FROM THE CHAIR

There is much consternation and controversy in the pediatric community about the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP) Maintenance of Certification (MOC). It all started several years ago with protests from several specialties to the American Board of Medical Specialties that MOC was too expensive, time consuming and irrelevant to their practice. Many of us have struggled through “hand washing” modules on the ABP site and paid high fees to remain compliant. We also suffered through the Prometric testing center, struggling to recall details for our specialty boards. At the recent meeting of the Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs this issue was addressed head-on. The group surveyed all pediatric chairs about their opinions of MOC. Although the report is currently embargoed, lifelong learning is one concept that was soundly endorsed. They support two points: that continuous learning is the responsibility of each physician and that learning activities should be tailored to individuals and their practices.

I would argue that the principle of lifelong learning should apply to every LEWIS BARNES LECTURESHP

Dr. Marianne Felice will deliver the 2016 Lewis Barness Lecture at 8 AM on March 31, and she will facilitate the Fellows’ Forum immediately following the lecture. During the noon networking luncheon residents will display their research posters.

Dr. Felice, formerly physician-in-chief of the UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center, was chair of the Dept. of Pediatrics at the UMass Medical School from 1998-2012, and is currently Professor of Pediatrics and Ob/Gyn. She has a long and distinguished career as an outstanding leader and dedicated advocate for children. In 2013 the Massachusetts Medical Society named her as the first recipient of its Woman Physician Leadership Award.

The Lewis Barness lecture was established in 1995 to honor Dr. Lewis Barness, founding chair of USF Pediatrics.

FAREWELL DR. SUTSKO

It is with heavy hearts that we say good bye this month to Dr. Ronald Sutsko, who is joining the staff at the Levine Children’s Hospital in Charlotte, NC. Dr. Sutsko joined the USF Peds Division of Neonatology in 2010. Since arriving he has worked tirelessly to promote and improve the department’s educational mission. He served as Associate Program Director of the Residency Program and Director of the MS4 Pediatrics Track and Electives – roles he filled with enthusiasm and professionalism. He was actively involved in the Pediatric Interest Group, serving as faculty advisor and mentor. His commitment to medical education was confirmed by his being chosen by the Association of Pediatric Program Directors to participate in its national Leadership Education Academic Development Program. We wish him well, and will surely miss him as a colleague, friend and wonderful member of the USF Peds family.
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member of our department – faculty, providers, nursing and staff. Medicine is evolving so fast, and the flow of information is relentless. The best way to stay current and innovative is for every team member to bring new ideas and knowledge to their practice.

There is real value in quality improvement work, especially when done in teams. Everyone wins when we stop to look at our data, and make changes to improve our processes, work flows and patient management. As the various governing bodies sort through the reformatting of MOC, one thing is very clear: all healthcare professionals will continue to be required to demonstrate ongoing competence and learning throughout their career. The public demands it and certifying bodies will continue to monitor it. So I hope that the changes will result, not in the abolishment of MOC, but in ensuring that the process aligns with our real work and that we can continue to find joy in learning every day!

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

WELCOME DR. WALTER

This month we are pleased to welcome Jolan E. Walter, MD, PhD, as the Robert A. Good Endowed Chair in Pediatric Immunology, and Chief of the Division of Allergy & Immunology. Dr. Walter’s early training was at the University of Pecs in Hungary, where she received her MD in 1996 and completed her PhD and postdoctoral fellowship in virology in 2002. She was a research fellow in infectious diseases at the Center for Pediatric Research at the East Virginia Medical School (EVMS) in Norfolk, VA, completed her pediatric residency at Children’s Hospital of the King’s Daughters, EVMS, and her fellowship in pediatric allergy and immunology at Boston Children’s Hospital. She served as a Research Asst. Professor at EVMS, and more recently as an Instructor and Assistant Professor at Harvard Medical School. Prior to joining USF, Dr. Walter was the Director of the Pediatric Immunodeficiency Program and Principal Investigator for the Center for Immunology and Inflammatory Diseases at the Massachusetts General Hospital, and remains affiliated as an Immunologist Consultant with the hospital. She has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including a Fellow Career Development Award from the American Academy of Asthma, Allergy and Immunology, Junior Faculty Career Award from the Clinical Immunology Society, and a K08 Career Award from NIH. She is an author on over 40 peer-reviewed publications, and several review articles and book chapters. She has contributed to the training of pediatricians and allergy/immunology specialists with the development of education videos. Dr. Walter fosters academic training on all levels: she mentored several fellows, residents and graduate students in the Harvard Medical School System.

