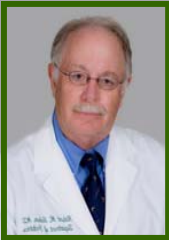


From The Chairman



Thank you everyone for your continued enthusiasm and hard work. I wish you and your family a very special Thanksgiving Day.

~ **Bob Nelson**

Spotlight

New ACH Hospital Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Dr. Sharon Perlman, USF Nephrology and ACH Chief of Staff; St. Petersburg Mayor Rick Baker, Claudia Sokolowski, Chair ACH

Health System Board, Congressman Bill Young, St. Petersburg Mayor Elect Bill Foster; Gary Carnes, ACH CEO, Dr. Roberto Sosa, Chief Neonatology and PPS, and Tim Strouse Project Manager for the new hospital and 4 decade ACH employee.



Senior Vice President USF Dr. Steven Klasko, Louise Brown, Mr. John Ekarius Chief Administrator Liaison to VP USF Health; and Colleen Wyse enjoy the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new hospital.

The Pediatrics family celebrated Halloween!



Publications

Gereige, Rani Tampa Tribune – 4 YOU Health Column. Ask the Expert. “When Should I Start Potty Training My Child?”. October 29th, 2009. <http://www2.tbo.com/content/2009/oct/29/when-should-i-start-potty-training-my-child/>

Salemi JL, Pierre M, Tanner JP, Kornosky JL, Hauser KW, Kirby RS, Carver JD. Maternal Nativity as a Risk Factor for Gastroschisis: A Population-Based Study. *Birth Defects Research (Part A)* 85:890-896 (2009) .

Accomplishments

Mandel Sher, MD, Elena Perez, MD, PhD and Morna Dorsey, MD, MMSc listed as best doctors 2009 [http://www.tampabaymetro.com/Best Doctors 09.html](http://www.tampabaymetro.com/Best_Doctors_09.html)

Carla Duff, RN BSN CCRP was invited to give a lecture on Advance Practice Techniques for Problem Solving with SCIG Therapy at the 3rd Annual Advanced Practicum for Healthcare Professionals Providing Immunoglobulin Therapy: IVIG and SCIG in Cleveland, Ohio on October 24, 2009.



Dr. Abraham Salinas is featured on a DVD that is given to new mothers at St. Joseph's, Brandon Regional, TGH and University Community, which is part of a campaign sponsored by Healthy Start Coalition, to prevent infant deaths due to shaken baby syndrome, SIDS, and caregivers. New mothers receive a gift bag, which includes the DVD, commitment letter to protect baby, onesies that have logo and “this end up while sleeping” on front, and a guide for Health and Safety of Babies. Abraham speaks specifically to fathers, about coping with crying and keeping babies safe.

AAP Conference 2009

Dr. Jeannine Del Pizzo



Dr. Del Pizzo presented her poster entitled “*Pseudocyesis in a Teenager With Bipolar Disorder*”. The poster was a case presentation of a 14 year old girl who had pseudocyesis (her belly looked pregnant and she had lost her period but when tested she was not pregnant). It is a rare but fascinating diagnosis. The poster was part of the clinical case competition in which residents, medical students, and fellows from across the country can submit interesting cases. Dr. Del Pizzo was one of the ten finalists.

Dr. Del Pizzo was selected as the District X Coordinator (the AAP divides the country into 10 districts and district X includes Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Puerto Rico). She will be coordinating and representing the residents in District X. Additional duties include monthly conference calls, national meetings, reviewing scholarship applications, making recommendation for section liaisons, newsletters, and contributing to the Resident Report.

Dr. Beesan Agha



Dr. Agha also presented her poster titled “*Preoperative Screening in Patients with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome*”. Our institution perform cranial ultrasounds, renal ultrasounds and chromosome analysis in an effort to risk stratify patients undergoing Norwood Palliation. Our retrospective chart review found that kids with hypoplastic left heart syndrome (HLHS) can have associated congenital anomalies such as abnormal chromosomes, renal abnormalities, and central nervous system abnormalities. These congenital abnormalities may increase the overall morbidity and mortality in patients undergoing Norwood palliation for HLHS.

