FROM THE CHAIR

July marks the start of our new academic year and as of this writing all our new residents, fellows and faculty are on board. Third year students are well into their clerkship rotations and Year 2 starts this week. We are fortunate in academic medicine to have New Year celebrations twice a year; once for the calendar year and once for the academic year—two times the opportunity for resolutions!

I encourage you to spend some time in July to set new goals for your work life; it is also a time to reflect on last year’s accomplishments. We are traveling through the days so quickly that we often forget to celebrate all the good things we accomplished as a department in the last academic year. This past year, the MCOM achieved a major goal of full LCME accreditation for eight years. Many of the Pediatric faculty were involved with the LCME process and should be proud of their role in this outstanding achievement. We had a very successful recruiting season for our residency last year. This is always a huge undertaking and it is amazing when it comes to fruition

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Five new pediatrics faculty joined USF Health this month. Please join us in welcoming them to the pediatrics family!

Dr. Nathan Brinn earned his BS, with Phi Beta Kappa honors, from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, and he graduated from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in 2001. He completed his residency in internal medicine/pediatrics at the University Health Systems of Eastern North Carolina, where he served as chief resident, graduating as the Med-Peds Resident of the Year in 2005. He joined the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in 2006 where he served as Chief of Division of Med/Peds, Clinical Director of Howell’s Hospital for Chronic Children, and Director of the Med-Peds residency program. Dr. Brinn has received several teaching awards during his career. He is board-certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. His research interests focus on the care of patients with chronic disease, transitioning children with complex conditions and special health care needs into adulthood, and med-peds resident education. Dr. Brinn’s clinical responsibilities will include seeing patients at the South Tampa Center and Diabetes Healthy Living Locations and attending on pediatric and internal medicine wards once a year.

Dr. Andrew Galligan earned his BS from the University of Florida, and graduated from Florida State University College of Medicine in 2008. He completed his pediatric residency at the University of Florida (UF) where he served as chief resident, and completed his hematology/oncology fellowship at UF this summer. He is currently finishing his master’s degree in medical sciences at UF, with a concentration in health outcomes. Dr. Galligan is board-certified in pediatrics. His research interests include pediatric cancer survivorship, health outcomes, social networks, and patient-reported outcomes. His clinical responsibilities will include taking care of children and adolescents with hematology and oncology-related issues in the hospital and the clinic. He will be practicing at TGH and St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital.
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with an outstanding group of new interns showing up in June. Our Barness lecture was inspiring with Lewis First giving two days of fun learning. This year was our second year having resident poster presentation during our fellows forum followed by a resident grand rounds in May. This is a wonderful new tradition. We also started the USF Peds alumni group, headed by Lynn Ringenberg, which will be expanded in the coming year. Finally last year we started a new named lectureship — the Ben Pollara Resident lecture and scholarship fund. The grand rounds lecture will be given yearly by USF Peds alumni and this fund will also help support resident travel to an academic meeting. There were new clinical and research accomplishments as well that I will highlight next month. Overall we should be very proud of our work last year. Thank you — these initiatives will have a lasting effect on the legacy of our Department. I hope that each of you takes some time this summer to relax, rejuvenate and reflect on all of your own accomplishments.

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Chair, Department of Pediatrics

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Dr. Frank Ayestaran-Cassani attended medical school at the Universidad Central de Venezuela, and completed his pediatric residency at Driscoll Children’s Hospital in Corpus Christi Texas. This summer he completed his pediatric nephrology fellowship at Emory University. Dr. Ayestaran is board-certified in pediatrics. His research interests focus on chronic kidney disease, including clinical findings of prognostic value and the relationship between acute kidney injury and progression to chronic kidney disease. His clinical responsibilities will include covering the inpatient nephrology service at All Children’s Hospital, and weekend coverage at TGH and St. Joseph’s. Dr. Ayestaran will also cover the dialysis unit at All Children’s Hospital, and will have general nephrology clinic, renal transplant clinics at the ACH Outpatient Care Center.

