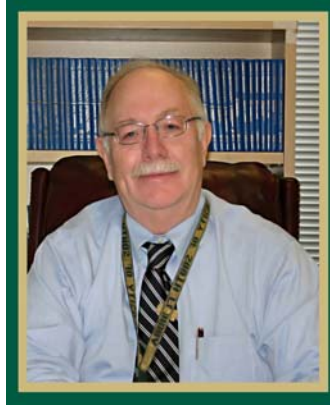


## A Message from the Chairman



I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. The announcement last month of an agreement between All Children’s Hospital and Johns Hopkins Health has created heat over and above the hot and humid season. I wish I could reassure everyone that this relationship will not affect USF Pediatrics, however, that is not possible at this point. I can reassure all of you that USF leadership has been very supportive of the Department. By the time the September newsletter is published, I am confident that we will have news that will make us all feel better. I firmly believe that, despite painful changes that have to be made at times, we will be an even better Department in the future. You will

make it so.

## Spotlight– Staff Appreciation Event



The Staff Appreciation Event was on 8/14/10 at Tropicana Field. Tampa Bay Rays won 7-3 against Baltimore Orioles. It was a great game and we all had a great time!

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## New Faculty: Dr. Angel Luciano, Assistant Professor

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Dr. Luciano served on the faculty at the University of Florida after completing his training in pediatrics, neonatology and a post-doctoral research fellowship in immunology.

In 2008 he joined the faculty at Case Western Reserve University-Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio. While in Ohio, Dr. Luciano served as Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, teacher of the Medical Spanish Course for medical students in the CWRU-School of Medicine Applied Medical Spanish Program, and was a member of the Committee for the Neonatology-Physiology Core Curriculum Development. Dr. Luciano re-located to Tampa to continue his research in developmental immunology.

Dr. Luciano has an interest in academic medicine, including the teaching of medical students, residents and fellows. His primary scholarly interests include the role of intrauterine exposure to bacterial products and its effects on the development of the immune system in premature infants. He is also interested in the role of bacterial translocation in HIV infection.

## New Faculty: Dr. Ronald Sutsko, Assistant Professor

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Dr. Sutsko graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and subsequently, did his residency training through University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey - School of Osteopathic Medicine at Cooper University Hospital in Camden, NJ. He completed his neonatology fellowship training in 2010 at Jackson Memorial Hospital/University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

His basic science research focused on the use of stem cells in the treatment of chronic lung disease, a project for which he was awarded an "Advancing Newborn Medicine Grant". His other interests include medical education, neonatal transport, and medical ethics. Dr. Sutsko is Board Certified in Pediatrics, and Board Eligible in Neonatology.

## Association for Asthma Educators Annual Conference July 2010

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Dr. Sleasman was invited to speak on the "Overview of Immunodeficiency" at the Association for Asthma Educators (AAE) Annual Conference in Orlando, FL on July 31, 2010.

The Association for Asthma Educators was founded in 1998 and is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality education to a mul-

tidisciplinary group of asthma educators.

AAE's membership includes nurses, nurse practitioners, respiratory therapists, pharmacists, doctors, physician assistants, community health workers, case managers and social workers.

The primary purpose of the AAE is to promote asthma education as an integral comprehensive asthma program, to raise the competence of health care pro-

fessionals who educate individuals and families affected by asthma, and to raise the standard of care and quality of asthma education delivered to those with asthma.

The 2010 Association of Asthma Educators conference featured more than 20 speakers covering a variety of asthma education topics.

## Children with Diabetes -Quilt for Life



Marissa with fellow nurse and friend Marwa.

Marissa Hitchcock (USF Pediatrics Nurse) is the inspiration for the Children with Diabetes website, started by her father Jeff in the summer of 1995. The quilt on the right was created by Brenda, Marissa's mom, and it contains her birthday, date diagnosed and photos.

The mission of Children with Diabetes, Inc. is to promote understanding of the care and treatment of diabetes, especially in children; to increase awareness of the need for unrestricted diabetes care for children at school

and daycare; to support families living with diabetes; and to promote understanding of research into a cure.



## USF Scholars in Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)

Dr. Morna Dorsey was an invited lecturer for the Scholars in Patient Oriented Research K30 program at USF. She lectured on the value of clinical research programs.

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Center for Research Resources has awarded USF Health a K30 Clinical Research Curriculum Award entitled "USF Scholars in Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR)" to support the development of careers in

clinical and translational research for physician-scientists and other multidisciplinary patient-oriented researchers.

The K30 Grant supports the development and implementation of a two-year didactic and mentored research curriculum for M.D., Ph.D. and first profes-

sional degreed individuals licensed to see patients. The program is designed to attract talented individuals to the challenges of clinical research and to provide them with the critical skills that are needed to translate basic discoveries into clinical treatments.

Drs. Heather Agazzi, Ramon Fonseca, Raquel Hernandez, and Joseph Nimeh from the Pediatrics Department are current students in the K30 Master's Program.