Congratulations- USF Anniversary

Years	Name	Job Title
25	Barry Bercu	Professor
25	Cheng-Shih Hu	Associate In Pediatrics
20	Patricia Emmanuel	Professor
20	Judith Ranells	Associate Professor
20	Michelle Brucker	Registered Nurse
15	Sharon Perlman	Associate Professor
15	Kathy Guertin	Registered Nurse
15	Nancy Wallece	Medical Records Specialist
10	Lisa Rodriguez	Assistant Professor
5	John Cannon	Assistant Professor
5	Marisa Couluris	Associate Professor
5	Donna Eason	Assistant Professor
5	Melissa Loscalzo	Assistant Professor
5	Rachel Richesson	Associate Professor
5	Joseph Gomes	Tech. & Systems Manager
5	Louie Ona	Systems Administrator
5	Kenneth Young	Applications Prjct Manager
5	Allyson Casey	Nurse Practitioner
5	Sherie Collins	ARNP NICU Supervisor
5	Christina Foster	Fiscal & Business Assistant
5	Zulma Garcia-Agosto	Registered Nurse
5	Veena Gowda	Sr Applications Developer
5	Heather Guillette	Sr Applications Developer
5	Pamela Lynch	Registered Nurse
5	Amanda Schall	Associate in Research
5	Jennifer Schauble	Comm. & Mktg. Officer
5	Maria Serrano	Associate In
5	Susan Smith	Assistant In
5	Shannon Terkoski	Clinical Resch Administrator



Dr. Barry Bercu joined the USF faculty in 1984. He is recognized for his scientific work in the areas of neuroregulation of growth hormone secretion (and the description of the clinical entity of



Growth Hormone Neurosecretory Dysfunction (GHND) and sexual development. Dr. Bercu described the clinical and molecular abnormalities in a unique child and kindred with generalized resistance to thyroid hormone (also known as the "Bercu" patient in the textbook, Thyroid). He is the holder of seven patents in the medical field and author of over 180 articles (143 since 1984) in

scholarly journals and book chapters. He has organized forty international/national/regional symposia in various scientific areas and bioethics. He has been recognized annually in the national edition of *The Best Doctors in America*. In 1998, he was honored for his academic accomplishments and service to the University with the Professional Excellence Program (PEP) Award.



Dr. Patricia Emmanuel joined the USF faculty in 1989 following her residency here at USF. Her first ward attending was Dr Barnes! She is currently the Associate Dean for Clinical Research and founder



and Division Chief of Pediatric Infectious Disease Division. Her passion has been in the treatment and prevention of HIV. She has been the Medical Director for the USF HIV Program for children and adolescents since 1994. The USF Program provides primary and specialty care to children and adolescents in Southwest Florida. Dr. Emmanuel is principle investigator for the USF Adolescent Trials Network, the Title IV Youth Initiative and the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group and several HRSA grants. Research interests include antiretroviral drug treatment for HIV, community perinatal HIV prevention methods and long-term complications of HIV. Dr. Emmanuel participates in HIV policy making at the national level as a member of the Committee on Pediatric AIDS for the AAP and the HIV Medicine Association.



Dr. Judith Ranells joined the faculty at USF in 1989, working part time in the Genetics Division with Dr. Boris Kousseff until his retirement in 2004. Shortly thereafter, she became the Division



Chief and oversaw the unification of the Genetics services in Tampa and at All Children's Hospital. Her primary focus is providing clinical genetics services to pediatric, prenatal and adult patients, and she participates actively in genetics education of undergraduates, medical and nursing students, residents and fellows.

Dr. Patricia Emmanuel



The Department of Pediatrics would like to congratulate Dr. Emmanuel on her new research project titled “*Program in Adolescent HIV/AIDS Research Training (PAHRT)*”

USF in collaboration with Vadodara Medical College (VMC) has been training researchers in India through the AIDS International Training and Research Program (AITRP) for the past two years. The focus of the training is to strengthen and sustain, through collaborative research, the capacity of Indian scientists at VMC, and surrounding institutions in Gujarat, India to undertake HIV research in treatment and prevention with a focus on adolescents.

The goal of this award is to facilitate interaction and enhance active collaboration among trainees and investigators and strengthen research capacity through the development of web portal and data management system. We plan to address these goals by building a web portal using an enterprise web portal software product. This Vertical Enterprise Portal (VEP) will deliver organization-specific information in user-centric way. We also plan to revise an existing modifiable database structure and develop standardized data collection tools for HIV studies that can be utilized by AITRP trainees and investigators. An online training course on data collection and management will also be created. The web portal will be utilized to store all forms and de-identified datasets.