Dr. Mavel Gutierrez attended medical school at the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Herdina in Lima Peru, completed her pediatric residency at the University of Illinois, Chicago and a fellowship in pediatric infectious diseases at the University of Miami. She is board-certified in general pediatrics and pediatric infectious diseases. Dr. Gutierrez joined Bon Secours St. Mary’s Hospital in Richmond Virginia as a pediatric hospitalist and pediatric infectious disease specialist in 2011. Her research interests focus on pediatric HIV and antimicrobial stewardship. Her clinical responsibilities will include providing inpatient and outpatient ID consultative services, participating in the Pediatric/Adolescent HIV Program and implementing an antibiotic stewardship program in pediatrics.

Dr. Maria Elena Garay Claudio attended medical school at Ponce School of Medicine and Health Sciences in Ponce, Puerto Rico and in 2014 she completed her pediatric residency at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia. She served as a general pediatrician at ABW St. Luke’s Pediatrics in Bethlehem, PA prior to joining USF. Her research interests focus on strategies to overcome language barriers in clinical practice. She joins the General Pediatrics Ambulatory Program and will see patients at the STC clinics.

KUDOS

Dean Charles Lockwood announced that Dr. Terri Ashmeade will be leading USF’s quality improvement efforts in the newly established role of Chief Quality Officer at USF Health. The announcement was featured on the USF Health homepage, and was included as part of a series “highlighting faculty who are shining examples of quality and compassionate patient care and patient safety”. Dr. Ashmeade, who is Vice Chair of Pediatrics for Quality and Chief of Pediatrics at TGH, will be responsible for improving the quality of care and patient safety at USF’s hospital partners and inpatient and outpatient facilities.

PEDS FUN

USF Peds enjoyed the hockey season!
Dr. Akhil Maheshwari was awarded $384,890 from NIH’s National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute for his R01 grant titled Red Cell Transfusion-associated Necrotizing Enterocolitis in Premature Infants. The goals of the study are to clarify the relationship between transfusions and intestinal injury in neonates, to elucidate the mechanism by which anemia and transfusions induce intestinal injury, and to determine if washing or irradiating red cells prior to transfusion can alter the severity of intestinal injury. Dr. Maheshwari is division chief of Neonatology and will be assuming medical directorship of the TGH NICU this month.

Dr. Tanya Murphy was awarded $40,000 from the PANDAS Network for her study titled Genetic and Immune Risks in Children with PANDA/PANS. The Network also awarded her $4000 for her study titled Characterizing Monocyte Activation in Patients with PANDAS. PANDAS is pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections.

Dr. Carina Rodriguez was selected to receive Faculty REACH funding to attend the AAMC Mid-Career Minority Faculty Development Conference which will be held in Atlanta in September.

Sandra Leck, Clinic Nursing Supervisor at the CMS Specialty Pediatric Clinics, received her master’s degree from the USF Health College of Nursing, with a concentration in the Clinical Nurse Leader program.

Carla Duff, CPNP, MSN, CCRP, IgCN, was elected Chair of the Nurse Advisory Board for the Immune Deficiency Foundation at their biannual meeting in New Orleans on June 24th.

PRESENTATIONS

Drs. Tanya Murphy and Adam Lewin attended the 1st World Congress on Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders held in London June 24-26. This preeminent event, held once every five years, is hosted by Tourette Syndrome Association, The European Society for the Study of Tourette Syndrome, and TourettesAction UK. Dr. Murphy served on the program committee and presented two posters:


Murphy TK, Brennan E, Hanks CE, Parker-Athill EC, Storch E, Miladinovic B, Lewin AB. Antibiotic Treatment Outcomes in Youth with PANS

