FROM THE CHAIR

November is a busy time for all both academically and personally. There are a number of academic meetings, presentations, grant and abstract submissions happening. Our residency program also started interviews this month. This takes a huge effort by staff, residents and faculty alike and is critical to our success as a department.

November also begins our holiday period—a time to connect with friends and family and be grateful for another year of experiences together.

Another part of Thanksgiving... is the giving. I hope that we all give 100% effort to our work here at USF Peds, but I also hope that you will allow me to ask you for a little more. USF MCOM is beginning its annual faculty-staff campaign and we are hoping for outstanding departmental participation again this year. Once again, it is not the dollar amount that matters—but that everyone in our department cares enough to participate. There are numerous funds that you can contribute to—medical student scholarships, the Ronald McDonald van, Ybor clinic, research funds and

USF PEDIATRIC ALUMNI GROUP

We are excited to tell you about the USF Pediatric Alumni Group, led by Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, which held their inaugural “brainstorming” session on October 16. Those in attendance had many wonderful ideas to help us move this project forward, and everyone was excited about bringing the alumni together. USF Pediatrics has graduated over 400 pediatric and med-peds residents over the past 42 years, and many remain in the Tampa Bay area and other parts of Florida. This provides a wonderful opportunity to reconnect our alumni to their academic training home and explore ways to promote and enrich the Department of Pediatrics, residents, students, the alumni and our pediatric community.

We are now in the process of updating our alumni database — If you are an alumnus and would like to “reconnect”, please send your contact information to Caroline Murphy (cmurphy4@health.usf.edu). Please also forward this newsletter to any USF pediatric or med-peds alumni and encourage them to submit their updated contact information as well! Stay tuned for more information in the weeks to come!

KUDOS

Dr. John McCormick is the recipient of a Vitals Patients’ Choice Award, which is based on patients’ voicing their appreciation for the quality of care, treatment and service their physicians provided. The award honors physicians who had near perfect ratings and reviews on www.vitals.com

Tawania St. John, CRA-USF, and Desiree Cuesta Henderson, CRA-USF, earned their USF Certified Research Administrator credentials in November.

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diabetes to name a few. This year we will be developing a new initiative with our Resident Support Fund and will be actively soliciting for the Bernard Pollara, MD PhD Resident Scholarship fund. This initiative, in honor of our own Dr. Pollara will support a resident to attend a scholarly meeting and a lectureship on primary care pediatric. Dr. Lynn Ringenberg and I will match any contribution to this fund up to $1,000. You will hear more about this project in the next newsletter. You will also be hearing about some contests and competitions between divisions to encourage participation in the faculty staff campaign...and prizes! I want to thank Chris Curran for being the point person for our departmental campaign, and Lynn Ringenberg who will assist with the Bernard Pollara Resident Scholarship fundraising.

I want to express my gratitude for all of the outstanding work our department performs in advancing the care of children through our missions, and thank each of you for your passion and generosity. Let’s show USF how great our department is by supporting each other with this campaign. I hope you all have a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!

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

HAPPENINGS

Halloween was a festive event at HealthPark, 17 Davis Clinic and TGH!

Youth Education Services (YES), a program of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Disease, hosted the first annual HalloScreen on October 30 at the Ybor Youth Clinic (YYC). From 9 PM to midnight the clinic was open for outreach services including HIV and STI screenings provided by DACCO and YYC staff. USF medical, graduate and undergraduate students came out to engage the Ybor community in this event. Students passed out condoms, candy, and information on screening services available at the YYC.

Florida HATS is offering a new series of 10 online modules, which includes free CME/CE for physicians, nurses and allied professionals. The modules are appropriate for any practitioner or support staff involved in the care of adolescents and young adults. The modules can be accessed at www.FloridaHATS.org.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Erika Holt, Dietician; Genetics

Virginia Guzman, Medical Assistant; 17 Davis

Alicia Torres Carrion, Medical Assistant; 17 Davis

Marlene Papia, Administrative Specialist; Pulmonology

Desiree Cuesta Henderson, Fiscal and Business Specialist; Neonatology

Drs. William Brooks and Carol Lilly announced that Mr. Robert Mobley will be the new Children’s Protection Team coordinator. Mr. Mobley brings a wealth of experience from law enforcement and child welfare.

ADDITIONS

Laura Stefanic, ARNP, delivered Alexander on Sept 19.

PUBLICATIONS


Dr. Tanya Murphy was senior author on Clinical evaluation of youth with pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome (PANS): Recommendations from the 2013 PANS Consensus Conference. Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology. October 17, 2014. (Epub ahead of print)

Drs. Toufexis, Gerardi and Murphy are authors on Disordered eating and food restrictions in children with PANDAS. Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology. October 20, 2014. (Epub ahead of print)
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Sessions for medical students included the latest in pediatric residency, research, and advocacy, which inspired many students to get more involved. Students were introduced to the political side of pediatrics and its campaigns such as CHIP. A pediatric subspecialties "speed dating" event gave them the opportunity to communicate with practicing pediatricians about their specialties and career options. The students were warmly welcomed at every event, especially by USF Health pediatricians who took the time to welcome them at a private reception. “It was great to be a part of such a passionate and fun-loving community, which has only confirmed why we believe pediatrics is such a wonderful and unique specialty.”

The annual Pediatric and Med-Peds Intern Retreat was held on Oct 25 at USF’s Riverfront Park. During the all-day event, residents and program directors participated in a variety of team-building activities using the ropes course. They also

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Dr. Kersti Linask** was co-organizer, along with the Secretary General of the Nordic Alcohol and Drug Policy Network, of a conference on fetal alcohol spectrum disorders held at Tallinn University in Estonia in September. Dr. Linask presented *Alcohol-induced Birth Defects and Folate Supplementation in the Mouse Model*. While there she participated in meetings regarding the development of a FASD clinic in Estonia.