Her primary research interest is focused on the pathomechanism, diagnostic and novel treatment strategies for immune dysregulation in primary immunodeficiencies. She serves on the Primary Immunodeficiency Disease Committee of the American Academy of Allergy Asthma and Immunology.

PUBLICATIONS


Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle is an author on ALG1-CDG: Clinical and molecular characterization of 39 unreported patients. Human Mutation. March 2, 2016, doi: 10.1002/humu.22983


CLINICAL TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Mariela Moreno-Jimenez, CMA at the STC Clinic, received outstanding nominations and was commended for her very friendly demeanor, hard work, dependability, reliability and dedication to her position at USF Health. Congratulations, Mariela!
PEDS IN THE NEWS

**Dr. Carina Rodriguez** gave a number of interviews on Mia TV regarding the importance of vaccinations, and she was interviewed by Fox News on Feb 10 about the impact of congenital cytomegalovirus infection.

**Dr. Cameron Tebbi** was interviewed by Fox news on Feb 15 about his research on a vaccine to prevent childhood leukemia.

**Harrison Stubblefield**, with Youth Education Services, was featured in a Florida Sentinel article about his participation in Project Shop Talk. This Adolescent Trials Network initiative is raising awareness about HIV testing through non-traditional venues such as barbershops and other community events.

RESIDENCY NEWS

Congratulations to **Dr. Annie Gao** on her marriage to Tim Goodwin on Feb 6!

PRESENTATIONS

- Yin L, **Rodriguez CA**, Yao J, Chang K, Karki M, Sleasman J, Goodenow M. *NextGen sequencing defines response to H1N1 vaccination in HIV-1 infected individuals*. Poster presentation at the annual Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections held in Boston in Feb.

- **Dr. Sim Yin Tan** made two presentations at the National Association of School Psychologists Annual Conference held in New Orleans in February: **Tan SY**, Bradley-Klug K, **Chenneville T**. *Quality of Life Among Youth with HIV*; poster presentation. **Tan SY**, Agazzi, H. *Adapting Parent-Child Interaction Therapy with a Young Child with ASD*; paper presentation.

- **Dr. Coralee Del Valle** presented the case report *Rejection or Infection: A 17 Year old Male with Toxoplasma Myocarditis Following Orthotopic Heart Transplant* during the 3rd Annual St. Jude/PIDS Pediatric Transplant ID Symposium held March 3rd in Memphis. Co-authors were Drs. Alfred Asante-Korang, Wilfredo Chamizo, Jose Montoya and David Berman.

Neonatology fellows presented posters at the 40th Southeastern Conference on Perinatal Research held in Key Largo in Feb: **Diego A**, Beesems G, **Krishan M**, **Namachivayam N**, Groer M, **Maheshwari A**. *Murine NEC-Like Injury In Previously Healthy Pups Results In Low Bacterial Diversity, Loss of Lactobacilli, and Emergence of Enterococci In The Bowel Lumen: Is Dysbiosis the Cause or Effect of Pre-Existing Perinatal Bowel Injury?*

USF Peds faculty, trainees and staff presented 7 posters at the HIV Research and Practice Symposium held in March in Tampa. The meeting, hosted by Connect To Protect™, is a project of the Adolescent Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions, a nation-wide network addressing HIV/AIDS in youth and young adults. Connect To Protect™ is a community-based participatory research project, directed by Dr. **Diane Straub**, that was established here in Tampa in 2006:

