2019 Top Doctor’s List
USF Health Pediatrics physicians earn spots on Tampa’s Magazine 2019 Top Doctor’s list.

Congratulations to Drs. Marissa Couluris, Andrew Galligan, Maria Gieron, Brian Knox and Sagarika Nallu.

Dr. Jennifer Takagishi has been named the new Medical Director for the Statewide Medical Foster Care.

Congratulations to our Peds Residents and Allergy Fellows who passed their board exams! We would also like to thank the faculty for assisting our residents and fellows through this journey.

Congratulations to Dayla McElroy for earning her CRA-USF/Advanced credentials!

Peds and Med-Peds were well represented at Dean Lockwood’s Patient Experience Awards Ceremony held at his home on Jan 18. Congratulations to Drs. Dorothy Shulman, Laura Weathers, Nathan Brinn, Brian Knox, John McCormick, Hugo Narvarte and Dayhanara Pena, DNP for achieving Top Performers for FY 17-18.

17 Davis and Med-Peds clinic have been recertified for Patient Centered Medical Home! Congratulations to Drs. Lana Soylu and Mary Mitchell, ARNP for the incredible amount of time and effort put towards obtaining recertification for our primary care sites.

Congratulations to the Residency Education Team Kelly Paulina and Tori Sanchez for their hard work in finalizing the 2018 residency recruitment season. Thank you for organizing and coordinating a total of 179 interviews for both Pediatrics and Med-Peds applicants.
I hope you enjoyed the department's annual report. If you haven’t seen it there is a copy on our website and we have hard copies available. I am very proud of this product and everything it represents. You will notice that the report states the top two reasons to celebrate USF pediatrics are related to education. Medical education is our “Northstar,” so what does that mean?

As a clinical academic department we have many missions. Patient care always takes priority, so sometimes it is difficult to remember that our reason for existence is to train the next generation of child health providers. As we start a new year I would like everyone to reflect on how they participate in the medical education mission. Every single person in our organization plays a part – we are all leaders and teachers.

As this newsletter points out, we have many tangible accomplishments and many more intangible. But I feel that as a department we can aspire to be even better and do more in the realms of CME/GME/UME and in providing health education within our community. Can you make it one of your goals for 2019 – to be a better educator, communicator and leader?

I wish you a very happy, healthy and successful 2019. Seize each day!

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

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**In Memoriam**

**Dr. Noorbibi K. Day**  
(January 3, 1928 – December 16, 2018)

Emeritus faculty Noorbibi Day, PhD passed away on December 16, 2018. Dr. Day was a professor of Pediatrics in Immunology and ran the Immunoparameters Laboratories at All Children’s Hospital. She was a tireless researcher and teacher.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, **February 24 at 10:30am** at the St. Petersburg Yacht Club  
11 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL

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**Presentations**

Allergy & Immunology Fellows **Drs. Jacqueline Squire and Warit Jithpratuck** attended the American College of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting. Held on Nov 15-19 in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Jacqueline Squire presented her poster titled: *Periodic Fever with Aphous Stomatitis, Pharyngitis, and Adenitis (PFAPA) Syndrome and Glomerulonephritis—An Uncommon Association.*  
Co-authors were Ayestaran F, and Leiding JW.

Dr. Warit Jithpratuck presented his poster titled: *A Mysterious Rash Around Surgical Wounds.*  
Co-authors were Kays DW, Sriaroon P.

Dr. Elissa Engel (Peds PGY-3) presented her poster titled: *Predictors of Post-Thrombotic Syndrome in Pediatric Thrombosis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of the Literature* during the American Society of Hematology Annual Meeting held Dec 7-10 in Orlando, FL.

Co-authors were: Albisetti M, Brandao L, Amankwah E, Nguyen A, Goldenberg N, and Betensky M.
Happenings

The Department of Pediatrics held their annual Holiday Potluck on Dec 6, with great food and an Ugly Sweater contest. Congratulations to Judy Maraj for obtaining 1st place!

USF Peds hosted 9 families and 15 children for a holiday party at HealthPark. The event was held on Dec 15 with fun activities such as cookie decorating, coloring books, and live music.

The new Spanish Curriculum course was held on Dec 3, the curriculum is based on the Spanish Language for Pediatrics Provider book. Residents and faculty will take turns role playing as the provider and patients. If you would like to attend, please email Tori Sanchez at vsanchez1@health.usf.edu, (no previous knowledge of Spanish needed).

Location: Margaritas Mexican Restaurant at 209 E. Davis Blvd.
Next Meeting Date: TBA

TGH Research Website & Study Proposal Form Updates: The new website contains valuable information about the new study submission process and the necessary forms to conduct a study at TGH. As of January 1, 2019, TGH requires that all submission packets include the most current versions of all required documents. A TGH informed consent template is now available. As a reminder, conducting research at TGH requires both IRB and TGH institutional approval.

Grants & Contracts

Investigator: Carina Rodriguez, MD & Lisa Sanders, MD
Title: All 4 Youth
Sponsor: Florida Department of Health

Investigator: Diane Straub, MD
Title: SDHC Adolescent Health—Pl to Improve Access to YYC for High School Students
Sponsor: Centers for Disease Control

Investigator: Amarilis Sanchez-Valle, MD
Title: An Open-label Extension Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Subcutaneous Injections of Pegvaliase (>40 mg/day Dose) in Adults with Phenylketonuria
Sponsor: BioMarin


March: National Nutrition Month, National Sleep Awareness Week

April: World Immunization Week, World Autism Awareness Month.