## 34th Annual Florida Suncoast Pediatric Conference June 2010

Dr. Sleasman led a workshop related to the diagnosis and management of *HIV infection in children and adolescents* at the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Suncoast Pediatric Conference in Sarasota in June 2010.

The Florida Suncoast Pediatric Conference provides state-of-the-art information on current trends in pediat-

rics and its specialties. Attendees also learned about the services of All Children's Hospital.

The conference was designed to meet the educational needs of pediatric practitioners by providing excellent talks and workshops on clinically-important topics related to the busy, office-based primary care practitioner.

This conference is designed for the continuing education of pediatricians, pediatric residents, family practice physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and other pediatric and adolescent healthcare professionals.

## Health Fairs– USF Pediatrics Serving the Tampa Bay Community

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USF doctors participated in three health fairs around the Tampa Bay area. On 8/7/10, Drs. Judd, Sochet, Bui, Baker, Keller, McKinley and Dabrow (top picture from left to right) attended the health fair at Blake High school. They completed physicals for about 100 students.

On 8/14/10, Drs. Fleisher, Keshishian, Coonrad, Lion and Dabrow (on left picture from left to right) attended the health fair at the 34th Street Church of God. The physicians were joined by 5 medical students and several nurse practitioners. They completed physicals for about 90 students.

On 8/14/10, Drs. Judd, Martinez, Aungst and LetoBourne (picture on the right) attended the Walden Lake health fair in Plant City. They completed physical for about 113 students.

## Fellow Boot Camp

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The Pediatric Allergy/Immunology Program has established a new orientation for incoming USF Allergy and Immunology Fellows called “Fellow Boot Camp”. On July 9<sup>th</sup> our starting fellows Doanh Nguyen, MD and Araceli Elizalde, MD were joined by

our Outpatient Care Center nurses and medical assistants and the Allergy/Immunology fellows from the Tampa program for an afternoon of learning.

This format gives an annual formal opportunity for faculty to review the latest developments in clinical Allergy

and Immunology, and then present to fellows and clinic staff any updates on routine clinical procedures and approaches to management in order to continue to provide state of the art care for our patients.

# International Obsessive Compulsive Disorders Foundation

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Drs. Tanya Murphy, Eric Storch and Adam Lewin attended the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation (IOCDF) conference in Washington, DC from July 15-18, 2010. Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) is a disorder of the brain and behavior which causes severe anxiety in those affected. The IOCDF is an international not-for-profit organization made up of people with OCD and related disorders, as well as their families, friends, professionals and others.

The mission and goals of the IOCDF are to educate the public and professionals about OCD in order to raise awareness and improve the quality of treatment provided; support research into the cause of, and effective treatments for, OCD and related disorders; improve access to resources for those with OCD and their families; advocate and lobby for the OCD community.

IOCDF was founded by a group of people with OCD in 1986 and since 1993 the annual IOCDF Confer-

ence has been the only national meeting focused solely on OCD and OC related disorders. The unique event allows people with OCD and their loved ones to experience the latest OCD information alongside of the mental health professionals who care for them. There were over 100 presentations (Drs. Murphy, Storch, and Lewin gave 7 of these!), workshops, and seminars as well as more than a dozen support groups. The presenters include some of the most experienced and knowledgeable clinicians and researchers in the field, as well as people with OCD and family members who are willing to share their story.

USF faculty are among the most innovative and knowledgeable researchers in the field of OCD and OC related disorders. Dr. Adam Lewin recently received a \$24,971 award from IOCDF for his research project entitled "Neuro-Executive Predictors of Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Response in Youth with OCD". Drs. Murphy and Storch

have both received past IOCDF grants for their work in OCD, in addition to a long history of NIH funding in this area.

Dr. Storch is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the IOCDF.

Following the conference, Drs. Murphy and Storch were invited to attend and participate in a two day conference on PANDAS (Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders Associated with Streptococcal infections) at the National Institute of Health (NIH) from July 18-19, 2010. Only a selective group of clinicians and researchers were invited to attend this conference where Dr. Murphy presented her cutting edge research. The conference objectives were to determine the utility of the PANDAS criteria; discuss a new neuropsychiatric scale to help diagnose the disorder; discuss various treatment methodologies employed by the presenting physicians/clinicians in their work and those used in existing research; and examine the symptom criteria used in recent research and how it relates to the PANDAS criteria and recent clinical experiences.

## Special Presentations

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Dr. Sleasman was invited as an expert member of the United States and European Expert Panel discussion on the therapeutic uses of immune globulin sponsored by the journal *Dialogues* in New York City on July 27, 2010.

Dr. Sleasman presented on the *Use and Abuse of Intravenous Immune Globulin Therapy* at the Tennessee Asthma, Allergy, and Immunology Society Annual Conference in Nashville, TN in July 2010.

Dr. Morna Dorsey presented on the *Immunologic Mechanisms of Atopic Dermatitis* at the All Children's Hospital Grand Rounds on July 9, 2010.