- **Lynn C**, Walsh A, **Rodriguez CA**. *Application of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder for Young Adults Living with HIV*
- McKinney M, Chandler M, **Enriquez-Brace E**, Emmanuel P and the Adolescent Trials Network. *Linkage to Care For Hard to Reach Youth: Outcomes of Implementing a Novel Program and Demographic Characteristics of the Target Population*
- Walsh A, Lynn C, O’Leary K, Wesley K, Chenneville T, Corriveau B, Carrio A, **Rodriguez CA**. *Implementing Integrated Health Care in a Pediatric HIV Specialty Clinic*
- Washington B, Stubblefield H **Rodriguez CA**. *Engaging Youth in HIV Prevention, Testing, Linkage and Retention: the YES Program*
NEW & NOTEWORTHY

GRAND ROUNDS

April 7
Refusals in the Newborn Nursery
Luis Maldonado, MD and Tracy Burton, MD

April 14
Vision Development, Prevention & Early Intervention Training Goals
Jillian Childres, PhD

April 21
Treating Anxiety in Youth With ASD
Eric Storch, PhD

April 28
Common Referrals to Pediatric Ophthalmology
Dr. Michael Lopez

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Berger T, Kerr J, Straub D. Truvada as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): One Site's Clinical Experiences

Straub D, Walker C, Suggs T, Chandler C and the ATN. Staying Connected: Using Community-Based Participatory Research to Address Factors Affecting HIV Prevalence and Incidence in Youth in the Tampa Bay Area

USF PEDIATRIC ALUMNI NEWS

We hope that this will be the first of many social gatherings of resident and fellow alumni. Dr. Lynn Ringenberg has helped to establish the alumni group and has some initiatives in the planning stages.

The Community Reception held on February 25 was well attended by alumni from the 80s, 90s, and 2000s! There was lots of laughter, good food and spirits, and reminiscing about the “old” resident days at TGH and ACH, and current practice and family updates.

ADDITIONS

Allison Kennel-Besselieu, ARNP, delivered William Benjamin on Feb 19.

SAVE THE DATE

March 31
Lewis Barness Annual Lecture & Fellows’ Forum

March 31
PAS Late Bird Registration Ends

April 7-8
FPQC Annual Conference

April 9
Faculty/Alumni vs Resident Softball/Kickball Game

April 16
MCOM Graduation

May 11
Faculty Meeting
FACULTY & STAFF CAMPAIGN

Less than four months to go and we have a long way to get to last year’s level of participation. Every little bit counts – even a dollar! The goal is participation not a dollar figure. An email was sent on St. Patrick’s day with information—please consider giving to a great cause! There are a number of funds you can contribute to. See the USF Foundation Page (https://usffdn.usf.edu/apps/?a=FUND) or contact Caroline Murphy (cmurphy4@health.usf.edu).

KUDOS

Drs. Isabel Gross and Kenneth Visalli have been nominated for membership in the USF College of Medicine Gamma Florida Chapter of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society in the Faculty Resident Fellow Alumni category. This high honor is bestowed based on dedication to teaching and scholarly activity.

Dr. Elizabeth Enriquez-Bruce earned the designation of Certified Research Administrator at USF (CRA-USF), which is awarded to employees of The Research Administration Improvement Network (TRAIN) who successfully complete a certification course. Dr. Enriquez-Bruce scored 100%!

RESEARCH DAY

USF Pediatrics made a great showing at USF Research Day, with 22 posters! Resident Dr. Joanna Robles won Best Poster Presentation: Interdisciplinary Case Studies, and Rothman Center post-doc Dr. Sophia Zavrou won Outstanding Global Pediatric Behavioral Health Poster Presentation. The poster titles are listed at the end of the newsletter.

HAPPENINGS

The Faculty/Alumni vs Resident Softball/Kickball Game will be held April 9 from 1 to 4 PM at the softball field located at the intersection of Howard and Swann Avenues. All residents, faculty, alumni and staff are encouraged to come and join in the fun!

