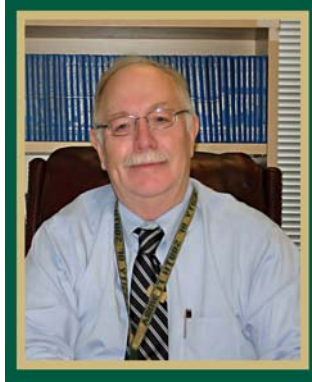


## A Message from the Chairman



June is the month of Grads and Dads. On Saturday June 19th, we celebrated the graduation of fellows and residents. We had a very nice time and had the opportunity to meet some of the families of the graduating residents. We will have more news about the event next month including kudos for the faculty and residents who were honored by their colleagues.

I want to thank Drs. Cadiz, Rendon and Leonard who recently made me very proud of their professionalism, as each in their own way displayed what being a doctor is all about.

I want to remind everyone about the final Grand Rounds of the year on 6/24. Senior VP/Dean Steve Klasko will talk on his vision of the future for USF Health. As the CEO of USF Health it is his job to lead us during these turbulent times. Please make every effort to attend. Also, I would like to remind everyone that next Saturday (6/26) is the welcome party at our home for the incoming residents. I would break out in the Circle of Life song from Lion King but don't want to subject anyone to that trauma. Have a great 4th of July.

## Spotlight– Residents' & Fellows' Graduation



The Residents' and Fellows' Graduation was a great success and above are some of the photos of the happy graduates. Please click on the link below to view more photos or go to our Facebook page. <http://gallery.me.com/rnelsonmnc#100145>

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## Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic & Research Center at ACH

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The division of Allergy, Immunology, and Rheumatology, through the leadership of Dr. John Sleasman, was awarded recognition as a Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic & Research Center at All Children's Hospital on May 27, 2010. This prestigious award was granted to select institutions that excel in the diagnosis and treatment of patients with primary immunodeficiency.

The Jeffrey Modell Foundation was established in 1987 by Vickie and Fred Modell (top left photo) in memory of their son Jeffrey, who died at the age of 15 from complications due to an underlying primary immunodeficiency disease. Jeffrey was diagnosed at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Institute in New York, NY by Robert A. Good, PhD, MD, DSc, who later established the immunology program at All Chil-



dren's Hospital.

As part of the ceremony, Dr. Noorbibi Day (photo on the right with Dr. Sleasman) received recognition for her outstanding teaching and research career. The Immunoparameters Laboratory (IPL) that she founded in 1985 was named in her honor. She was surprised to find that the laboratory was being dedicated in her honor.

## New Neurodevelopmental Medicine Clinic opens at STC

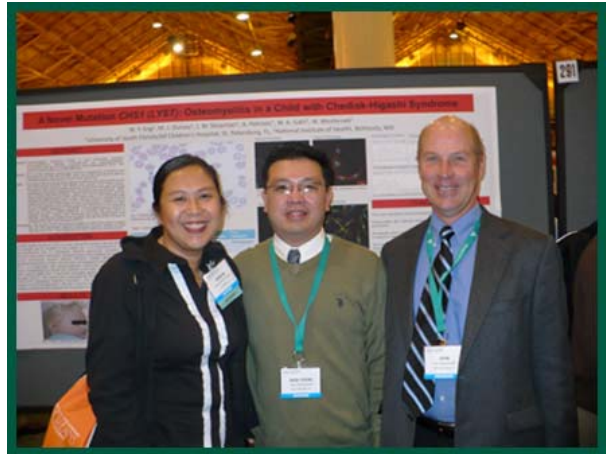
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The Department is pleased to announce the opening of the new Neurodevelopmental Medicine Clinic on the second floor of the STC building. Pediatrics, along with the College of Public Health, Department of Psychiatry and Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resource Systems (FDLRS) have come together as a team to provide a comprehensive approach to the care of developmentally-challenged patients and their families.

The USF Neurodevelopmental Medicine Program, under the direction of Drs. Robert Nelson, Jr., Frank Fernandez, and Dean Donna Petersen, will provide multidisciplinary care to children and families struggling with complex medical, neurodevelopmental, behavioral and learning problems through strong clinical, academic and research linkages to departments and programs across USF Health, the USF campus and the Tampa Bay community.

There was a great deal of interest and anticipation leading up to the clinic opening on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Patient appointments can be scheduled for Monday mornings with the hours expanding as necessitated by patient demand. For further information, contact the Neurodevelopmental Medicine Program at: (813) 250-2537.

