FROM THE CHAIR

Happy 2018! I hope that you had a peaceful holiday filled with family, friends and plenty of rest. I think this midyear break is hugely important to rejuvenate and reset for the year. It is interesting to see how folks spend their time off: traveling, cooking, binge-watching Netflix, purging closets, making lists. I do all of these and find that the time goes too quickly, as usual.

January is a good time to review your work goals for the year, check on your progress, and update your CV and calendar. Please take a moment to review the Save the Dates in the newsletter. For the department, we take this mid-year point to check on our goals. Although I might not be big on resolutions I am a big believer in goals. As Ben Stein stated: “The first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want.”

Part of that process is developing a vision and forming goals to move your vision forward. I believe that goals are important both personally and for organizations. As we learn from our quality improvement colleagues, goals need to be SMART – specific, measureable, achievable, relevant and time-bound.

KUDOS

Congratulations to the front desk staff of the Curran Children’s Health Center CMS Building. They received 100% on the recent Press Gainey surveys — no one at USF has ever received 100%!
The first floor staff are the first people visitors see when they visit the building, interacting with patients for USF Health, Early Steps, Child Development and CMS, and with visitors to the 2nd and 3rd floors. Thank you for your kindness and compassion towards patients!

Dr. Jolan Walter received the John W. Hadden, MD Young Investigator Travel Award to attend the European Society for Immunodeficiencies held in Edinburgh, UK Sept 11-14.
The Med-Peds clinic at STC was well represented at Dean Lockwood’s first Patient Experience Awards Ceremony held at his home in December. Mary Mitchell ARNP, Dr. Brian Knox and Dr. Andy Brinn received recognition as top performers on Press Gainey surveys.

Dr. Diana Straub was elected to serve as an at-large member of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.
The following elections were made for St. Joseph’s Children’s Hospital positions:
Dr. Dale Bergamo was elected as an At-Large member of the Med exec committee of the SJH Medical Staff.
Dr. Jennifer Casatelli was elected to Chief of Pediatric Medicine for the 2018-2019 Medical Staff Years

Dr. Karen Paltoo was elected the Chief of Pediatrics at SJH

TSHIRTS FOR SALE!

USF Peds T-shirts are available through our education division: $12 for adult and $10 for children’s sizes. Contact Kelly Paulina (k paulina@health.usf.edu)
Specific and measureable can sometimes make us all feel that we are being evaluated all the time, and we are! This is the age of data and there is a lot of data collected on everything we do. We can embrace this and use it for process improvement. The Dean has articulated goals for each department around note completion, clinic bump and commitment rates, patient satisfaction, increased research proposals and expenditures, and educational metrics. To meet these goals, we need individual and group efforts. Sure, there are emergencies where patients need to be bumped, but that should be the exception, not the rule. Taking time to plan your calendar, meetings, vacations and communicating with your division are critical in meeting this metric. Metrics are part of goals, and goals are an important piece of our department’s roadmap.

So, I encourage you to take some time this month to think about your professional goals and see how they align with both departmental, college and our external partners’ goals. We don’t each have to contribute to all of the department’s goals, but we each provide a component and collectively we can accomplish a great deal.

Niurdy Ledesma is November’s Clinical Team Member of the Month. Niurdy, a CMA at the 17 Davis Clinic, was commended for her positive attitude, excellent work ethic, reliability, positive attitude and enthusiasm, and her commitment to quality, customer service and excellence. Nominators noted that she goes above and beyond to help her coworkers and that she is a great role model for others. Congratulations, Niurdy!

Darlene Kopelovich is December’s Clinical Team Member of the Month. Nominators noted that Darlene, an LPN at the CMS location, consistently offers her assistance in all areas of the clinic, often staying late to make sure all patient and clinic needs are met. She always has a smile on her face and a positive attitude, and makes patient care and safety her top priorities. Families have expressed gratitude and appreciation for her gentle and compassionate approach to patient care. Congratulations, Darlene!

The 2017 John Curran lecture was given on Nov. 2 by Dr. Pablo Sanchez from the Ohio State University/Nationwide Children’s Hospital Center for Perinatal Research. His lecture was titled Antibiotic stewardship in the NICU: The time is NOW! Following the lecture Dr. Sanchez spent time with neonatology fellows, discussing their clinical and research interests.
FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Jillian Childres was featured in a Tampa Bay Times article published Nov 22. Dr. Childres commented on the recent Girl Scout campaign urging parents not to force their daughters to “owe” someone a hug during this holiday season, saying the advice is sound regardless of gender.

Dr. Jennifer Leiding was featured in the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital fall research bulletin regarding her patient that she diagnosed with a genetic immune disorder. Her research was previously published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology.

Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle participated in the Spartan Race in Mulberry on Dec 10. Go Dr. Sanchez!