The Second Annual Bernard Pollara Lecture, delivered by Dr. Jose Jimenez, was a beautifully delivered talk on the importance of leadership in advocating for the rights and well-being of children in Florida. Dr. Jimenez, who graduated from USFMC and completed his pediatric residency in 2000, commended Dr. John Curran, among others, for serving as outstanding leadership role models for trainees and practicing physicians.
NEW & NOTEWORTHY

RESEARCH DAY POSTERS

Gross IT, Bahar-Posey, L.  
*Stridor and Bloody Emesis: Could This Be Child Abuse?*

Robles J, Gonzalez-Gomez I, Patthast K, Stapleton M.  
*Rare Long Term Survival of 2 Pediatric Patients with Glioblastoma Multiforme and Summary of Secondary Central Nervous System Malignancies at a Single Institution*

Parikh K, Cupp SD, Leshko JL, Dadlani GH.  
*Clinical Utilization of Global Longitudinal Strain in the Early Detection of Subclinical Cardiac Dysfunction in Pediatric Patients with Systemic Hypertension*

Lai A, Philpot P, Boucher J, Meyer A.  
*An Outpatient Methadone Weaning Protocol by a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome*

Creasy A, Leigh B, Cannon JP, Litman GW, Breitbart M, Dishaw LJ.  
*Biofilm Formation by Intestinal Flora*

McBride NM, Johnco CJ, Lewin AB, Salloum A, Murphy TK, Crawford EA, Storch, EA.  
*Adverse Prenatal, Perinatal, and Neonatal Experiences in Children with Anxiety Disorders*

Brennan EM, Wojas J, McPherson M, Murphy TK.  
*Characteristics of Prior Authorization of Antidepressants & Atypical Antipsychotics in Florida Medicaid Population of Preschoolers*

Wolfe AM, Lewin AB, Hanks CE, Storch EA, Brennan EM, Murphy TK.  
*Differences in ADHD, ODD, and OCD Symptom Outcomes among Tic Youth With and Without Comorbid Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder*

Zavrou S, Ruby BM, Johnco CJ, Storch EA, Lewin AB.  
*Parent-Led Exposure Therapy: A Pilot Study of a Brief Behavioral Treatment for Anxiety in Young Children*

Patel B, Bina S, Leiding J.  
*A Case of Anaphylaxis to Marijuana Use*

Bina S, Sriaroon P, Leiding JW.  
*A Unique Presentation of Job’s Syndrome in a Teenage Patient*

Ben Ayad A, Namachivayam K, Kirshnan M, Maheshwari A.  
*Eleutheroside, a Phenol Propanoid Glycoside, Can Suppress LPS-induced Inflammatory Signaling in Macrophages*

Namachivayam K, Krishnan M, Ben Ayad A, Maheshwari A.  
*Epibrassinolide Can Suppress LPS-Induced Macrophage Inflammatory Responses and Cytokines Expression In Vitro*

Yoon J, Sriaroon P, Leiding JW, Ballow M.  
*Idiopathic CD4 Lymphocytopenia: Immunologic Characteristics, Clinical Manifestations, and Disease Course*

*Innovative Approaches to Recruitment of YMSM of Color For HIV Testing Services*

Berger T., Straub D.  
*Truvada as Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP): One Site’s Clinical Experiences*

Hopkins A, Flores-Torres J.  
*Outcomes in Neonates Born with Gastroschisis at Tampa General Hospital Between 2007 and 2014: A Gender Comparison*

Abraham D, Sapp K, Dabrow S.  
*Effectiveness of Peer Mentoring: The Big and Little Resident Sibling (BLRS) Program*

Diego AM, Beesems G, Krishnan M, Namachivayam K, Groer M, Maheshwari A.  
*Murine NEC-Like Injury In Previously Healthy Pups Results In Low Bacterial Diversity, Loss of Lactobacilli, and Emergence of Enterococci in the Bowel Lumen: Is Dysbiosis the Cause or Effect of Pre-Existing Perinatal Bowel Injury?*

Althouse M, Namachivayam K, Krishnan M, Maheshwari A.  
*Murine NEC-like Injury is Associated with Increased Expression of the Leucine-rich Proteoglycans Decorin and Fibromodulin in the Intestine*

Krishnan M, Namachivayam K, Song T, Maheshwari A.  
*Severe Anemia Disrupts Gut Barrier Function and Promotes Bacterial Translocation in the Murine Neonate*