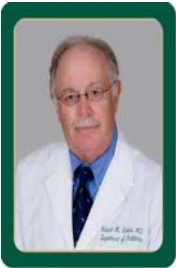


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A Message from the Chairman



January is a month of change for the Department. We successfully relocated to our St. Pete clinics to the new All Children’s Hospital Outpatient Care Center and said good-bye to Dr. Rani Gereige. This month we welcomed Dr. Sally Coovert to the Department.

January has also proved to be a sad month, with the loss of the close relatives of some of our administrative staff. The devastating earthquake in Haiti has affected many within the USF Health family and our thoughts go out to them and the people of Haiti.

Despite the challenges you maybe be facing, please join us as we walk in the Gasparilla Children’s Parade on this Saturday.

~ **Bob Nelson**

Spotlight

Baby



Helena M. Marra’s (Executive Assistant to the President / CEO of All Children’s Health System)grandson Sam is her pride and joy.

Farewell



Pediatrics’ say goodbye to Dr. Gereige. He will be greatly missed and we wish him the best of luck in his new position as Director of Medical Education at the Miami Children’s Hospital!

Fundraiser



Pediatrics’ support fundraiser for NICU at TGH on Jan. 7,2010 performance of the Ringling Brothers Circus at the St. Pete Times Forum.

Faculty

Publications

Weng C, Tu SW, Sim I, Richesson R. Formal Representations of Eligibility Criteria: A Literature Review [J Biomed Inform.](#) 2009 Dec 21. [Epub ahead of print]

Dr. Maria Gieron's Ask-the-Expert column entitled "Are we facing an autism epidemic?" was featured on November 28, 2009, in the Tampa Tribune 4YOU publication.

Seville, Xavier D. AAP Fellows help identify quality measures for children's care. AAP News 2009 30:4

Publications Spotlight

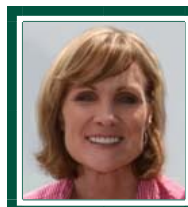


In Dr. Xavier Seville's (chair of AAP Steering Committee on Quality Improvement and Management) article title "'AAP Fellows help identify quality measures for children's care" he described how a subcommittee (compose of many AAP Fellows) developed recommendations for core measure set based on measures already used by public and private purchasers, providers, and patients. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) National Advisory Council on Healthcare Research and Quality (NAC) established the Subcommittee on Children's Healthcare Quality Measures for use by Medicaid and CHIP programs. There were 121 proposed measures and subcommittee recommended 25 top measures as suitable for a balanced core set. To view the list, visit www.ahrq.gov/chip/listtable.htm. The recommendations have gone to the AHRQ NAC and are being considered by Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Please click on the following link to read full article:
<http://aapnews.aapublications.org/cgi/content/full/30/12/4>

Accomplishments

Kimberlea Hauser was elected as Secretary– Treasurer Elect for National Birth Defects Prevention Network (NBDPN) effective 1/1/10. The Network assesses the impact of birth defects upon children, families, and health care; identifies factors that can be used to develop primary prevention strategies; and assists families and their providers in secondary disabilities prevention.



Janet Hess is schedule to do an oral presentation entitled "Research, Advocacy, and Policy for Health Care Transition" at the 2010 AMCHP Annual Conference on March 9th 2010 outside Washington, DC.

Dr. Jennifer Takagishi will graduate in May at the Pediatric Academics Societies (PAS) from the Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Educational Scholars Program with a certificate in Educational Scholarship.



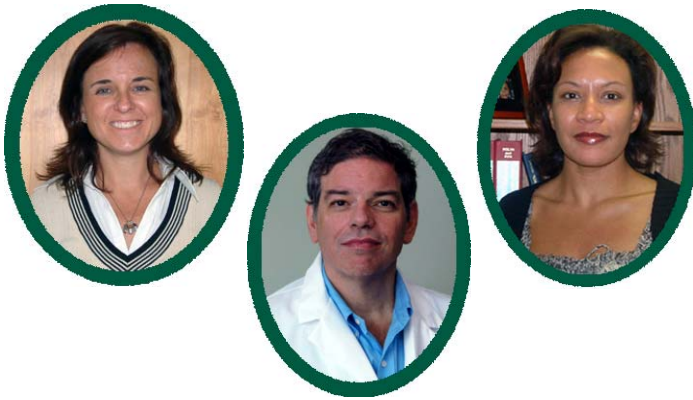
Dr. Lyssa Edmunds Logue was selected as the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Medical Students, Residents, and Fellowship Trainees (SOMSRT) liaison to the Section on Child Abuse and Neglect (SOCAN) effective 1/1/10. The liaison serves to enhance communication between the SOMSRFT and other groups. A liaison serves for two years and must be a Resident or Fellowship Trainee member of the AAP.

PEDS Members in the News

Dr. Ashmeade, Dr. Haubner & Dr. Rubin

A Spectacular Entrance: High-Risk Delivery Team's Uncommon EXIT Procedure Results in Healthy Baby

<http://tampabay.medicalnewsinc.com/a-spectacular-entrance-cms-976>



This article is about Tampa Bay area's first Ex Utero Intrapartum Treatment (EXIT) Procedure. The EXIT procedure was performed by nine key physicians out of which three of them were Pediatrics' employees (Drs. Ashmeade, Haubner and Rubin). The medical team delivered a baby girl 7 lbs 11oz by Cesarean section. They secured an airway for the baby born with a large benign tumor wrapped around her neck. Please click on the above link to get full story.