FAREWELL TO DR STORCH

It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Dr. Eric Storch, who has accepted a position at Baylor College of Medicine Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences as the McLingvale Presidential Endowed Chair. He will also serve as Professor and Vice Chair and Head of Psychology within the Department. Dr. Storch joined USF Peds in 2008, and was named to the All Children’s Hospital Guild Endowed Chair in 2010. Among the numerous positions he held at the time of his departure is Director of Research for Developmental Pediatrics at All Children’s Hospital/Johns Hopkins Medicine, Clinical Director of Rogers Memorial Hospital, and Adjunct Professor at Griffith University in Australia. His list of accomplishments is broad, long and impressive. He has been the principal investigator for dozens of research grants, including several federally-funded projects that investigated behavioral interventions for children with OCD and anxiety in youngsters with and without autism spectrum disorders. He serves on the editorial board of 18 journals and as editor-in-chief for the Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy, and is an author on over 500 journal articles, 15 books and 67 book chapters. In 2015 he won the USF Outstanding Faculty Award, and in 2010 the USF Outstanding Research Achievement Award. We wish Eric the best of luck at Baylor!

INTERNAL AWARDS PROGRAM

Faculty are encouraged to apply for funding through the USF Internal Awards Program. The mission of the program is to foster excellence in research and scholarship. The following grants have March deadlines:

- Creative Scholarship Grants, March 5, 2018
- New Researcher Grants, March 5, 2018
- Proposal Enhancement Grants, March 19, 2018

For more information go to: http://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/sr/ internal-awards-program.aspx

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Principal Investigator: Panida Sriaroon, MD Title: Safety and Efficacy of Hizentra in Pediatric Hematopoietic Stem Cell Recipients Sponsor: Carolinas Healthcare

NEW ARRIVAL

**NEW & NOTEWORTHY**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**January 24**  
All Peds Faculty Meeting

**February 14**  
Valentine’s Day Bake Sale for Faculty Staff Campaign

**February 15**  
Bernard Pollara Lecture

**February 23**  
USF Health Research Day

**March 5**  
Deadline for Creative Scholarship and New Researcher grants

**March 19**  
Deadline for Proposal Enhancement grant

**April 4**  
Scientific Writing Mini-Course

**April 19-20**  
Florida Perinatal Collaborative Annual Conference

**GRAND ROUNDS**

**January 11**  
Amarilis Sanchez-Valle, MD  
*Inborn Errors of Metabolism in All Ages*

**January 18**  
Marc Saul Levy, MD  
*Firearm Fatality in Sight*

**January 25**  
Jim Palis, MD  
*Making Blood..... With Advice from an Embryo*

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**SCIENTIFIC REVIEW**

Investigators are reminded that all investigator-initiated protocols must be submitted for scientific review by the department’s Scholarly Review Committee before they are submitted to the IRB. This requirement does not apply to industry and federally funded studies, or to studies submitted by endowed chairs or their trainees (unless review is specifically requested by the PI or mentor). The goal of this review is to provide educational opportunities for study design and to facilitate the IRB approval process. Protocols should be submitted to Dr. Elizabeth Enriquez Bruce.  
(email: enriquezbruce@health.usf.edu)

**INDUSTRY SPONSORED TALKS**

Faculty are reminded of the importance of staying in compliance with USF’s conflict of interest regulations. Faculty who give industry-sponsored talks are required to: submit the slide decks to the USF Peds Scholarly Review Committee for review, disclose the activity via ROAD, request annual leave if participation takes place during work hours. Contact Jane Carver (jcarver@health.usf.edu) for additional information.

**SCIENTIFIC WRITING MINI-COURSE**

The Office of Faculty Development will sponsor Dr. Jane Carver’s Scientific Writing Mini-Course on April 4 at CAMLS. The 6-hour course includes sessions on how to: improve writing productivity and manuscript acceptance rates, structure scientific manuscripts, develop effective tables and figures, write clearly and concisely, create effective posters and slide presentations. To reserve a seat and for a copy of the schedule email Jane at jcarver@health.usf.edu.

**HALLOWEEN 2017**

Halloween at USF Peds was a spooktacular event, with staff, faculty and trainees joining in the fun. The first place winner of the Halloween Costume Contest was the CMS location, winning a luncheon. Other locations will get a breakfast treat for displaying their Halloween Spirit!
Dr. Lynn Ringenberg was guest editor of the Sept/Oct edition of The Bulletin of the Hillsborough County Medical Association, titled *Climate Change: A Clear and Present Threat to Tampa Bay*. In her Guest Editor’s Page titled *Climate Change – a Health Crisis Call to Action*, Dr. Ringenberg described the impact of climate change on health, and local and national efforts to address it. Dr. Patricia Emmanuel authored *The Impact of Climate Change on Vector-borne Diseases*, and Dr. Ringenberg and Mary Beth Dunn authored *Climate Change: A Clear and Present Threat to Tampa Bay*.