# The American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology (AAAAI) Conference In New Orleans Feb 26-Mar 2, 2010



The AAAAI is the largest professional organization in the United States devoted to the field of allergy/immunology. They have 6,500 members (practicing physicians, researchers and allied health professionals) who are dedicated to improving the lives of people with allergies, asthma and other conditions.

Dr. John Sleasman presented the results of his research on HIV associated inflammation, entitled **“Pathogenesis and Consequences of Secondary Immunodeficiency in**

**AIDS”**. He also led a workshop for physicians on how to use gamma-globulin therapy.

Dr. Perez co-moderated two seminars. The first seminar entitled, **“Immunoglobulin supplementation: IVIG and sIg”** was given by Dr. Jordan Orange (UPENN/Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia). The interactive educational seminar described the indications and proper administration of immunoglobulins via intravenous or subcutaneous routes, and the pros and cons of each modal-

ity to practicing allergists/immunologists.

The second seminar entitled, **“Genetic studies for diagnosis and management of Primary Immunodeficiencies”** was given by Dr. Thomas Fleisher (NIH). The interactive educational seminar discussed the newly defined molecular immunodeficiency syndromes and explained the genotype/phenotype correlations and issues related to testing methods for diagnosis, and described projects to increase awareness of primary immunodeficiency diseases.

## Three Abstracts presented at the AAAAI Conference

Woei Eng, MD, Morna Dorsey, MD, John Sleasman, MD, Alexandra Petrovic, MD

Title: “A novel mutation CHS1 (LYST): osteomyelitis in a child with Chediak-Higashi Syndrome.”

Elena Perez, MD, Morna Dorsey, MD, John Sleasman, MD

Cathy Walsh, PhD Barbara Kirkpatrick, PhD Jon Romeo, DO Rima Sanka, DO

Title: “Elevated IL-8 levels in allergic airways inflammation is downregulated following aerosolized brevetoxin exposure.”

Jason Caldwell, MD, John Sleasman, MD, Loran Isakson, MD, Andy Riech, PhD, Sharon Watkins

Title “Lyngbyatoxin a, a cyanobacteria derived aquatic toxin, induces expression of pro-inflammatory cytokines including IL-4 and IL-5 by human PBMC.”

## Award Spotlight

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of Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Re-

The Department of Pediatrics would like to congratulate Dr. Adam Lewin on his first grant award at USF entitled, “*Neuro-Executive Predictors*

*sponse in Youth with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder.*”

This is a one year (July 15, 2010-July 14, 2011) award from the International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation (IOCDF) for \$24,971.

The project aims to evaluate neuro-cognitive deficits (including executive functioning and memory) among 100 children and adolescents with Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and to identify the extent to which predict response to cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) with exposure and response preven-

## New awards

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Dr. Adam Lewin received a twelve-month (7/15/10-7/14/11) award from the International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Foundation (IOCDF) entitled, *Neuro-Executive Predictors of Cognitive Behavioral Treatment Response in Youth with Obsessive Compulsive*

Dr. Heather Agazzi received a five-month (5/1/10-9/30/10) award from the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County entitled, *Attending the Parent Child Interaction Therapy Training.*

## Accomplishments

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Carla Duff, RN, BSN, CCRP was invited to speak at the Infusion Nurses Society Annual Meeting in Fort

Lauderdale on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Duff presented, “The changing face of infusion nursing- the role as teacher with immunoglobulin therapy: challenges and rewards of teaching self-administration skills to adolescent and adult patients”. This is part of her ongoing effort to educate providers on primary immunodeficiency diseases and injectable immunoglobulin treatments.

The American Academy of Asthma, Allergy & Immunology has chosen Dr. Dorsey for membership on a committee that creates the 200 question exam for fellows-in-training. She was unanimously approved by their Executive Committee.

Dr. Mudra Kumar will be the new Co-Course Director of the Evidence Based Clinical Practice (EBCP) course for 2010-11.

Dr. Sharon Dabrow spoke to a group of parents at the TGH Community Education forum in May. The title was “How to talk to your kids about sex”.

## Clinical Immunology Society Conference May 20-23, 2010

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Many of the AIR (Allergy/Immunology/Rheumatology) division faculty attended the Clinical Immunology Society's conference in Philadelphia, PA on May 20-23.

