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We were privileged to have Dr. James Rushton, a distinguished member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors, visit USF Pediatrics this past week. He gave an inspiring grand rounds lecture and presented an excellent seminar on developing leadership skills. Dr. Rushton spoke eloquently about key elements that successful leaders focus on, including inspiring a shared vision and celebrating together. In looking over the “Kudos” of this month’s newsletter, I appreciate that we have great accomplishments to celebrate, including Student Health Services being awarded a three-year accreditation from the Association for Ambulatory Health Care. Congratulations to Dr. Puccio and his team!

I am hopeful that all of you agree that USF Pediatrics has always had a shared vision that focuses on providing our students and house staff with excellent education and clinical experiences. No one embodied this vision better than the founder of our department, Dr. Lewis Barness. We will celebrate his life and achievements on March 5th, and I hope that you can join us and the medical community in recognizing his remarkable legacy. Founders are sacred figures whose greatness we aspire to, and Dr. Barness was the embodiment of such a leader. This event is being held not just to celebrate the man, but to celebrate who we are as a department and where we came from. He would be very proud of all of the activities, publications, presentations and recognitions that are enumerated in the newsletter each month. I am so very proud of all the remarkable work we do at USF Pediatrics— and you should be as well. As you go about your daily activities, don’t forget to recognize yourselves and your colleagues for their accomplishments, and let us celebrate our accomplishments together!

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Diana Gerardi, Research Assistant; Neuropsychiatry
Dena Garcia, Research Support Specialist; Epidemiology

ADDITIONS

Liam Gabriel Luna Mejias born to **Dr. Juan Luna** on January 31, and Thomas Jose Montgomery born to **Dr. Kelly Montgomery** January 21.

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PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Kersti Linask is an author on two recently published papers: *Ethanol exposure alters early cardiac function in the looping heart: a mechanism for congenital heart defects?* Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol 306(3):H414-21, 2014 and *Evaluation of prenatal risk factors for prediction of outcome in right heart lesions.* J Matern-Fetal Neonatal Med Epub Jan 29, 2014.

Smith LB, Lynch K, et al. *Factors associated with maternal-reported actions to prevent type 1 diabetes in the first year of the TEDDY study.* Diabetes Care 37(2):325-331, 2014.

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Carla Duff is first author on a publication entitled *Participant survey results from the SHARE program.* J Infusion Nursing, 37(10): 21-28, 2014.

Bradley-Klug K, Armstrong K. *Preparing school psychologists as partners in integrated health care delivery: A training model.* Trainers Forum 32(2):67-83, 2014.

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HAPPENINGS

Students who are members of the Student Chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility Florida come twice a week to the SPSR Kids Clinic at the Salvation Army to learn pediatric medicine and the challenges of being homeless. **Dr. Lynn Ringenberg** and **Jeannette Fleischer** started the clinic in 2009.



USF Bay Area Early Steps is encouraging people to participate in the March 22 national fund and awareness-raising walk *Celebrate Sound – Don't Walk in Silence*. Proceeds will go to projects that focus on meeting the needs of students with hearing loss. Information can be found at www.celebratesound.org or by contacting **Alex DeMolina** (ademolina@health.usf.edu; 813-974-0674).

IN MEMORIAM: Juan Montalvo, patient access specialist at Healthpark clinic, passed away following an accident on February 9. He graduated from USF in December and was looking forward to a career in the Secret Service. Juan was well loved by staff, physicians and families. Please contact Dr. Jennifer Takagishi (jtakagi@health.usf.edu) for information regarding the funeral service and the family's wishes.

KUDOS

Dr. Adam Lewin was selected from a highly accomplished applicant pool to participate in the Anxiety and Depression Association of America's *Career Development Leadership Program*, which will be held in Chicago in March. He and several current/former students will present at the conference.

Dr. Noah Grams was chosen to receive the Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award by the MCOM Class of 2015. This award, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, is based on his work with third year medical students. He was chosen as a resident who demonstrated compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients and who served as an approachable and accessible role model and teacher to students and colleagues. Award recipients were honored at the Class of 2016 Student Clinician Ceremony on February 14.

Dr. Abraham Salinas was hooded by **Dr. Kathi Armstrong** during the USF graduation ceremony in December. Abraham, a pediatrician from Nicaragua who came to USF on a Fulbright scholarship, worked in Child Development while earning MPH and PhD degrees in public health. He was selected from all USF graduate students to provide the graduation speech. His wife, **Dr. Daniela Chiraboga**, was a USF med-peds resident who now practices at the Polk County Health Department.



The Student Health Services received their three year reaccreditation letter from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, which reported no areas that need improvement. Congratulations to the hardworking team, including Medical Director **Joseph Puccio, MD**, Senior Director Diane Zanto, ARNP, Nurse Manager Jacqueline Wilkinson and Davina Devries.

