FROM THE CHAIR

June marks a time of transition, particularly for our residents and fellows. Last night we commemorated the graduation of 16 third year residents, 5 fourth year med-peds residents, 2 peds chief residents and 3 fellows. It was a great night of celebration and thanksgiving at the Rusty Pelican, attended by many faculty, house staff and families. We are so thankful for the energy and dedication the house staff demonstrated during their time here and for the caring they brought to many patients. Our graduates are scattering across the U.S. for various jobs and fellowships — we wish them all well! A list of our graduates and where they will be heading are included in the newsletter. This year we gave a new award — the Sharon Perlman Award of Excellence — in honor of Dr. Sharon Perlman, our pediatric nephrologist at ACH who has been an outstanding teacher and mentor during her 30 years of practice. Sharon has been a strong representative for USF at ACH Medical Staff meetings, was the Chief of Staff at ACH from 2007-2009, and was president-elect of the American Society of Pediatric

KUDOS

Dr. Heather Agazzi’s proposal titled Trauma Informed Behavioral Parenting (TIBP): Early Intervention for Child Welfare was funded by the Florida Institute for Child Welfare for $60,000. The investigators will implement and test the effectiveness of TIBP in meeting the mental health needs of the Part C-enrolled child welfare population. Early interventionists will learn the required skills and assessment strategies, and outcomes in children and parents who receive TIBP will be compared with those of participants who receive standard early intervention.

Dr. Kathi Armstrong and her collaborators, Drs. Emily Shaffer Hudkins, Denise Maguire and Rita DeBate, received a $20,000 seed grant from the USF Women’s Collaborative for their proposal titled An Intervention to Improve Feeding Success in Infants with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome. The investigators are designing an intervention to help mothers in drug treatment successfully feed their infants born with neonatal abstinence syndrome. They will interview healthcare providers in the NICU who are expert feeders, and design an on-line video training that mothers can view during their third trimester.

Kelly Paulina successfully completed USF’s Management Certificate Program in Human Resources Organizational Development, for which she completed 7 sessions over 7 months.

BEST WISHES TO MIKE TALONE

Mike Talone, driver for the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, will retire on August 1. He has been with USF since 2001, and joined the Care Mobile Program in 2012. Mike has been a tremendous asset to the program. He has done an outstanding job maintaining the Care Mobile, has assisted with patient registration, scheduling, data collection and patient interviews, and has performed the duties of a medical assistant and administrative secretary.

He is extraordinary with children, and a generous man of many exceptional talents. He will be greatly missed!
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Nephrology in 2014 before she had to step down due to illness. The award is given to a resident who demonstrates excellence in patient care, strength of character and outstanding leadership. Dr. Katherine Guthrie received the award this year. Sharon’s husband, Ron Frankel, represented Sharon at the award ceremony. Sharon defines the dedication and passion for education that has been our department’s legacy.

It is indeed a time of transition and we are very sorry to say goodbye to Cristy Pelaez who will be moving to Houston with her family. Cristy has been such a strong champion of the patient-centered medical home and our representative to the FCAAP and national AAP organizations. We will greatly miss Cristy and her passion for her work and wish her the best of luck in her new position with Texas Children’s general pediatrics. Next week we will begin orientation for our new residents and fellows. We look forward to an exciting and productive 2015/16 academic year, and greatly appreciate our faculty, staff and trainees — your hard work and dedication make USF Pediatrics a special place!

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

PRESENTATIONS

At the International Psychological Applications and Trends Annual Conference held in Ljubljana, Slovenia in May, Dr. Rahman Omar led a workshop titled Comprehensive Behavioral Treatment for Body-focused Repetitive Behaviors, and he presented a paper titled Randomized Controlled Trial of Habit Reversal Training for Treatment of Hair Pulling in Youth. Co-authors were Amanda Collier and Drs. Eric Storch and Adam Lewin.

