FROM THE CHAIR

As we wind down to the last days of this crazy election season, so many of us are sick of hearing the political ads, promises and ranting. One thing that this season has shown is that our democracy is messy. It is so easy to become jaded and feel as if you have no power to create change. However, advocacy is alive and well in Pediatrics, and examples are found every day. Advocacy is at the core of who we are as pediatricians and folks who are committed to child health, and it is a pillar of our work.

There has not been allot said about child health in this election, but there are many issues that are key to our children’s future. Legalization of marijuana, gender equality, gun control and healthcare equity are all hot button issues that directly affect kids. No matter who is elected, we need to remain vigilant in our promotion of children’s issues.

Dr. Lynn Ringenberg, emeritus professor of pediatrics and chief of our Division of Community and Alumni Affairs, is current president of Physicians for Social Responsibility. This national organization focuses on environment and health, nuclear weapons, and safe energy. In a recent article on climate change and its effect

KUDOS

USF is very proud to have the first accredited genetic counseling program in Florida! The accreditation status, awarded by the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling, became effective October 5, 2016. Congratulations to Dr. Kathleen Pope and others who made this wonderful accomplishment possible!

Dr. Panida Sriaaroon was selected by the Office of Faculty Development as one of two faculty members who will be sponsored to attend the AAMC Mid-Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar to be held in Austin Texas in December.

Dr. Christopher Hillhouse was nominated by his peers and awarded the Exemplary Resident Award for July-Sept. by the Competency Committee. Dr. Hillhouse will receive a $75 certificate for the USF Health bookstore. Congratulations on a well-deserved award!

RESIDENCY NEWS

It is with great pleasure that we announce the Pediatric Chief Residents for 2017-2018. Dr. Cameron Nereim, a Florida native, attended undergraduate school at the University of Florida where he met his wife Meg, and completed medical school at USF. He tells us that he is very happy to serve as chief for the program he loves, and to please call him Cam! He plans to pursue a career in adolescent medicine.

Dr. Meredith Plant is a Georgia native, who attended UGA undergraduate program and attended Medical College of Georgia, moved to Tampa to enroll in the USF Pediatric Residency program. She has felt at home ever since. She is the mother of two (soon to be three!!) little ones, Abby, James, and Owen. She is interested in practicing general pediatrics in Tampa.
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on children, Lynn stated that she needed to become informed and “roll up my sleeves and work for change.” She has done this through her nonprofit work, speaking, writing and educating the next generation.

Another example of passionate advocates is Drs. Tim and Sandra Gompf. Tim is an alumnus of our program and a pediatric hospitalist at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, and Sandra is an associate professor in Internal Medicine at USF. Their son Phillip suddenly and tragically died of amoebic encephalitis in 2009. They have created the USF Foundation Phillip T. Gompf Memorial Fund for Infectious Disease Research, and are working to get the CDC to add the disease to their National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System. They are also working to expand education and improve awareness about the disease, and ensure that a new therapy is available at our regional hospitals.

So in this time of discourse and frustration over the daily drone on the TV it is great to remember the words of Margaret Mead: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

For more information about Physicians for Social Responsibility go to www.psr.org

To sign an online petition in support of adding amoebic encephalitis to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System go to www.change.org and enter “amoebic encephalitis” as the search term.

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

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The Annual Fall Intern Retreat was held on Oct. 29 at USF Riverfront Park’s Ropes Course, and included fun team building activities. A great time was had by all!

AWARDED GRANTS & CONTRACTS

Investigator: Patricia Emmanuel, MD Title: ATN 132 Version 1.0 Epic Allies: A Gaming Mobile Phone Application to Improve Engagement in Care, Antiretroviral. Sponsor: Caktus Consulting Group, LLC via National Institutes of Health

Investigator: Carina Rodriguez, MD Title: A Phase 2/3, Open-Label Study of the Pharmacokinetics, Safety, and Antiviral Activity of the GS9883/ Emtricitabine/ Tenofovir Alafenamide (GS-9883/F/TAF) Fixed Dose Combination (FDC) in HIV-1 Infected Virologically Suppressed Adolescents and Children. Sponsor: Gilead

Investigator: Tanya Murphy, MD Title: Open-Label, Safety and Tolerability Study of NBI-98854 for the Treatment of Subjects With Tourette Syndrome. Sponsor: Neurocrine Bioscience

Investigator: Carina Rodriguez, MD Title: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of a Human Monoclonal Antibody, REGN2222, for the Prevention of Medically Attended RSV Infection in Preterm Infants. Sponsor: Regeneron

Investigator: Marissa Couluris, MD Title: A Phase 2a, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled, Incomplete Block Crossover Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of VX-371 Solution for Inhalation in Subjects with Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia. Sponsor: Parion Sciences, Inc.