Dr. Whiteman an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at USF and interim director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine said "EXIT is an innovative procedure developed to deliver infants with severe congenital abnormalities that may make breathing after delivery difficult or impossible. During EXIT, the newborn is partially delivered in a manner similar to a C-section, but the umbilical cord supplying oxygen from mother to baby is not immediately cut. Instead, the baby is intubated and delivery of the infant is completed and the cord cut only after a clear airway has been established."

Dr. Storch, Dr. Murphy, Dr. Lewin & Dr. Mutch

Connecting the Dots: USF Further Developing Protocol for Older Children with Autism

<http://tampabay.medicalnewsinc.com/connecting-the-dots-cms-975>



This article focus on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) among older children and what USF Neuropsychiatry division of Pediatrics is doing to develop protocol treatment. Please click on the above link to get full story.

Dr. Storch received half a million dollar for a two year federal grant titled " 2/3 CBT for Anxiety Disorders in Autism: Adapting treatment for adolescents" which test the effectiveness of behavioral psychotherapy in treating anxiety among adolescent with autism.

In article Dr. Storch said "Anxiety disorders affect as many as 80 percent of children and adolescents with autism spectrum disorders, triggering distress and impairment over and above what's caused by an autism diagnosis alone. As yet, there are no tried-and-true methods for treating the anxiety that often accompanies autism. Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) has worked very well for typically developing kids with anxiety and has similar effectiveness to medications. The goal of this study is to adapt this therapy for use in early adolescents with autism and co-occurring anxiety."

Employee Update

New Employees

Name	Position	Division
Joana Machry	Assistant Professor	Neonatology
Stephen Smith	Appl Developer	Epidemiology
Spurthi C. Ugrappa	Graduate Assistant	Epidemiology
Anjali Tyagi	Research Technician	AIR
Susanne Odelskog	Facilitator	Neonatology
Teresa Carlton	OPS	Child Development
Jaime Bence	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Kristina Salvaggio	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Mary Anne Larrobbis	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Michelle Shannon	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Naseema Abbasi	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Tionna Peak	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development

Welcome



Sally Covert joins Pediatrics Administration as Program Director of the Developmental Medicine Program. She received her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a focus on instructional technology and adult learning from the University of South Florida. She has worked at the university for over 17 years in the areas of distance education, online learning and instructional technologies.

February 2010 Birthdays

Employee Name	Day
M Gieron-Korthals	2
Maritza Morales	2
Tenisha Ramnath	2
Leslie Cinnante	3
John Landi	5
Donna Eason	6
Carol Taylor	7
Emily Van Orden	7
Maureen Tavrell	7
Sally Covert	7
Kersti Linask	10
Rajan Wadhawan	10
Alicia Truitt	11
Megan Lowe	11
Jason Rabe	12
Masmina Sirleaf	12
Rasheedah Brown	12
Xiaohong Song	13
Osunguaidé Olafemi	14
Ashanti Dixie	17
Alicia Diaz	18
Christine Curran	18
Preceousa Serna	18



Employee Name	Day
Jennifer Ketchum	19
Ming-da Han	19
Rong He	19
Timothy Adams	19
Kimberlea Hauser	20
Kristen Ruffalo	20
Maria Bernal	20
Mary Creech	20
Erin Cipko	22
Jennifer Kim	22
Mairim De La Rua	22
Taryl Crisp	22
Vinita Kiluk	22
Lenora Edwards	23
Mary Meiron	23
Susan Johnson	23
Lewis Rubin	24
Karalyn Grant	25
Laura Williams	25
Susan Lukas	27
Craig Bobik	28



Upcoming Events

Events

New St. Petersburg/ACH Clinic Location-1/8/10



601 5th Floor
Street South 3rd
Floor
St. Petersburg Fl,
33701
Tel: 727-767-4150

Children's Gasparilla Parade

When: Jan. 23, 2010

Grand Rounds

Lectures are from 8:00 - 9:00 AM at MacInnes Auditorium– TGH and videoconference to the ACH/USF CRI 1st floor conference room & CMS Building, Room 2004

January 28: The Subspecialty of Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine – How Can it Benefit Your Patients?

Chris Morrison, MD
Medical Director, Bayfront and St. Joseph's
Wound and Hyperbaric Centers President, Nauti-
lus Health Care Group

February 4: HIV: What's New in Prevention?

Diane Straub, MD
USF Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine

February 11: Nephrotic Syndrome

Al Campos, MD
USF Pediatrics, Division of Nephrology

February 18: *It Takes a Team: Cleft Palate and Pierre Robin Sequence*

Mary Pavan, MD, Ernesto Ruas, MD, Suzanne
Schneider, MS, CC-SLP

February 25: *Patient Safety*

Joseph Nimeh, MD
USF Pediatrics, General Academic Pediatrics
Fellow (Academic Hospitalist)

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Happy New Year



"Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." - Mark Twain