This international conference is for practitioners working with primary immune deficiency patients. The

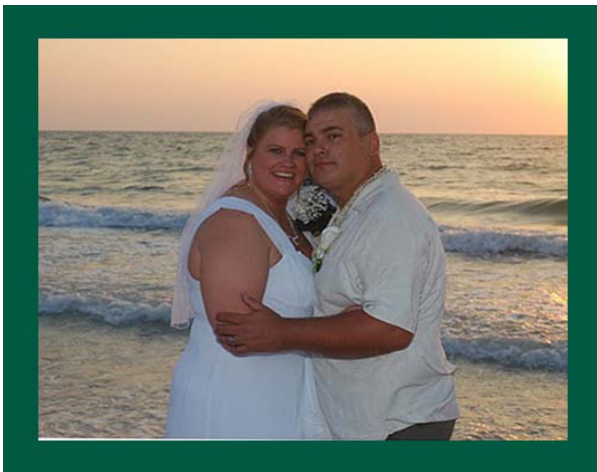
opening lecture was in honor of the division founder, Robert A. Good, and was given by world renowned immunologist Dr. Alain Fischer.

Dr. Elena Perez spoke on "Teaching Primary Immunodeficiency: The Immunologist's Toolbox," and moderated an oral abstract session.

Dr. Dorsey presented an abstract entitled, "Novel Presentation of Griscelli Syndrome Successfully Treated with Umbilical Cord Blood Transplant" (*Clinical Immunology*, vol. 135, Issue 2, p.300-301, May 2010), which may represent a new genetic expression of the rare disorder.

## Congratulations!

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Dr. Lana McCauley and Timur Soyly are delighted to announce their marriage, which took place on May 23, 2010 at the Sunset at Sandy Key. Please join us in congratulating the newlyweds.



Emma Julia Hernandez was born to Dr. Raquel Hernandez on May 17, 2010 (7 lb 4 oz.). Please join us in congratulating Mom and Dad.

Jorge Emilio Quezada, MD  
matched in Cardiology  
in Portland, Oregon

Mark Ayers, MD  
matched in Cardiology  
in Indiana

Alexandra Menchise, MD  
matched in Gastroenterology  
in Cincinnati

## New Employees



Name	Position	Division
Erika Council	Medical Assistant	ACH Clinic
Jessica Trotter	Medical Assistant	ACH Clinic
Paul Durand	Clinic Manager	Adolescent Medicine
Rene Ruiz Nieves	Assistant Professor	Neonatology
Thomas Whalen	Professor	Joint in PEDS
Corinne Walters	Assistant Director- Research Administration	Administration
Desiree Brown	Manager of Business Administration	Administration
Richard Mazzaccaro	Assistant Professor	Joint in PEDS

## July 2010

Name	Day
Christopher Tappan	1
Emily Shaffer	1
Clara Marselli	3
Kenneth Young	4
Douglas McMahon	5
Michael Fant	5
Danielle Bond	5
Maxine Sutcliffe	6
Stephen Karges	6
Nancy Muscato	6
Julie Matar	6
Katherine Bennett	6
Mark Glaum	7
Leah Jung	7
Heather Hartling	7
Anthony Morelli	8
Linda Giffin	8
Eileen Acevedo	9
Jennifer Casatelli	10
Duane Eichler	11
Mudra Kumar	11



Name	Day
Tawania St John	11
Tammy Myers	12
Sandra Leack	13
Kathleen Farrar	13
Hossain Marandi	14
Todd Wells	15
Page Dunning	15
Carmen Khadaroo	18
Julie Ford	18
Nicole Nations	18
John Cannon	19
Pamela Martinez	19
Marjorie Peak	19
Elizabeth Wos	19
Cory Brown	20
Kaysia Ludford	20
Naseema Abbasi	20
Nancy Wallace	21
Jordan Markel	21
Lorena Ballard	21



Name	Day
William Hays	21
Natraj Ballal	22
Raju Marisiddaiah	22
Kathy Guertin	22
Jamie Malloy	23
John O'Neill	23
Monica Watson	24
Michelle McKinney	24
Coralia Diaz	24
Tina Pastoor	25
Heather Zerby	25
Lyssa Logue	26
Amy Baldwin	27
Bernard Pollara	28
Christine Sorah	28
Hugo Jasin	28
Janet Sullivan	29
Ling Chong	31
Belinda Hsiao	31
Kendra Vehik	31
Christopher Eberhard	31

## Farewell - Dr. Luis Munoz

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Best wishes to Dr. Luis Munoz  
from everyone in Pediatrics



## Announcements

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New Intern Reception/ Welcome Party  
When: June 26, 2010 at 2:00 PM Where: Dr.  
Nelson's house

Staff Appreciation Event  
When: August 14, 2010  
Where: Tropicana Field

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