FROM THE CHAIR

Last week we celebrated the graduation of our residents and fellows — it seems like yesterday that we were welcoming them into the USF Peds family. The unending circle of the academic calendar reminds us each year that time moves fast, as we say goodbye to some great physicians. The resident class this year was an outstanding group of individuals who will represent USF Peds very well for years to come. They will go on to fellowship training and practices near and far. Due to their hard work and innovation during residency we added new electives, enhanced our evidence-based medicine and quality programs and took care of numerous complex patients. I am very proud of their accomplishments—their presence makes us better doctors and teachers. I am also very thankful to our educators and all of our clinical faculty, including many voluntary faculty who spend countless hours mentoring residents and fellows. We are very fortunate to achieve outstanding placements for fellowship matching as demonstrated in our spring matches... The faculty who help advise our residents, write letters and prepare them for interviews are very special.

KUDOS

Dr. Brian Knox has been selected for induction into the Barness Behneke Chapter of the Gold Humanism Honor Society (GHHS). He was nominated by 4th year medical students and then selected by faculty and resident members of the GHHS. The induction ceremony will be held in the spring.

Dr. Carina Rodriguez has been appointed to the American Academy of Pediatrics National Committee on Pediatric AIDS.

The USF Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Neurosciences honored Dr. Justyna Wojas with the Child Psychiatry Fellowship 2015/2016 Educator of the Year award. She is pictured here with senior child psychiatry fellows, Shana Kirby and Endra Sookoor.

Michael Fant, MD, PhD, gave the 17th Annual James R. Givens Distinguished Visiting Professorship lecture at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center on May 18. The title of his lecture was The Nexus of Human Development and Disease Throughout the Lifespan: Implications for Strategic and Comprehensive Family-Centered Care.

The Office of Faculty Development has selected Dr. Florence Desrosiers to attend the Minority Faculty Development Seminar in San Antonio, Texas in September.

Dr. Isabel Gross was awarded the Student Honorary Award for Research and Practice to present the results of her special project at the World Disaster Management Conference held in Toronto June 7/8. The title of her project is Development of an Antibiotic Dispensing Decision-Making Chart for a Bioterrorism Attack with Bacillus Anthracis.

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Please email submissions for next month’s issue by July 1st
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July is almost here and with it a new academic year. New assignments and evaluations are in the works. We will be adding a few new items to the newsletter — quality and patient satisfaction information and a section to review new clinical policies. I hope that you will find these helpful. We will take a summer break with Grand Rounds — but already have a great lineup for this fall. We welcome a new class of interns and first year fellows this week, and so the beat goes on...

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

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Akhil Maheshwari is senior author and Dr. Mohan Kumar is first author on a manuscript titled Smad7 interrupts TGF-β signaling in intestinal macrophages and promotes inflammatory activation of these cells during necrotizing enterocolitis, published in Pediatric Research this month (79:951-61, 2016). A figure from the article was selected to be published on the journal’s front cover.

PRESENTATIONS

During the International Pediatric Simulation Society meeting held in Glasgow, Scotland in May, Dr. Isabel Gross presented Rapid Cycle Deliberate Practice as a Method to Improve Airway Management Skills, which was followed by a round table discussion. Co-authors were Drs. Denrick Abrahan and Ambuj Kumar. She was also a co-instructor for 2 workshops: When a Child is in Respiratory Failure and Resources are Sparse - What’s Next? and Turning Your Everyday Activities into Scholarship: Developing Your Scholarship Roadmap.

PRESENTATIONS

The Allergy/Immunology Division recognized Mandel Sher, MD, for his outstanding contribution to the division. Dr. Sher has been a clinical faculty member of the Allergy/Immunology division for over 30 years. For the past two years, he has served as Interim Division Chief while maintaining his private practice in St Petersburg. Dr. Jolan Walter, the new Division Chief and Robert A. Good Chair, brought together faculty and fellows to celebrate Dr. Sher’s dedication to USF AI. Dr. Norbibi Day, emeritus faculty member, also attended the celebration.

Sgt. Lisa Parashis, supervisor of the Juvenile Section Detectives of the Tampa Police Department, asked the USF Child Protection Team (CPT), housed at Mary Lee’s House, to provide advanced training related to investigations of child physical and sexual abuse, and neglect of children. Dr. Carol Lilly, CPT Medical Director, provided the training and included the Juvenile Section of the Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office and the Office of the Attorney General. The training provided a valuable opportunity for the detectives and attorneys to communicate directly with Dr. Lilly and to have important questions addressed.

Following the training, Sgt. Parashis relayed that “For law enforcement to properly investigate child abuse, we must medically understand the injury. With the proper knowledge and understanding, we can better investigate and gain valuable information to build our case. We very much appreciate Dr. Lilly’s willingness to share her expertise and build a cooperative partnership with us to gain successful prosecutions”.