USF Pediatrics’ NICU nurse practitioners presented 3 posters at the Neonatal Advanced Practice Nursing Forum in Washington, DC last month:

- Cynthia Dedrick and Angel Luciano: Hypotonia By Any Other Name.
- Christina Barrera: An Enlarged Fourth Ventricle.
- Jennifer DeVries: When an Uncomplicated Stay Changes Direction.

Courtney Johns was first author on a poster titled International Medicine Scholarly Concentration: Future Physicians Gaining a Global Perspective that was presented at the National Association for Foreign Student Advisers in Boston on May 24. Other authors included Cristienn Joudaane and Drs. Oxner, Myers, Sinnott and Menezes.

Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle was an author on A Randomized, Placebo-Controlled, Double-Blind Study of Sapropterin to Treat Symptoms of ADHD and Executive Dysfunction in Children and Adolescents with Phenylketonuria that was presented as a poster at the Society of Inherited Metabolic Disorders meeting and as an oral presentation at the American College of Medical Genetics meeting. Both meetings were held in March in Salt Lake City.

ALUMNI NEWS

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg visited the office of Drs. Dick Reina and Mark Borden recently and presented them with certificates of appreciation for their many years of dedication to pediatric education and teaching USF pediatric residents in their office. Mark is a member of the USF Pediatrics class of 1999. Many of you remember Dr. Reina as a “fixture”, along with Dr. Barness at every TGH morning report for over 20 years. He brought the general pediatrician’s perspective to the conversation and always had cogent comments. Two other USF graduates have joined their practice, Dr. Kristen Lagor (class of 2009) and Dr. Beth Harris (class of 2008). We greatly appreciate the value community preceptors play in the education of the next generation of pediatricians. To teach is to touch a life forever….thanks for giving of your time, sharing your knowledge and mentoring our residents!
**NEW & NOTEWORTHY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

- **June 20**
  - Resident Welcome Party
- **August 1**
  - Goals & Objectives Forms Due
- **September 4-6**
  - FCAAP Meeting

**PEDS RESEARCH NEWS**

Dr. Jose Ferreira is recruiting patients for two studies that are investigating the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical cannabidiol oral solution as an adjunctive therapy for patients with inadequately controlled Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome or Dravet Syndrome. Please contact Mayra Ferreira at 813-873-7367, ext 210, or mayra@pensresearch.org for additional information.

**RESIDENCY NEWS**

The resident and fellow graduation celebration was held at the Rusty Pelican on June 14th. All graduates were recognized and many awards were given:

- **Attending, Generalist (TGH and ACH):** Melinda Murphy and Jennifer Casatelli
- **Attending, Specialist (TGH and ACH):** Valerie Panzarino and Juan Dumois
- **Med-Peds Faculty:** John McCormick
- **Emergency Medicine:** Isabel Gross
- **Pediatric Cardiology Resident of the Year:** Vanessa Perez
- **Cardiovascular Research Resident of the Year:** Jonathan Chan
- **Gastroenterology:** Katherine Guthrie
- **NICU Intern of the Year:** Kaitlin Sapp
- **Hospitalist of the Year (ACH):** Prachi Singh
- **Intern of the Year:** Nicole Armstrong
- **Med-Peds Resident of the Year:** Devi Yalamanchili
- **General Pediatrics Resident of the Year:** Prachi Singh
- **Clinical Challenge, Med-Peds:** Alison Burt
- **Clinical Challenge, Peds:** Erin Wright
- **Drill Recognition:** Isabel Gross and Rob Kickish
- **ROC Recognition:** Katherine Guthrie and Juan Luna
- **Sharon A. Perlman Award of Excellence:** Katherine Guthrie
- **AAP Recognition:** Erin Wright
- **Allen Root Resident of the Year (awarded by all faculty):** Isabel Gross

