



# Pediatric News

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Dr. Jeff Krischer, Professor of Pediatrics and Division Chief of Epidemiology & Biostatistics was recently awarded a new NIH grant to coordinate worldwide studies on the prevention and treatment of juvenile diabetes. This latest funding, a seven-year award, supports Dr. Krischer's coordination of the NIH network of clinical research centers known as TrialNet. Please visit the link for the full story.

<http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=560>



For those who weren't able to attend, the Lisa Muma Weitz Laboratory for Advanced Microscopy and Cell Imaging Core opened on September 4th. Please visit the link for the full story.

<http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=1255>

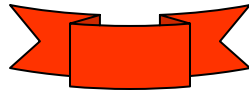
**From the Chairman's Desk**

I want to welcome to USF Pediatrics Dr. John McCormick Assistant Professor of Medicine/Pediatrics. John is a former resident who will see patients in the STC. Dr. Robb Holley and Dr. Vinita Kiluk are both Assistant Professors joining Neonatology clinically supporting the well baby service at TGH. We will have more on all 3 in the next newsletter. We are also excited about the news that Dr. Elena Perez has agreed to join the AIR Division in the next few months. Dr. Perez has been on the faculty at U. Pennsylvania and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Other exciting events include the dedication of the Lisa Muma Weitz Microscopy Center and Dr. Lew Rubin, Muma Professor giving the inaugural USF Health Distinguished Lecture.

We are finalizing a new Department web site and hope to have it up in the next month. Each Division should start working on information that they would like to have on their pages. Barbara Cockcream is the lead for this effort.





**September Birthdays:** Brian Knox (Sept 1); Soichi Haraguchi (Sept 3);

Bhavana Patel (Sept 5); Robert Engelman (Sept 6); Sarah Torrens (Sept 6); Erica Dosal (Sept 7); Ping Xu (Sept 8); Laura Johnson (Sept 9); Richard Lambou (Sept 9); Carmen Alfaro (Sept 10); Veena Gowda (Sept 10); David Cuthbertson (Sept 13); Wendy Shellhorn (Sept 13); Anne-Sophie Arnold (Sept 15); Francisco Flores (Sept 15); Hugo Narvarte (Sept 17); Willie Stokes (Sept 17); Shyam Mohapatra (Sept 18); June Tran (Sept 19); Monica Bassi (Sept 22); Ana Santos (Sept 23); Markas Bell (Sept 24); Barbara Cockcream (Sept 24); Allen Root (Sept 24); Heather Sabella (Sept 24); John Sleasman (Sept 24); Kristin Flynn (Sept 25); Pamela Navarro (Sept 25); Elizabeth Harris (Sept 30); Joanne Vaccaro-Kish (Sept 30)

**Faculty News Reviews / Accomplishments**

**Rani Gereige, MD:** Was recently notified that his case of “Psuedotumor cerebri associated with Lyme Disease” will be published in the July/August/September 2009 issue of *Pediatrics in Review*. Dr. Gereige was the senior author on this manuscript and Ali Menchise, MD (PGY-1) is first author and Brian Knox, MD (PGY-3) was co-author. Congratulations to everyone.

Dr. Gereige has also been invited by Dr. Specter’s office to be one of the “coaters” on stage to hand out the white coats to Med I students during the White Coat Ceremony on Friday August 29th.

**Lissette Campos,** Director, Strategic Communications\ USF Health: Put together a story on “Back to School” featuring several of our pediatricians.

<http://hscweb3.hsc.usf.edu/health/now/?p=572>

**Lisa Guetzko, MD and Roxanna Efktharri, MD :** Recently had a grant application for the Refugee Project (Dyson Grant from the AAP) accepted for publication and presentation at the annual meeting in October.

Ruben A. Quintero, MD; Ramen H. Chmait, MD; **Jane Carver, PhD;** Patricia W. Bornick, RN, MSN; Mary H. Allen, RN; Eftichia V. Kontopoulos, MD. In utero fetal oximetry via visible light spectroscopy in twin-twin transfusion syndrome. American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology. Article in Press. 2008.

**John P Cannon, Robert N Haire, Andrew T Magis, Donna D Eason, Kelley N Winfrey, Jose A Hernandez Prada, Kate M Bailey, Jean Jakoncic, Gary W Litman and David A Ostrov :** “A Bony Fish Immunological Receptor of the NITR Multigene Family Mediates Allogeneic Recognition.” Immunity 29, 228-237, August 15, 2008. Elsevier.



Pediatrics Residents Ali Menchise M.D. and Julie Rendon M.D., assisted on the RMCM at the Back-to-School physicals August 2nd at Mintz Elementary School. They saw around 200 kids, and they were a great help!