Well done Mary Lee’s House, Dr. Lilly and the Child Protection Team!
**GRADUATION**

The USF Pediatric Resident and Fellow graduation was held on June 12 at the Rusty Pelican Restaurant. Faculty, parents, spouses and friends celebrated our 17 pediatric residents, 3 med-peds residents, 2 allergy/immunology fellows and 3 neonatology fellows. Numerous well-deserved teaching and appreciation awards were presented. Please see below for the awards list and information on where our graduates will be starting the next chapter of their lives.

**Awards:**
- Subspecialty ACH: **Dr. Frank Ayesteran**, Nephrology
- Subspecialty TGH: **Dr. Dan Rigs**, PICU
- General ACH: **Dr. Krista Kahot**, Hospitalist
- General TGH: **Dr. Florence Desrosiers**, General Academic Pediatrics
- Intern of the Year: **Dr. Kelsey Shute**
- Allen Root Resident of the Year: **Dr. Ken Visalli**
- Sharon Perlman Award of Excellence: **Dr. Annie Gao**
- **Jeannette Fleischer, ARNP**, received special recognition for her tireless work on the Ronald McDonald van

**Graduating Resident Destinations**

**Pediatrics**
- **Lauren Friedman, DO**: Emergency medicine fellowship, Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Isabel Gross, MD**: Emergency medicine fellowship, Yale Children’s Hospital, Yale, Connecticut
- **Melissa Althouse, MD**: Neonatology fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine
- **Christina Baldwin, MD**: Gastroenterology fellowship, UT Southwestern Dallas
- **Kristen Blackwell, DO**: General pediatrics, Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia
- **Nicole Conde, DO**: General pediatrics, Community Health of Pinellas
- **Coralee DelValle, MD**: Infectious disease fellowship, Stanford University
- **Annie Gao, MD**: Gastroenterology fellowship, Baylor College of Medicine
- **Laura Hendricks, MD**: General pediatrics. Portland, Oregon
- **Robert Kickish, MD**: General pediatrics, Tallahassee
- **Rosana Lastra Vicente, MD**: General pediatrics, Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco
- **Kimberly Law, MD**: Chief resident, USF
- **Amy Mason, MD**: General pediatrics, HealthPoint, Tampa
- **Kristine Rietsma, MD**: Chief resident, USF
- **Sara Sabbagh, DO**: Rheumatology fellowship, Children’s National Medical Center
- **Erin Telepak, DO**: General pediatrics, Colorado Sprigs
- **Tali Wojnowich, MD**: General pediatrics, Naples, Florida

**Med-Peds**
- **Kenneth Visalli, DO**: Internal medicine, New Hartford, New York
- **Darren Adderly, MD**: Hospitalist medicine, Nashville, Tenn.
- **Jenna Simpson, DO**: Hospitalist, Tampa General Hospital
CLINICAL TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

This month’s Clinical Team Member of the Month is Julie Brown, LPN. Julie, who works at the ACH Outpatient Care Center, received several outstanding nominations and was well recognized for her exemplary performance and dedication to USF Peds. The nominators noted that Julie is very professional, efficient and productive, has superior clinical and critical thinking skills, is responsible, reliable and provides excellent patient care, and is very committed and dedicated to patients. She is always positive and energetic, has a big smile for everyone, and is a real team player whom everyone appreciates and enjoys working with.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Luis Maldonado was interviewed by 10 News on May 3 about the local black market for infant formula.

RESIDENCY NEWS

Dr. Kimberly Law participated in Sligh Middle School’s Health Expo 2016 along with students from the College of Public Health.

Congratulations to our residents who matched with great fellowship programs!

Dr. Kinjal Parikh: Cardiology, Miami Children’s Hospital
Dr. Joanna Robles: Hematology/Oncology, Duke University
Dr. Harrison Cobb: Cardiology, University of Arkansas

RESEARCH NEWS

The MCOM Committee on Research is offering an internal review program to help improve success with NIH grant applications. The program includes pre-submission review of NIH grant proposals, review of unfunded applications to determine an appropriate resubmission approach, and feedback on new project development. Contact MCOMproposalreview@health.usf.edu for more information.

Scientific Review of Protocols
Faculty are reminded that all investigator-initiated protocols must be submitted for scientific review before being submitted to the IRB. Please send proposals to Dr. Elizabeth Enriquez-Bruce (enriquezbruce@health.usf.edu).

New Pediatric Clinical Trials
Investigator: Dr. Mark Ballow Title: An open-label, multi-center study to evaluate the safety and pharmacokinetics of IGSC 20% administered for 6 months in subjects with primary immunodeficiency. Sponsor: Grifols Therapeutics, Inc.
Investigator: Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle Title: An open-label, multicenter, expanded access program for asfotase alfa (human recombinant tissue-nonspecific alkaline phosphatase fusion protein) for treatment of patients with infantile- or juvenile-onset hypophosphatasia. Sponsor: Alexion Pharmaceuticals

ADDITIONS

Dr. Kristine Rietsma delivered Jacob James on May 22.
Victoria Starks delivered Alani Georgette Bent on May 11.

GRAND ROUNDS

There will be no grand rounds during July and August. The schedule will resume on Sept. 8.