who might be interested in a position for the Department of Defense US Army in Landstuhl Germany.

So here I am a civilian military neonatologist, contracted by the Department of Defense Army, in Germany with my husband of 21 years, impacting healthcare for our youngest and smallest of soldiers. I am honored to be in this position, serving my country, and on my off time getting to experience the great cities and sights of Europe.”

HELP FOR PUERTO RICO

USF Peds faculty and alumni are working to help victims of Hurricane Maria. Please help support their efforts!

Two USF Peds alumni, Drs. Mildred Perea-Bonet and Beatriz Arvelo Sankey, are helping to raise donations for a nonprofit that was established 18 years ago by another pediatric alumnus, Dr. Jose Colon. The organization is collecting medical supplies and cash donations for clinics in Puerto Rico. www.hopeandhealthproject.com

Drs. Amarilis Sanchez and Jaimie Flores-Torres are working with the Genetics Alliance and other entities to help meet the special needs of patients with inborn errors of metabolism or other genetic disorders. http://geneticalliance.org/hope-and-health-project

Dr. Sanchez-Valle is also working with the executive director of an oncology foundation in Puerto Rico, who provided her with a list of items that are needed for their patients, caretakers and hospitals. Please contact Dr. Sanchez-Valle (asanche6@health.usf.edu) for a list of the needed items. She is collecting the items and will have them delivered by Doctors of Puerto Rico.

HAPPENINGS

USF Peds faculty, staff and trainees enjoyed the opportunity to view the eclipse on August 21!

The Ybor Youth Clinic showed their USF spirit and entered into the Homecoming Decorating Contest – Go Bulls!!
SAVE THE DATE

Nov 11
Heart Walk

Nov 18
Immunodeficiency Disease Foundation Walk

Nov 30
Research Day abstract deadline

Dec 6
Faculty Meeting and Holiday Celebration

Feb 15
Bernard Pollara Lecture

Feb 23
USF Health Research Day

EVENTS

The Divisions of Allergy/Immunology, Departments of Pediatrics and Medicine, will support the Immune Deficiency Foundation in their Fund-Raising Walk, the purpose of which is to increase awareness of primary immunodeficiency. Please join us in this wonderful cause by becoming either a virtual walker, a donor, or simply spreading the word about primary immunodeficiency diseases and the Immune Deficiency Disease Foundation Walk to be held at 10 am, Saturday, November 18th at Lake Hollingsworth, Lakeland, FL.

http://events.primaryimmune.org/site/TR/Walk/General?pg=team&fr_id=1212&team_id=3290

Please join the USF Health-Pediatrics team to participate in the 2017 Tampa Bay Heart Walk. Please feel free to join our team to walk and/or donate by clicking on the link below.

http://www2.heart.org/site/TR/fr_id=2403&pg=personal&px=7140470

NEW & NOTEWORTHY

RESIDENCY NEWS

USF Peds residents participated in the Annual Brain Bowl held Labor Day weekend in Orlando during the meeting of the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics. Team members included Drs. Kelsey Ryan, Elissa Engel, Jillian Hagerman and Alex Howard; all Florida residency programs participated. Although USF didn’t win, everyone enjoyed the contest.

Fourteen incredible residents covered both ACH and TGH for over 72 hours during Hurricane Irma. They continued to care for children in all parts of the hospital including the wards, NICU, newborn nursery and PICU. They weren’t able to leave until the storm had passed, when the great relief team of residents worked for several days. Many residents evacuated so weren’t able to cover at either hospital. Our hats go off to these amazing and dedicated doctors: Drs. Glaser, Argo, Alberdi, Cullinane, Hillhouse, Patel, Pagan, Grana, Reynolds, Peterson, Simone, Shah, Tan, Rosario, Hagerman, Howard, Cristofo and Furman. Thanks also to neonatology fellows on Team A (Drs. Alhamad and Desai) and Team B (Drs. Driver, Lamba, and Pai).

We also want to thank the clinic managers at each clinic site and all of their staff who helped prepare for Hurricane Irma and came in Monday after the storm to check on the clinics and get us back in business: Daime Nieves-Munoz, Rene Exposito, Sandy Leck, Jill Barrera, Susy Morgan and Arlene Suarez

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Vidya Pai presented Efficacy of an Interactive E-Learning Curriculum in the NICU (INTERN) Compared to Traditional Instruction as a Method to Improve Pediatric Resident Education - A Randomized Controlled Trial at the AAP National Conference held in Chicago Sept 15-19. Co-authors were Drs. Ambuj Kumar and Brian Knox.

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg served as a member of a panel for a workshop, held Oct 4 to 5, that was hosted by the Initiative on Coastal Adaptation and Resilience, USF St. Petersburg, and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council ONE BAY Resilient Communities Working Group. Participants discussed social and physical vulnerabilities to coastal hazards, and efforts to build regional resiliency.