Dr. Jolan Walter is an author on *Natural killer cells from patients with recombinase-activating gene and non-homologous end joining gene defects comprise a higher frequency of CD56bright NKG2A+++ cells, and yet display increased degranulation and higher perforin content.* Front Immunol. 8:1244, 2017.

Dr. Jennifer Leiding is the author of *Neutrophil evolution and their diseases in humans.* Front Immunol. 8:1009, 2017.


Carla Duff, MSN, is an author on *Ensuring access to immunoglobulin therapies for people with primary immunodeficiency: A need to improve individuals’ quality of life and the sustainability of health-care systems.* Front Immunol. 8:1165, 2017.

Dr. Fatima Khan is an author on *A 3-week old girl with an unusual rash.* Pediatr Review. 38(9): e35-37, 2017.


PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Jennifer Takagishi co-led a workshop at the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine’s Annual International Meeting, held in Atlanta November 9-12. Her talk was titled Design and Implement a Curriculum to Promote and Support Breastfeeding: Models That Work"  
Alicia Lew presented a poster titled Significance and efficacy of teaching about health disparities in pediatrics residency at the Southern Medical Association Annual Scientific Assembly held in St. Petersburg, Nov 2-4. Co-authors were Drs. Vinita Kiluk and Amy Weiss.

Dr. Larry Dishaw’s PhD student, Brittany Leigh, defended her dissertation and is now a post-doc at Vanderbilt University. Her dissertation was titled Role of viruses within metaorganisms: Ciona intestinalis as a model system. Dr. Dishaw’s post-doc Susy Liberti completed her time his lab and is now back in Italy.

The following presentations were made at the Florida Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Annual Resident Research Forum held in Orlando in Sept.:  

Dr. Jennifer Hagerman, Cameron Nereim, Erica Peterson, Kelsey Ryan and Tracy Burton: Healthy nugget happy meals: Initiative to improve pediatric cardiovascular risk assessment  
Dr. Michael Dressing et al. Development of a scale to measure academic-related anxiety following concussion, which won the award for Best Overall Poster Presentation!

Dr. Jennifer Takagishi was a co-presenter during the "Afternoon with the AAP" session held during the National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference held in Atlanta Nov 15-18. Her talk was titled Hot topics in health and safety in child care centers--safe sleep and vaccinations.

Presentations at the Johns Hopkins/All Children’s Hospital Research Day held Oct 19-20:  
Dr. Jennifer Leiding presented NADPH oxidase 2 derived reactive oxygen species promote CD8+ T cell effector function and hypercoagulable state in chronic granulomatous disease.  
Drs. Carissa Simone, Holly Martin and Jillian Hagerman presented TIPS to improve general surgery admission medication reconciliations.

Dr. Jolan Walter presented Autoimmunity in common variable immunodeficiency and other primary immunodeficiencies at the Latin American Society for Immunodeficiency meeting held Oct. 4-6 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Dr. Sonia Joychan presented A case of anaphylaxis to methotrexate and successful desensitization at the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology meeting held in Boston, Oct 26-30.

At the European Society for Immunodeficiencies meeting held in Edinburgh, Scotland Sept. 11-14, members of the Allergy/Immunology division made the following presentations:  

Drs. Krisztian Csomos, Boglarka Ujhazi and Jolan Walter: Autoreactive B cell repertoire in RAG-related combined immunodeficiency with autoimmunity and granulomas (CID-G/Al)  
Dr. Jennifer Leiding: NADPH Oxidase 2 Derived Reactive Oxygen Species Promote CD8+ T cell effector function  
Carla Duff, NP: Specialized Nursing Across the Globe: Focus on the USA  
Drs. Panida Sriaroon, Krisztian Csomos, Boglarka Ujhazi: B cell dysregulation in IKAROS deficiency associated with novel IKZF1 mutation. Dr. Sriaroon moderated the poster presentation.

Dr. Jolan Walter was an author on: Prevalence, outcomes and treatment strategies for autoimmunity and hyperinflammation in patients with partial RAG deficiency. Dr. Walter moderated the poster presentation.

Drs. Jolan Walter and Boglarka Ujhazi were authors on An unusual presentation of ZAP-70 SCID with normal CD8 T cells, anti-cytokine and anti-platelet antibodies and B cell lymphoma.

Dr. Jolan Walter was an author on Correlation of RAG activity with virus-specific immune response, immunopathology and autoimmunity.

Dr. Jolan Walter presented Severe atopic dermatitis: When to consider an immunodeficiency for the USF Department of Dermatology’s Grand Rounds on Sept. 21.