In summary, the proposed web portal will help increase inter-researcher and trainee engagement by providing a platform for discussion, access to course materials and lectures with single sign-on access. Research capacity will be strengthened through the data management component.

Dr. Kersti Linask



The Department of Pediatrics would like to congratulate Dr. Linask on her new research project titled “*Investigating the Early Embryonic Murine Heart Using Optical Coherence Tomography*”

The funded study will contribute to our understanding of cytoskeletal mechanisms by which tissues recognize mechanical properties as substratum stiffness in their environment and contribute to tissue bending or looping. The collaborative studies draw strength from an interdisciplinary approach with Dr. Rollins an engineer at Case Western Reserve University to analyze the relationship of blood flow dynamics and myocardial wall movements simultaneously to define properties of cardiac morphogenesis. Using Dr. Rollins’s modifications of gated 4-D high resolution optical coherence tomography (4D-OCT) technology, this will allow us to visualize for the first time blood flow at high speed and resolution and to model fluid mechanical forces in the functioning mammalian heart during normal and abnormal development.



Employee Update

New Employees

Name	Position	Division
Craig Bobik	Program Planner Analyst	Epidemiology
Holly Ruhlig	Clinical Resch Administrator	Epidemiology
Dawn Smith	Administrative Specialist	Adolescent Medicine
Jessica DuVall	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Kaysia Ludford	Clerical & Secretarial	AIR
Susan Lukas	Biological Scientist	AIR
Carmen Lamothe	Outreach Caseworker	Child Development
Colt Kerns	MA	ACH Clinic

Intern Retreat



The Intern Retreat was held at Hilton Clearwater Beach and it was successful.

December Birthdays

Name	Day
Sandra Shulman	2
Wanda Barker	3
Jenean Van Manen	3
Joyel Williams	3
Franz Badias	5
Dorothy Shulman	6
Terri Ashmeade	6
Elaine Scruggs-Jones	6
Robin Bowen	7
Judit H Zaritt	8
Melissa Johnson	9
Sharon Funches	9
Norma Liburd	9
Morna Dorsey	10
Sowmya Ananthanarayanan	10
Tiki Jackson	10
Dayla Mcelroy	13
Aaron Germain	14
Barbara Cook	14
Ileana Arbona-Ramirez	16
Lazara Coello	17
Howard Washington	17



Name	Day
Jane Carver	18
David Boulware	18
Ansa Thomas	18
Jonathan Metts	18
Mandy Couret	20
Andrew Strobe	22
E Jorgensen	24
Barry Brooks	25
Jorge McCormack	26
Denise Casey	26
Melissa Loscalzo	27
Holly Ruhlig	27
Mary Lloyd	27
Inez Marciano	27
Veronica Huegel	28
Natasha Gwatney	28
Mary Schnapf	28
Larue Van Nordstran	28
Shu Liu	29
Yashica Jordan	29
Vitina Moss	30
Jennifer Powell	30



Upcoming Events

Events

Start! Heart Walk

When: Nov. 14, 2009 at 8AM

Where: Raymond James Stadium

Wine Tasting Event

When: Nov 21, 2009 at 6PM-8PM

Hosted: Pete Leonardo & Malcom Jones (813)258-3815

Where: 3003 West Estrella Street Tampa, FL

Purpose: Please help the Children's AIDS Foundation of Tampa Bay support children and families in need this Holiday season

Note: Hors d'oeuvres compliments of Bailey's Restaurant

Wine Tasting Provided by Wine Styles, Owner Cheryl Mellon

HIV/AIDS Walk

When: Dec. 12, 2009 at 7AM-9AM

Where: USF Tampa Campus

Purpose: To support further research on HIV/AIDS

Contact: Todd Wells (rjoseph1@health.usf.edu; twells1@health.usf.edu).

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

December 3: *The Burden of Respiratory Syncytial Virus*
Bruce Schnapf, DOUSF Pediatrics

December 10: *Those Who Can, Do.....What Makes a Good Teacher*
Jennifer Takagishi, MD

USF Pediatrics

December 17: *Palliative Care*

Laura Drach, DO, MSN

All Children's Hospital

Cory Brown, MD

USF Medicine and Pediatrics Resident

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Happy Holidays



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