## New Employees

| Name             | Position                      | Division            |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| Dawn Howard      | Student Assistant             | Infectious Diseases |
| Kathleen Heyman  | Sr Applications Developer.    | Administration      |
| Melinda Mageors  | Community Outreach Caseworker | Child Development   |
| Lauren Jones     | Community Outreach Caseworker | Child Development   |
| Jennifer Hanchey | Community Outreach Caseworker | Child Development   |
| Lark Mitchell    | Community Outreach Caseworker | Child Development   |
| Matthew Boonstra | Applications Developer        | Epidemiology        |
| Angel Luciano    | Assistant Professor           | Neonatology         |
| Henry Rodriguez  | Professor                     | Epidemiology        |
| Ronald Sutsko    | Assistant Professor           | Neonatology         |
| Kimberly Jacoby  | Community Outreach Caseworker | Child Development   |
| Andre Nelson     | Education Specialist          | Sim Center          |
| Tredina Jackson  | Telephone Scheduler           | ACH/Clinic          |
| Doris Jones      | LPN                           | STC/Clinic          |

## September 2010– Birthdays

| Name              | Day |
|-------------------|-----|
| Brian Knox        | 1   |
| Allison Evans     | 2   |
| Sarah Gunderson   | 2   |
| Edward Kelly      | 2   |
| Soichi Haraguchi  | 3   |
| Chen Cui          | 3   |
| Judith Rosenberg  | 4   |
| Joy Felton        | 5   |
| Barbara Daniel    | 5   |
| Shakerra Johnson  | 5   |
| Kristian Lynch    | 5   |
| Paul Marsha       | 6   |
| Robert Engelman   | 6   |
| Erica Newby       | 7   |
| David Cooper      | 8   |
| Ping Xu           | 8   |
| Evangelina Vogler | 8   |
| Laura Johnson     | 9   |
| Josefina Rivera   | 9   |
| Tristin Trottier  | 9   |



| Name                    | Day |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Veena Gowda             | 10  |
| Carmen Alfaro           | 10  |
| Paul Durand             | 12  |
| Paula Pell              | 12  |
| Cristina Pelaez         | 12  |
| David Cuthbertson       | 13  |
| Jennifer Combs          | 13  |
| Dawn Smith              | 14  |
| Amaya Ramos             | 15  |
| Francisco Flores        | 15  |
| Barbara Nabrit-Stephens | 15  |
| Acille Adhal            | 16  |
| Linda Babbs             | 17  |
| Hugo Narvarte           | 17  |
| Shyam Mohapatra         | 18  |
| Emma Darlene Weeks      | 19  |
| Robert Zelski           | 19  |
| John McCormick          | 19  |
| Eloise Prijoles         | 20  |



| Name                | Day |
|---------------------|-----|
| Michael O'Donnell   | 20  |
| Lisa Harewood       | 20  |
| Margarita Hernandez | 22  |
| Glenna Leard        | 23  |
| Craig Beam          | 23  |
| Gary Lifshin        | 23  |
| Yazandra Parrimon   | 23  |
| Terri Berger        | 23  |
| Barbara Cockream    | 24  |
| Jennifer Osgood     | 24  |
| Heather Sabella     | 24  |
| Allen Root          | 24  |
| John Sleasman       | 24  |
| Courtney Judd       | 25  |
| Stephen Smith       | 27  |
| Susan Kennel        | 28  |
| Stacey Keller       | 28  |
| Tredina Jackson     | 30  |
| Pisithsak Law       | 30  |
| Katherine Byra      | 30  |

## Pediatrics Grand Rounds– September 2010



Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM at MacInnes Auditorium Tampa General Hospital. Lectures are also videoconferenced to the All Children's Hospital/USF Children's Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building , Room 2004.

### **September 16:** *Diabetes Stories: The Value of Understanding Patients' Experiences :*

Laura Smith, PhD

USF Pediatrics

Nicole Johnson, MPH, MA

USF Health Design Center

Marissa Hitchcock, BSN, RN

USF Pediatrics

### **September 23:** *22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome: Revisiting DiGeorge Syndrome*

Elena Perez, MD, PhD

USF Pediatrics, Division of Allergy,

Immunology and Rheumatology

### **September 30:** *Recurrent Infections in Children: When to Suspect Primary Immunodeficiency*

Morna Dorsey, MD, MMSc

USF Pediatrics, Division of Allergy,

Immunology and Rheumatology

## Special Announcements



**Dr. Carol Lilly** , Associate Professor, will assume responsibilities as Chief, General Academic Pediatrics. Dr. Lilly has been on the USF Faculty since 1995. She has served with distinction as Chief of Developmental/Behavioral Pediatrics and Neurology since 2002 after serving for two years as Interim. She will continue to direct the Early Steps Program. Plans are being completed for leadership change of the remaining programs in Child Development.



**Dr. Terri Ashmeade** will assume responsibilities for a new Division of Pediatric Quality, Safety and Access. Dr. Ashmeade joined the USF Faculty in 2000 after completing her Neonatology Fellowship at USF. From 2003 to 2008 she served as Division Chief of Neonatology, and Director of the Neonatal-Perinatal Fellowship program from 2006-2009. She will continue in her role as Medical Director of the TGH NICU and as an attending in Neonatology.

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