Janet Hess, DrPH, successfully defended her dissertation and earned her Doctor of Public Health in Community and Family Health in December. Dr. Hess was in the inaugural DrPH class at USF. She will present results from her study entitled *Residency Education in Preparing Adolescents and Young Adults for Transition to Adult Care: A Mixed Methods Pilot Study* at the February 20 grand rounds.

Mary Lee Farrior, founder of Mary Lee's House, was named the Tampa Metro Civitan Citizen of the Year on February 6 at the Florida State Fair's Governor's Day Luncheon. Mary Lee's house, home to USF Peds' Child Protection Team, offers abused children a refuge where their needs, including counseling, medical care and legal aid, are addressed. Since it opened in 2008, Mary Lee's House has treated more than 12,000 children and provided more than 20,000 services.

PRESENTATIONS

The Keystone Symposium, A7: *Mechanisms and Consequences of Invertebrate-Microbe Interactions*, held in Tahoe City in January, featured **Larry Dishaw, PhD**, who gave an invited talk entitled *An invertebrate perspective on the evolution of chordate gut-microbial interactions* and **Brittany Leigh**, who presented a poster entitled *An invertebrate gut immunoglobulin-like protein interacts with adherent communities of bacteria*. Other authors included **Gail Mueller, John Cannon, PhD** and **Gary Litman, PhD**.

Dr. Felipe Rico gave a Grand Rounds presentation at ACH/JHM on January 24 entitled *Leukemia stem cells: A model for new therapies for acute myelogenous leukemia*.

Four neonatology fellows presented abstracts at the Southeastern Perinatal Research Conference held in Key West in February:

Juan Fuentes Guerra, Xiaoyuan Kong, Michael Fant. *Plac1 (placenta-specific 1) is a novel X-linked determinant of brain development.*

Rohit Aswani, Laura Haubner, Angel Luciano, Shari Roberts, Judy Zaritt. *Skill assessment of neonatal intubation performance: A descriptive study by use of video laryngoscope.*

Tina Ho, Alan Schwartz, Akhil Maheshwari, Angel Luciano, Maureen Groer, Branko Milkadinovic, Terri Ashmeade. *The effects of packed red blood cell transfusion and anemia on intestinal inflammation in preterm infants.*

Rebecca Levine, James Galas, Branko Miladinovic, Kathryn Nardell, Maya Balakrishnan. *Management of a heart murmur in an asymptomatic neonate using a standardized approach*

RESIDENCY NEWS

Dr. Sharon Dabrow and four residents, **Drs. Booth, Turay, Smith and Dornshuld**, attended Ferrell Preparatory Middle School's Career Day on February 5th, where they spoke to a number of classrooms about health careers and becoming a doctor.



NEW PEDIATRIC CLINICAL TRIALS

Investigator: Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, MD. **Title:** *Clinical Evaluation of an Improved BinaxNOW Influenza A&B Card.* **Sponsor:** Alere Inc.

This study is open for enrollment. Patients (any age) must be enrolled within 72 hours of presenting with flu-like symptoms.

Contact Emma Gonzalez (813-416-7711 or egonzal2@health.usf.edu)

Investigator: Amarilis Sanchez-Valle, MD. **Title:** *A Three-Part, Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Four-Arm, Discontinuation Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Subcutaneous Injections of BMN 165 Self-Administered by Adults with Phenylketonuria.* **Sponsor:** BioMarin Pharmaceutical, Inc.

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Grand Rounds

March 6 *The Lewis A. Barness Lecture*
Zen and the Art of Professional Autonomy: Have We Worked Hard Enough to Keep It? Lessons Learned From Workforce Issues and How Primary Care May be Failing to Keep the Public Trust
James Stockman, MD

March 13 **Progress in the Treatment of Hodgkin's Disease**
Cameron Tebbi, MD

March 20 *Wheezing in Toddlers*
Marisa Couluris, DO

March 27 *IVIG Update: Facts and Fallacies*
Panida Sriaroon, MD

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

FACULTY-STAFF CAMPAIGN

Many thanks to **Dr. Judy Ranells** and **Chris Curran** for championing our department's Faculty and Staff Campaign. USF Peds has already surpassed last year's participation rate — we are currently at 24%, and our goal is at least 30%.



Please think about contributing to any USF fund — any amount is important!

SAVE THE DATE

Feb 21: USF Research Day
March 1: Tee-Off for Tourette's, benefitting the Rothman Center
March 5: Cocktail reception honoring Dr. Barness
March 6: Lewis Barness Lecture, Fellows' Forum and Resident QI/Research Poster Presentations
March 8: First Annual Scavenger Hunt, benefitting the Ybor Youth Clinic
March 21: Match Day
March 22: Celebrate Sound – Don't Walk in Silence, benefitting students with hearing loss

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