**Carla Duff, CPNP MSN, CCRP**, presented a poster titled Effective Use of 20% Subcutaneous Immunoglobulin Therapy in an Adult Male with Pre-existing Thrombi at the American College of Allergy, Asthma, & Immunology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA on November 8th.

Faculty and trainees from the Rothman Center made impressive contributions at the 61st Annual Conference for the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry held in San Diego on October 20-24:

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participated in several other activities including the Myers-Briggs Personality inventory. It was a great day for fun and personal and professional growth.

Dr. Dennrick Abraham taught oral health to elementary students at Mt. Pleasant Elementary School in October.

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Drs. Toufexis, Gerardi and Murphy were authors on a poster titled Disordered Eating and Food Restrictions in Children with PANDAS.

Drs. Lewin, McGuire, Murphy and Storch were authors of a presentation titled Parent Preferences and Perceptions of Behavioral and Pharmacological Treatments for Childhood Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder. The presentation was made during a standing-room only symposium titled Family Matters: The Role of Parents in the Treatment of Pediatric Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and Tic Disorders, which was co-chaired by Dr. Lewin.

Dr. Maya Balakrishnan gave a lecture titled Implementing PDSA Cycles at the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative’s Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative Collaborative Meeting held in Orlando on October 27, and a lecture titled Non-Invasive Positive Pressure Ventilation for the TGH Respiratory Therapists Conference on October 21.

Dr. Terri Ashmeade led a Perinatal Quality Improvement Symposium at Winnie Palmer Hospital in Orlando on November 13. Dr. Ashmeade is a master trainer for the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative’s TeamSTEPPS (strategies and tools to enhance performance and patient safety).

Susan Angelos, Terri Ashmeade, Carol Lilly and Pam Sanders presented Transitions to Home: Patient-centered Medical Home for Neonatal Follow-up at the Children’s Hospital Association Annual Leadership Conference on October 13, 2014 held in Palm Desert, California.

USF residents presented posters at several recent meetings:

The annual meeting of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition held in Atlanta October 23-26:

Drs. Kelly Driver and Annie Gao presented Safety and Efficacy of Bedside Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Placement in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Other authors included Dr. Rebecca Levine, recent graduate of USF’s neonatology fellowship program, and Dr. Michael Wilsey.

Drs. Kimberly Law, Joseph Spuches and Michael Wilsey presented Esophageal Diverticulum and High-Grade Esophageal Structure Responsive to Serial Balloon Dilation and Nutritional Therapy.

Drs. Christina Baldwin, Kejal Desai, Gul Dadlani and Michael Wilsey were authors on Safety and Outcomes of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Tube Placement in Infants Less than Five Kilograms with Critical Congenital Heart Defects.

SAVE THE DATE

November 18
Hillsborough County General Membership Dinner Meeting

December 3
Faculty Meeting & Holiday Reception

January 26
Deadline for USF Internal Awards Program Grants: Conference Support and Faculty International Travel

March 11
Alumni & Community Reception

March 12
Barness Lecture and Fellows’ Forum
The recipient of the $50,000 Tampa Bay Lightning Community Hero Award, Mary Ann Massolio, will donate half of the award to support hematology/oncology research under the direction of Dr. Cameron Tebbi. The check was presented at the Oct 28 Lightening Game.

Dr. Eric Storch served on a study section for NIMH NRSA Research Training grants on October 28.

GRAND ROUNDS

December 4
Angel Luciano, MD
Neonatal Immune System: Friend or Foe?

December 11
Shyam Mohapatra, PhD, MBA
RSV Prophylaxis: What’s On the Horizon?

December 18
Hoka Nyanda, MD
What’s New in Pediatric Dermatology?

December 25
Happy Holidays!

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10th Symposium on Advances in Perinatal Cardiology held in St. Petersburg October 23-26:

Drs. Jonathan Chan, Erin Telepak and Gul Dadlani presented Risk of Mortality in Various Subgroups with Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension.

Drs. Kejal Desai and Kinjal Parikh presented Risk of Mortality in Infants with Critical Congenital Heart Disease and Feeding Intolerance Requiring Gastrostomy Tube Placement.

At the AAP Meeting held in San Diego last month Dr. Cristina Pelaez gave a presentation titled Impact of a Resident Educational Intervention in Preparing Adolescents and Young Adults for Transition to Adult Care for the Committee on Quality Improvement and Patient Safety. She also participated in the Executive Committee of the Section of Young Physicians representing District X, and she served as an executive committee member of the Provisional Section of International Medical Graduates in their meeting with the Section of International Health.

Four posters were presented at The Third Annual Research Symposium at All Children’s Hospital:

Safety and Outcomes of Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Tube Placement in Infants Less Than Five Kilograms With Congenital Heart Defects. C. Baldwin, K Patel, E Amankwah, ASochet, J Jacobs, G Dadlani, M Wilsey.

Risk of Mortality in Various Subgroups of Patients with Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension. J Chan, J Leshko, G Dadlani

Morbidity and Mortality in Infants with Congenital Heart Defects Stratified by Gastrostomy Tube Placement and Mortality Score. K Desai, C Baldwin, E Amankwah, A Sochet, J Jacobs, MWilsey, G Dadlani

Safety and Efficacy of Bedside Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy Placement in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. A Gao, R Levine, K Driver, E Amankwah, FShakeel, M Wilsey

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Angel Luciano, March of Dimes Health Care Spokesperson, was interviewed by Telemundo for National Hispanic Heritage Month piece which aired on October 6.

Dr. Patty Emmanuel was interviewed by Channel 10 about pertussis immunization in adults who are around newborns.