FROM THE CHAIR

The humidity is down, there is a slight chill in the air (by Florida standards), and pumpkins and goblins are scattered throughout yards – all to remind us that fall is here. This is the busiest of times for our department with many new physicians and employees settling in, and many students and residents looking outwards towards residency and fellowship. Next month our residency programs start the vigorous process of resident interviews – look for many fresh faces and suits every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We have a record number of applicants this year in addition to approximately 10% of the USF class choosing Peds or Med/Peds. Our current residents are off interviewing throughout the country for fellowships, and the job search is on for others.

Amidst all these competing priorities, our group is caring for children and adults, working to implement EPIC and provide high quality care. We have had a number of grand rounds discussions focused on quality. Dr. Hagstrom from Lehigh Valley discussed high reliability organizations – the Holy Grail for hospitals and organizations looking to

KUDOS

Dr. Patricia Emmanuel has been named to the Children’s Medical Services Managed Care Plan Technical Advisory Panel. The Panel, created in September by the State Surgeon General of the Florida Department of Health, will provide technical advice to the Department and its CMS Plan, to include recommendations for best practices, long range planning, quality improvement initiatives, health education and wellness, and outreach to the public and CMS members.

Jane Mutch, PhD, and Ben Torres, MD have been elected as the USF Pediatrics representative to serve on the Faculty Council. Their 2-year term began on Oct 1, 2015.

Dr. Adam Lewin was awarded $74,233 from All Children’s Hospital for his proposal titled Modular Treatment for Preschool Anxiety.

Dr. Vinita Kiluk was accepted into the American Pediatric Association’s Educational Scholars Program. This 3-year mentored leadership program, which helps faculty build their skills in educational scholarship, requires a time commitment, attendance at 3 instructional sessions at the PAS meetings, development of an educator portfolio, and completion and publication of a mentored educational product

HAPPENINGS

Faculty from the Rothman Center collaborated with the Trichotillomania Learning Center and Roger’s Behavioral Health-Tampa to provide a day long workshop for over 70 people affected by trichotillomania and skin picking disorder. Talks were given by Drs. Omar Rahman, Adam Lewin, Josh Nadeau, Tanya Murphy and Eric Storch, pictured here with TLC’S Leslie Lee.
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hum like some industries. Dr. Yardley spoke about individual program quality initiatives to improve diabetes care and follow-up of non-adherent teens; hers was more of an individual quality journey. Although not on the quality topic, Dr. Brinn’s talk last week on the use of social media and its possibilities and pitfalls summed up an important point for all of us – “be mindful of what you are doing on social media”. I think we can take this message and extend it to all aspects of patient care: Be mindful – stay in the present, stay focused, approach each task with full deliberation. Collective mindfulness is defined when everyone in an organization works together to create a safety culture and to identify small failures or processes that can impact quality and safety. USF Health and Peds have a long way to go to achieve high reliability, but we have embarked on this important journey. I greatly appreciate all of the investment every staff member shows when they are mindful, attend to details and put patients first. We are all critical to the success of the organization and, more importantly, to the welfare of each patient.

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

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Dr. Florence Desrosiers attended secondary school at the College St. Francois d’Assise and earned her MD from the Faculte de Medecine d’Haiti, both in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She completed her pediatric residency at the University Hospital of Haiti and WoodHull Medical Center in Brooklyn, her fellowship in academic pediatrics at the University of Montreal, and her adolescent medicine fellowship at the Northshore-LIJ Hospital in New Hyde Park, NY. She is currently enrolled in a master’s program in healthcare administration at the University of Chicago. She joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in 2008 and served as attending physician in the Division of Adolescent Medicine at the Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. Most recently, she was attending physician at the University of Illinois Health and Hospital System and an assistant professor of pediatrics at the University of Illinois in Chicago. She will serve as an assistant professor in the Division of General Pediatrics. Her research interests include polycystic ovarian syndrome, teen reproductive health and global health.

Dr. Benjamin Torres earned his BA at the Escuela Militar de Chile and his MD from the University of San Carlos College of Medicine in Guatemala City. He completed his pediatric residency at USF, where he served as chief resident, in addition to his fellowship in neonatology. He served on the faculty of USF Pediatrics from 1986 until 1996, when he joined All Children’s Hospital. While at All Children’s he served as co-medical director of the ACH NICU, and participated in the training of USF medical students, residents and fellows as a USF clinical and affiliate associate professor. From 1997 to 2015 he served as director of education for the neonatal residency and fellowship program. His research interests include the improvement of respiratory management for neonates. He will serve as an associate professor in the Division of Neonatology and will be co-medical director of the TGH NICU.

RESIDENT FUN

Dr. Juan Dumois organized a bike ride for USF and ACH-JHM residents.
This year’s John Curran Lecture will be given by Dr. Michael Georgieff, who is professor of Pediatrics and Child Psychology and director of the Division of Neonatology at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Georgieff serves as director of the NICU Follow-up Clinic, the Neonatal Nutrition Support Service, and the Center for Neurobehavioral Development. Dr. Georgieff’s research focuses on fetal/neonatal nutrition, specifically, the effect of fetal/neonatal iron nutrition on brain development and neurocognitive function. His many contributions include numerous book chapters and over 100 published papers.

This lectureship was established in 1993 to honor Dr. John Curran, who was the founding chief of neonatology in 1972. Dr. Curran has a long and distinguished career in pediatrics. He is recognized at the local, regional and national level for his efforts in child advocacy and in building bridges between communities and local and academic health care providers. Please join us for this important event, and stay for the breakfast reception immediately following the lecture.
NEW EMPLOYEES

Katie Stevens, RN; Senior CMS Referral Center
Sarah Shannon, RN; CMS Referral Center
Maisie Pallasigui; Community Outreach Caseworker, Early Steps
Yazmen Tajeda; Community Outreach Caseworker, Early Steps
Stephanie Lydon; Community Outreach Caseworker, Early Steps
Keith Waters; Community Outreach Caseworker, Early Steps
Margaret Long; Medical Assistant, STC
Christina Brown; Customer Service Representative, OCC/ACH
Aleida Valdivieso, RN Float

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USF INTERNAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The USF Internal Awards Program has released its cycle 1 and 2 applications for Faculty International Travel Grants and Conference Support Grants (Oct 26, 2015 and Feb 1, 2016). Applications for Creative Scholarship Grants, New Researcher Grants and Proposal Enhancement Grants will be available on Jan 8, each of which has a March due date. Faculty are encouraged to submit proposals! https://www.research.usf.edu/dsr/internal-awards/

PEDIMATRIC FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Drs. Danielle Gomez and Michael Shamblott, recently published a paper in PloS One that has been discussed by several notable forums including Health Medicine Network, the International Business Times, The Financial Express, Science Daily and Zee News. The paper describes their study showing that human body cells that express neurogenin 3 could be cultured or harnessed to produce insulin-producing beta cells for the treatment of diabetes.