



# PEDS NEWS

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## 2012 Wiffle Ball Beach Bash raises \$204K for USF Immunology Program and the Jeffrey Modell Foundation



Tampa Bay residents gathered for the 4th Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament on August 11th at the Loews Don Cesar Hotel on St. Pete Beach. The tournament is a fundraiser aimed at raising awareness of primary immunodeficiency, a genetic defect that affects as many as 1 million Americans and 10 million people worldwide. Proceeds from the event will benefit the USF Allergy and Immunology Program and is matched 100% by the Jeffrey Modell Foundation, which is dedicated to early and precise diagnosis, meaningful treatments, and ultimately cures of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

## TGH Resident Workroom Gets a Makeover



The TGH 5th floor resident workroom has been totally renovated by several residents and Dr. Sharon Dabrow. It has fresh paint, a new sofa, desks, bookshelves and even a floor plant. Thanks to the following for their assistance: Dr. Dabrow for shopping and coordinating, Dr. Krystle Balduzzi for shopping, painting and decorating, Drs. Jodie Coonradt and Katie Braley for shopping and decorating, Dr. Matias Jasin for putting the furniture together and several other residents for their assistance. Also thanks to the GME office for funding this project.

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# Peds News | *A Message from the Chair*

Change is inevitable. Just think how much has changed in the last decade, from the way we communicate, access and process information, to the way we care for our patients. Embracing change requires bravery and some practice, and requires that we decide to be excited by the possibilities of change instead of being intimidated by them. I think change is easier if you are grounded in who you are and what you value. That way you always can always turn to “true north” as things get stormy and uncertain. What does this have to do with pediatrics? Changes are mounting—nationally the ACGME is changing the way we structure the residency program; the government is changing the way it reimburses doctors; we will surely see statewide changes to children’s services; local hospital partners are aligning and preparing for major national reform; in medicine, whole genome sequencing and new targeted therapeutics are transforming certain pediatric diseases.



All these changes bring me back to focus on who we are – as a department and what we value. I have been gathering information on the history of the Department and its legacy in the Tampa Bay region. Thanks to Drs. Ben Pollara and Bob Nelson, we have transcripts and pictures cataloging our history. As I recall fondly the days of my residency here at USF, I think about what we were in the early days of the department—a strong teaching program comprised of faculty who cared about each other and the community, and who were dedicated to students and residents. That has not changed and will not change. The Department is bigger and much more diverse now, but we have not lost our passion for what we do. This month the newsletter highlights some of our specialty programs. We announce the opening of a new clinic in Ybor City that you will hear more about next month; we are expanding our reach in student health to include the St. Petersburg campus; and, as always, we highlight the incredible accomplishments of our faculty and residents. Yes, there will always be changes, but the core of who we are as educators, researchers, clinicians and advocates for children and youth remains. Celebrating and staying true to these core strengths will see us through all sorts of changes.

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

**YYC**  
**YBOR YOUTH CLINIC**  
SERVING THE HOMELESS & VULNERABLE POPULATION

**You are cordially invited to attend the  
Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Event  
for the Ybor Youth Clinic!**

The YYC is filling a long-recognized, yet unmet need in the Tampa Bay Area. We are reaching out to provide care to youth in Tampa Bay that have been ignored, underserved, or have not felt welcomed & comfortable in traditional healthcare settings. This population includes HIV positive & high-risk youth; Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender & Questioning youth (GLBTQ); homeless & street youth; & sexually exploited youth.

September 14, 2012      1315 E. 7th Ave., Suite 104  
4:00 - 6:30 p.m.      Tampa, Florida 33605

For Reservations Please Contact Amanda  
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Our mission is to provide the highest quality, innovative, compassionate & nonjudgmental health care services to our youth in an environment tailored to their specific & unique needs. Our health care services will include HIV testing & treatment; primary, specialty & episodic care; GYN & contraceptive care; comprehensive STI testing & treatment; psychiatric & mental health screening & care; & access to various adolescent research trials. In time, we will implement training programs for prospective nurses & physicians aspiring to gain the necessary knowledge & skills suitable to working with these vulnerable populations.