Reminder: The Faculty and Staff Campaign is still happening. Our department is at 16% participation. Please be on the lookout for an announcement for more participation opportunities.
Grand Rounds

♦ Feb 7
2019 Annual Bernard Pollara Resident Lectureship
Healthcare Simulation as an Assessment Tool: Improving International Pediatric Readiness
Isabel T. Gross, MD, PhD, MPH, CPH, FAAP
*Please join us for a hot breakfast starting at 7:30am*

♦ Feb 14
The Yin and Yang of Bone Mineralization: Osteoporosis / Osteopetrosis
Allen W. Root, MD

♦ Feb 21
Physician Wellness: So Much Bigger Than Burnout
Amy E. Vinson, MD, FAAP

♦ Feb 28
The Pediatric Eye Exam: Common Eye Problems
Michael A. Lopez, MD, FAAP

Clinical Team Member of the Month
Shawnna Johnson, January’s Clinical Team Member of the Month, is an LPN at the STC clinic. Nominators commented that she is a team player, always has a smile on her face, and goes above and beyond for her patients. In addition, she has excellent clinical and critical thinking skills, and is always willing to lend a hand to help her team.

Grant Opportunities

USF Women’s Health Collaborative Foundation Fund
Spring Seed Grant Opportunities!
Award of up to $15,000 to be announced at the Annual Women’s Health Luncheon, Wednesday, May 15, 2019, at the Bryan Glazer Family JCC venue

Two Application Options will be Available:
Option 1) Research must be in a women’s health-related topic.
Option 2) One Award for a Special Sponsored topic must be “early childhood-related” — be sure to use the Special Sponsored application.

Seed Grant Application Highlights
Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 11:59 PM
- faculty teams of three or more who have not worked together previously
- collaboration comprised of a minimum of three USF Health colleges or USF main campus or USF Health partners
- USF Health faculty member must be main PI
- preference given to teams comprised of junior faculty PI with senior faculty team members to encourage mentorship interactions
- Gift cards must follow USF Foundation guidelines (Award in attached application form, final page)
- PROJECTS FUNDED UP TO $15,000!

Seed Grant Application Deadline: Friday, March 29, 11:59 PM
Awards to be Announced: May 15, 2019

Faculty Development
Dr. Jane Carver will give her Scientific Writing class for faculty on April 10. The course will be held at the Morsani Center from 8 to 4. RSVP at facultyreach@health.usf.edu. Contact Jane at jcarver@health.usf.edu if you would like additional information.

Please submit all newsletter entries to: pedicom@health.usf.edu by March 29, 2019
Residency News

We are done with recruitment season!

We have met such wonderful applicants this season, and are excited about Match Day 2019. We interviewed 131 applicants for Pediatrics, and 48 Med-Peds applicants. Applicants applied from 83 different schools nationwide. A special shout-out to our fabulous residents who took the time to drive our applicants to JHACH, provide tours, meet them for lunch and dinner, and provide valuable feedback. In addition, thank you to our faculty interviewers for your time and support.

**Peds:** Drs. Dabrow, Straub, Plant, Weiss, Kiluk, Rico, Takagishi, Flores-Torres, Soylu, Siraj, Ford, and Murphy. And our Chief residents Drs. Blanco and Hagerman.

**Med-Peds:** Drs. Abel, Knox, and McCormick. And our Chief residents Drs. Mayper and Maier.

Rank lists are due on February 20, and Match Day is celebrated on March 15. Please save the date for our Match Party on **March 15 at Hula Bay Club at 5:00pm**. This event is open to anyone that would like to attend, please stop by to congratulate our match applicants. We cannot wait to introduce you to our new incoming class! *further details to come*

We are recruiting teams for our annual **USF Pediatrics/Med-Peds 2019 Softball/Kickball Game.**

All Med-Peds and Pediatric residents and faculty are encouraged to participate. Invite your family and friends to play and cheer! *further details to come*

Residents, those of you interested in joining the Peds Team for the Gasparilla 5k, please contact Kelly Paulina for further information.

Gasparilla Distance Classic —February 23.

**Med-Peds Celebration**

On Jan 26, current and Med-Peds alumni gathered to celebrate Dr. Asef Mahmud’s (Med-Peds Class of 2017) nuptials in Orlando. Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Peds and Med-Peds residents who matched in Fellowships!

- **Lauren Furman** - Hematology/Oncology at UT Southwestern
- **Jillian Hagerman** - Adolescent at University of Washington
- **Erica Peterson** - Neonatology at USF
- **Michelle Rosario** - Gastroenterology at Penn State
- **Christian Tan** - Cardiology at University of Alabama

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- USF Health Pediatrics & Internal Medicine/Pediatrics
- @usfmedpeds
- @usfhealthpediatrics

January
- 1/6 - Brett Russi
- 1/7 - Benjamin Cloyd
- 1/15 - MaryBeth Melvin
- 1/18 - Ashmit Bhatt & Colleen Maier
- 1/25 - Megan Spiewak
- 1/27 - Jaurel Harley
- 1/31 - Michelle Rosario

February
- 2/14 - Alicia Lew
- 2/21 - Lauren Furman
- 2/23 - Alicia Drees
- 2/25 - Allison Cullinane
- 2/26 - Carlos Pagan