**We wish all of the graduating residents the very best of luck next year!**

- Kathleen Altemose: Nephrology fellowship at Johns Hopkins, Baltimore
- Christina Dornshuld: General pediatrics at Wee Care for Kids, Riverview
- Kelly Driver: Neonatology fellow at USF
- Lauren Friedman: USF Peds chief resident, then emergency medicine fellowship
- Kristi George: Hematology/oncology fellowship at UT San Antonio
- Miriah Gillispie: Rheumatology fellowship at Baylor University/Texas Children’s
- Isabel Gross: USF Peds chief resident then emergency medicine fellowship
- Katherine Guthrie: Hospitalist at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital
- Jordan Larsen: Emergency medicine fellowship at Oklahoma City
- Juan Luna: General pediatrics at Community Health Centers of Pinellas
- Gina Nguyen: General pediatrics at Altamonte Assoc. in Orlando
- Vanessa Perez: Cardiology fellowship at the University of Virginia
- Prach Singh: Infectious diseases fellowship at UCSF/Oakland Children’s Hospital
- Stephanie Smith: General pediatrics at Kaiser Permanente, Oxnard, CA
- Yolanda Suarez-Scott: General pediatrics at MD Kids, Katy Texas
- Erin Wright: Hematology/oncology fellowship at Akron Children’s Hospital

**Chief Residents**

- Marsha Ramsay: General pediatrics at Healthpoint Pediatrics
- Sara Saporta: Infectious diseases fellowship at Denver Children’s Hospital

**Med Peds**

- Jonathan Chan: ICU Fellowship at Children's National Hospital
- Katie Knupp: Hospitalist at TGH
- Michelle Tang: Hospitalist in at Medstar Southern Maryland Hospital, Clinton
- Devi Yalamanchili: Hospitalist at TGH
- Minal Ahson: Hospitalist at TGH

**EPIC CORNER**

Please be sure you have signed up for EPIC training. The amount and type of training is dependent on your role. Clinic templates have been frozen, no changes will be made until October. Launch is on track for August 1st.

**GRAND ROUNDS**

There will be no grand rounds during July and August. The first lecture of the 15/16 academic year will be given by Dr. Emmanuel on September 10th.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Jennifer Trost, Nurse Practitioner; TGH NICU

NEW ADDITIONS

Dr. Kathleen Pope, husband Dr. John Pope, and their two children, Ryan and Mary, welcomed a new baby boy, Eric James, into their family on May 24.

CHIEF RESIDENTS

The Chief Residents for 2016-17 will be Drs. Kristine Rietsma and Kimberly Law.

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Fellows
Juan Fuentes-Guerra: Broward General Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale
Farnaz Tabatabaian: Gubernick Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Associates, Largo

Drs. Gillispe, Driver, Gross Sabbagh, Wright, Desai and Altemose presented the results of their quality improvement projects during pediatric Grand Rounds on May 21.

Last month we welcomed Courtney Johns as the newest member of the Pediatrics Education Team. We will miss having Stephanie Helms on the team, but wish her the best of luck as the fellowship coordinator and administrative specialist for neonatology.

FACULTY & STAFF CAMPAIGN

The divisions at 100% participation include Administration, Adolescent Medicine, Genetics, Med Peds and Pulmonology.

Help us reach our participation goals for the Faculty & Staff Campaign! Don’t forget the deadline to donate is June 30th to be eligible to win the iPad Air! Donation can be any amount and to any fund within USF Foundation. Please email Chris Curran at ccurran@health.usf.edu with any questions.

PEDS FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Patricia Emmanuel’s interview with ABC Action news aired on May 7. Dr. Emmanuel discussed fifth disease, which is caused by parvovirus B19. Elementary schools are issuing a warning about the virus among young children.

Dr. Kathleen Armstrong was interviewed by the Tampa Tribune for an article titled Mother of Special-Needs Kids Takes to Airwaves.

The Florida Perinatal Quality’s Collaborative’s Golden Hour project, led by Drs. Maya Balakrishnan and Terri Ashmeade, was featured in last month’s newsletter of the Agency for Healthcare, Research and Quality. The piece described the improvements the program achieved in care delivered during the “golden hour” after birth.