# Peds News | *New & Noteworthy*

## Kudos



John Sleasman, MD, Division Chief for Pediatric Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology, was awarded a \$1.1 million NIH Grant (1R01AI100147-01) entitled, “*Effect of breast feeding on immunologic priming in young infants*”. While it is known that breastfeeding enhances the responses to infant vaccinations, the mechanism is unknown. This study will examine the relationship between breast feeding, the emergence of the gastrointestinal microbiome, innate immunity, and the development of adaptive immunity to vaccination.

Dr. Fred Alberts, Jr., a member of the Child Protection Team, was recently named the new Editor of the *Bulletin of the American Academy of Clinical Psychology*. The journal covers a broad spectrum of clinical practice issues, research, and professional issues for board-certified clinical psychologists.



Congratulations to Maya Balakrishnan, MD. Maya attended the 2012 AAMC Early Career Women Faculty Professional Development Seminar in Maryland in July. The conference brought together women in medicine of varied backgrounds, interests, and specialties for the purpose of networking and promoting leadership. Maya hopes to use the knowledge

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## Announcements

**The USF Rothman Center for Neuropsychiatry** would like to promote their Child Psychiatry Access Program call line. The program serves providers who have questions about the medical care of children and adolescents with psychiatric needs. The request for consultation may be for education concerning types of medications, their uses, and/or possible side effects. The line may also be used for a physician to physician consultation. Family practitioners, pediatricians, psychiatrists, psychologists, physician assistants, ARNPs, or other prescribing physicians can participate by calling 1-866-487-9507. The service is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM (closed 12:30 to 1:00 PM and for state, federal and USF holidays). See the website for more information: <http://medicaidmentalhealth.org/NewsAndAnnouncements/news-detail.aspx?id=44>

**Joseph Puccio, MD, FAAP:** On behalf of Diane Zanto and myself, I am happy to announce the that on September 10, 2012 the Student Health Center at USF St. Petersburg officially opened and began seeing patients. We would like to thank all of the staff at Student Health Services in Tampa who contributed to the organization, development and implementation process, especially Kevin Clark, Katrina Perez, Jacqueline Wilkinson, Marisol Amarante-Hernandez, Monica Barksdale, Christa Bartell and the entire nursing staff who dedicated so much of their time and effort to ensure that students at USF St. Petersburg have a Student Health Center that is as fantastic as the one at USF Tampa.

Amy Brown, RN, MSN will be the Nurse Practitioner at the new facility, with Betsy Burroughs, RN, MSN assuming the position when Amy works in Tampa one day each week. Bonnie Sandy, LPN will be the Center’s nurse. A directory will be posted once everyone gets established at the Health Center. Visit the YOUTUBE link for a walking tour of the USF St. Petersburg Student Health Center. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=INwoPLSfVqY>

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

## Publications and Presentations

Fleming GM, Walters S, Goldstein SL, Alexander SR, Baum MA, Blowey DL, Bunchman TE, Chua AN, Fletcher SA, **Flores** FX, Fortenberry JD, Hackbarth R, McBryde K, Somers MJ, Symons JM, Brophy PD. *Nonrenal indications for continuous renal replacement therapy: A report from the Prospective Pediatric Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy Registry Group.* Pediatric Crit Care Med July 14, 2012. Epub ahead of print.

Havranek T, Miladinovic B, Wadhawan R, **Carver** JD. *Factors that affect the postnatal increase in superior mesenteric artery blood flow velocity in very low birth weight preterm infants.* J Perinatal Medicine, 40(5):565-70, 2012.

**Armstrong**, K., **Agazzi**, H., Hangauer, J., Nunez, A., & **Gieron-Korthals**, M. (2012). Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. In A. Davis (Eds.), *Psychopathology of Childhood and Adolescence*, 27-49. New York: Springer Publishers.

Jillian Williams **Childres** will be presenting her parent/provider training curriculum called *Crib Notes: A Guide for Your NICU Grad* at the 0-3 Conference in Los Angeles, CA. Jillian and pediatric nurse practitioner Alicia **Truitt** developed this guide with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding obtained from the Florida Department of Health and Early Steps.