### Residency/Fellowship Program Updates

The following residents participated in several of the summer Health Fairs. Thanks for your altruism and participation!!!

Ali Menchise, Tracy Chang, Emilio Quezada, Julia Rendon, Allison Evans and Sara Lane.



Blake High School was the sight of one Back to School Fair on August 9th. Ali Menchise, Emilio Quezada and Tracy Chang are pictured along with Dr. Sharon Dabrow. They completed 142 physicals !



**On Thursday, September 18th, there will be an unveiling of The Robert A. Good Portrait and its permanent installation in the Robert A. Good MD, PhD Library at Harvard Medical School’s Jeffrey Modell Immunology Center in Boston. This is a distinguished honor in memory of Dr. Good and in recognition of the ground-breaking work and research he performed in his field of Allergy and Immunology.**

**HUMAN RESOURCES UPDATES**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Division</u></b>
Jessica Meneses	Nurse Practitioner, NICU	Neonatology
Anilda Ortiz	RN	General Pediatrics Clinic

Please join us in welcoming the above employees to the USF Health Pediatrics team!

**Welcome to our New Faculty !**

Robb Holley, MD	Well Baby	Neonatology Division
Vinita Kiluk, MD	Well Baby	Neonatology Division
John McCormick, MD	Medicine/Pediatrics	General Pediatrics Division

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**Dr. Maria Gieron, pediatric neurologist, is opening a private, non-CMS clinic that will be held in the CMS bldg on campus. Referrals will be very much appreciated. Please call (813) 974-2201 for patient appts.**

**It's The American Heart Association Heart Walk time again!!!!!!** You can help me reach my goal by making a donation online. Log-in to the email address below and you will be taken to my personal donation page where you can make a secure online credit card donation. The American Heart Association's online fundraising website has a minimum donation amount of \$25.00. If you prefer to donate less, you can do so by sending a check directly to me.

[tampabayheartwalk.kintera.org](http://tampabayheartwalk.kintera.org)

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"Items of Excellence"

By now everyone has probably seen the email publication of "Items of Excellence". This publication will run every two weeks.

**What:** Items of Excellence (IOE) are summaries of wins and accomplishments that support the vision and strategic goals of the HSC, the College and the department – timely items that we would like everyone to know about. Examples include announcements of recently awarded federal grants, recent recent publication in a major peer-reviewed journal or presentation at a national research conference, top-level appointments and honors, collaborative/team initiatives and accomplishments by departments or colleges, etc. – all leading to national prominence.

**Who Can Submit:** Anyone at the HSC – deans, chairs, faculty, staff and students.

**How:** Please report your IOEs to your department or college under the following five categories. Be concise – just the basic facts needed:

Creative Educational Models (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)

Research Really Matters (emphasis on national prominence, interdisciplinary collaboration)

Entrepreneurial Academic Practice (successful clinical practice and community outreach programs/projects, collaborations with community partners-- e.g. TGH, Moffitt, VA, ACH, outpatient sites).

Operational/Financial Innovation (streamlining of clinic operations resulting in greater efficiency and profit – scheduling, patient flow, medical records, billing, etc)

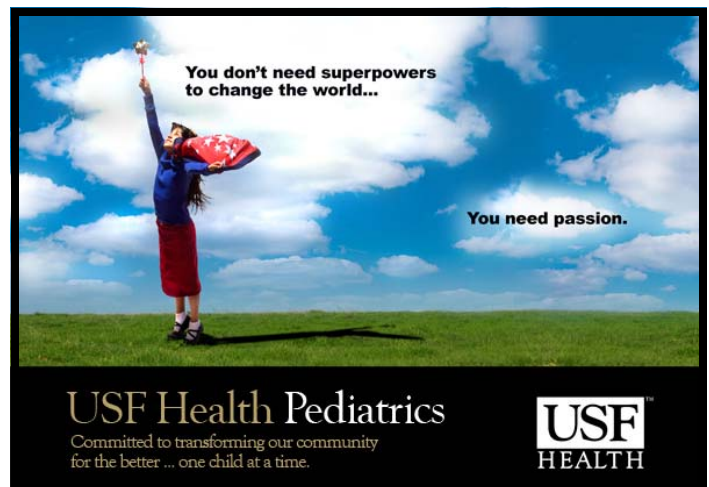
People Excellence – Items that demonstrate the Winning Spirit, Creativity and Accomplishments of the people at HSC

USF Health Funding

Finds List

Just a reminder you can view updated weekly funding finds online at the USF Health Office of Research.

<http://hsc.usf.edu/research/>



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