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Peds investigators are reminded that investigator-initiated protocols need to be submitted to the Chair’s office for scientific review at least 2 weeks prior to being submitted to the IRB. The Center for Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) staff including Ambuj Kumar, Rahul Mhaskar and Branko Miladinovic are available to provide support for study design, database management and data analysis, and Jane Carver is available to make editorial suggestions to improve clarity of the writing. Content expertise will be identified as needed. This process should significantly strengthen the proposals, and help to ensure that they are readily approved by the IRB and ultimately result in scholarly publications. Please note that this review process does not apply to pharmaceutical study proposals that are written by the sponsoring companies, or to cooperative, multi-center federal trials. The protocols should be submitted to Jane at jcarver@health.usf.edu
ALUMNI NEWS

The **USF Pediatric Alumni Group** for peds and med-peds residents is now fully operational on Facebook. We will no longer be using the LinkedIn site. We have 106 alumni on Facebook now – 5 years of graduates!! Share the site with your USF alumni colleagues.

**Dr. Lynn Ringenberg** visited the offices of **Drs. Pam Patronella** and **Dr. Carlos Cano** to deliver them a Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Patronella has worked with residents at her St. Petersburg practice for over 20 years. We appreciate her commitment of time and sharing of her pediatric knowledge to enrich the “real world” community experience for our residents. Dr. Cano, with Suncoast Pediatrics in Largo, genuinely enjoys having residents and students and was thrilled to receive the recognition. A medical student was on hand to share in the receipt of the award.

NEW EMPLOYEES

**Christine Bruha**, Genetic Counselor; Genetics

**Sheila Ruck**, Human Services Program Specialist; Infectious Disease

**Alexis Wolfe**, Client Services Assistant; Neuro Psychiatry/The Rothman Center

PUBLICATIONS


**Dr. Kathleen Armstrong** is senior author on a paper published with her Australian colleagues: *Using a Novel Emotional Skills Module to Enhance Empathic Responding for a Child with Conduct Disorder with Limited Prosocial Emotions.* Clinical Case Studies.

HAPPENINGS

**Dr. Kathleen Armstrong**, President of the Rotary Club of Temple Terrace, presented a check for $2500 that the Club donated to the BRIDGE Clinic for their humanitarian work.

USF PEDS DEVELOPMENT

We completed this year’s Faculty and Staff campaign with a 35% participation rate. Many, many thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks to the divisions that had 100% participation which included Administration, Adolescent Medicine, Genetics, Med Peds and Pulmonology. I would like to recognize Chris Curran who was our departmental champion and liaison to the Development office. Congratulations to Janet Hess who was the winner of the iPad! Of course we will be re-starting the new campaign in the fall and are always interested in new ideas on how to encourage participation.

I would like to also thank Caroline Murphy for her oversight of the USF Peds Development initiative. She has served as our primary liaison with Office of USF Development, and has worked diligently to connect with faculty, community members and new donors. She has helped to establish new funds and keep our website up to date. I am thrilled to report that this year we earned $251,845 through donations to various department funds. This is $100,000 more than last year, a 70% increase! These funds are used to provide needed support to specialty programs like the Rothman Center and metabolic program, manage the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile, send residents to meetings, provide medical care at the Ybor Youth Clinic and expand our faculty development opportunities and guest lectureships.
NEW & NOTEWORTHY

GRADUATION

Peds Graduates

Med-Peds Graduates

Attending Awards

WRITING COURSE

**Dr. Jane Carver** will teach her scientific writing course on November 10th at STC from 8:30 to 4:00 PM. Topics include strategies to enhance your success as a published author, ethical issues related to writing, authorship, helpful resources, using standardized formats for scientific manuscripts, effective tables and figures, clear and concise sentence structure, and poster and slide presentations. Contact Jane at [jcarver@health.usf.edu](mailto:jcarver@health.usf.edu) for a schedule and to reserve a space.

RESIDENCY NEWS

Welcome new peds and med peds interns!

The incoming Peds and MedPeds residents were busy with orientation during July, which included an outing at Hamburger Mary’s

Skit night June 10 at Dr. Dabrow’s home

ADDITIONS

Amayvis and Guy Garcia welcomed baby boy Manny on June 30.

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Please email submissions for next month’s issue by August 1st