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## New Hires

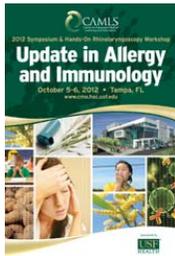


**Jennifer Woodard Leiding, MD**, joins the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Leiding completed medical school and pediatric residency at USF, and a clinical fellowship and postdoctoral research year at NIH's National Institute of Allergic and Infectious Diseases. As a resident, she worked with Dr. John Sleasman investigating Toll like receptor dysfunction in patients with X-linked agammaglobulinemia. While at the NIH, under the mentorship of Dr. Steven Holland, she worked in the Laboratory of Clinical Infectious Diseases, internationally known as the leading granulocyte disorder research lab. During her time at the NIH, she took the lead as the main clinician studying various inflammatory aspects of chronic granulomatous disease (CGD) including novel treatment for CGD liver abscesses and describing major phenotypic differences between different genetic subtypes of CGD. She also served as the principal investigator for a natural history study of patients with poorly characterized idiopathic CD4 lymphopenia. Her plans at USF involve developing a clinical cohort of patients with granulocyte disorders in order to study the role of immunodysregulation in primary immunodeficiencies.

**Lisa Patterson**, Patient Navigator, Pediatric South Tampa Clinics

**Krystle Preece and Carrie Adams**, Psychology interns in Neurobehavioral Health and General Pediatrics. Their internship is funded through a collaboration with the University of Nebraska Medical School.

# Peds News | Save the Date



## Update in Allergy & Immunology 2012 Symposium and Rhinology Workshop October 5-6, 2012 Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS)

Please visit [www.cme.hsc.usf.edu](http://www.cme.hsc.usf.edu) for full information and registration (click on 'Course Calendar,' then 'October 2012').

This update will educate physicians and other healthcare professionals who evaluate and treat adults and children with difficult allergic and immunologic problems. This year's program will focus on the latest breakthroughs and recommendations for evaluation and management. New this year is a hands-on pre-symposium workshop designed to train clinicians in the use of fiberoptic rhinology in the evaluation of upper airway diseases. The workshop will provide hands-on procedure training.

### The 2012 John S. Curran Lecture

The 2012 John S. Curran Lecture will be held on November 8, 2012. This annual lecture is given in honor Dr. Curran, who was USF's founding Chief of Neonatology in 1972. Dr. Curran has had a long and distinguished career devoted to child health advocacy, and he is nationally recognized for his efforts. This year's speaker will be Sessions Cole, MD, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Children's Health, and Director of the Division of Newborn Medicine at Washington University School of Medicine. Dr. Cole's research focuses on understanding the genetic mechanisms that disrupt pulmonary surfactant metabolism and cause neonatal respiratory distress syndrome. His lecture is entitled *Genetic Regulation of Surfactant Deficiency*

The lecture will be held from 8 - 9 AM at Tampa General Hospital's MacInnes Auditorium, and will be followed by a breakfast reception. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Grand Rounds

- Oct 4 Climate Change and Medicine – the Role of Practitioners**  
Mark Hertsgaard
- Oct 11 Pediatrics: Anemia – Rare, Unusual, and Common**  
Mudra Kumar, MD
- Oct 18 Healthy Steps: An Innovative, Evidence-Based Model for Patient Centered Medical Homes**  
Margot Kaplan-Sanoff, EdD
- Oct 25 Pediatric Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Silent Epidemic or Much Ado About Nothing?**  
Jennifer McCain, PsyD, ABPP

*Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM*

MacInnes Auditorium  
Tampa General Hospital

Lectures are video-conferenced to the All Children's Hospital/USF Children's Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004

*Archived copies of most lectures are available on our website:  
[http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand\\_rounds.htm](http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand_rounds.htm)*

### Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Meeting

Thursday, September 27th 9AM—3PM  
Governance Meeting

Friday, September 28th 10AM—3PM  
Neonatal - Focused Meeting

All perinatal practitioners and proponents interested in FPQC are invited to attend. For additional information, please contact [fpqc@health.usf.edu](mailto:fpqc@health.usf.edu)

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