Investigator: Amarilis Sanchez Valle, MD Title: An Observational, Longitudinal, Prospective, Long-Term Registry of Patients with Hypophosphatasia. Sponsor: Alexion
HAPPENINGS

The 2016 John Curran Lecture was given on October 13, with Dr. Scott Lorch from the University of Pennsylvania delivering an excellent lecture titled *Assessing the Quality of Perinatal Care: Advances and Barriers*. Following the lecture Dr. Lorch spent time with neonatology fellows, discussing their clinical and research interests.

GRAND ROUNDS

November 3
*Current Concepts in Pediatric Tuberculosis*
Carina Rodriguez, MD

November 10
*Secrets of Success in Academic Medicine*
Catherine Lynch, MD

November 17
*Integrated Behavioral Healthcare in Pediatric Primary Care*
Kathleen Armstrong, PhD, Carrie Adams, PhD and Jennifer Takagishi, MD

November 24
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

RESIDENT RECRUITMENT

Interviews of 4th year medical students for pediatric residencies began Oct. 28 and will continue through Jan. USF Peds has received over 1000 applications, about 120 students will be interviewed, and 12 will be selected. Med-Peds has received 181 applications, 42 students will be interviewed, and 4 will be selected. Applicants come from all medical schools in Florida including USF. Several of our faculty will be participating in interviews. Our current residents will meet the applicants during conferences, tours and will have lunch/dinner with them. We look forward to matching with wonderful students who will join our USF family!

CLINICAL TEAM MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Aleida Valdivieso, RN, is October’s Clinical Team Member of the Month. Aleida, an RN float nurse, received outstanding nominations that noted her great attitude and work ethic, her powerful and positive energy, and her excellent clinical and critical thinking skills. Nominators noted that she can adapt to any clinical environment and receives many compliments from patients and families, and that she goes above and beyond to make sure that everything is taken care for all patients every day. Congratulations, Aleida!

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Please email submissions for next month’s issue by December 1st
SAVE THE DATE

November 1  
PAS abstract submission open  

November 30  
Deadline for USF Health Research Day proposal submissions  

February 16  
Bernard Pollara Annual Lecture and Alumni and Reception  

February 24  
USF Health Research Day  

April 27  
Annual Barness Lecture and Fellows Forum  

PUBLICATIONS

Soylu L, Olliff, B. A boy with a hyperpigmented patch and café au lait macules. Consultants for Pediatricians. October 2016:15(10)  


PRESENTATIONS


Dr. Eric Storch recently returned from China where he presented cognitive behavioral therapy workshops in Shanghai and Chengdu.  

FACULTY STAFF CAMPAIGN

It’s that time of year again to participate in the Faculty and Staff Campaign! The theme this year is the 2016/2017 Gold Medal Games. Please join us and Go For The Gold! The size of your gift does not matter – it’s your participation. Our goal this year is 50% participation. Please give back to USF Peds! There are over 35 pediatric-related funds to choose from. Go to www.usf.edu/fscc to download the donation form or to make an on-line contribution. You can also make a donation in person through Chris Curran; she will email the list of pediatrics funds this week. Thank you, USF Peds – let’s Go For The Gold!!  

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Denise Edwards was featured on NBC’s Today show on Sept. 19 regarding the intermittent fasting diet.  

Dr. Kathleen Armstrong appeared on WZVN from Ft. Myers on Oct. 11 for a feature about children being overburdened with school activities, and the importance of getting adequate sleep.  

The latest issue of the Bay Area Early Steps newsletter is now available on their website under “Family Support & Resources”. http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/early-steps/index.htm
HALLOWEEN FUN!