A Message from the Chair

Another academic year has arrived! We had a wonderful end of the year celebration in June and said farewell to a host of talented senior residents and fellows. Congratulations to all those faculty and residents who were recognized for their outstanding teaching and service. I am very grateful for the quality of teaching and dedication of our faculty. The names of faculty and resident award winners, graduating residents, and our new Peds and Med Peds interns are listed at the end of this newsletter. Please welcome them to the USF family!

Remember that grand rounds is on hiatus for the summer and starts back September 12th. We are planning quarterly faculty development seminars – the first is Sept 19th. Please send your suggestions for speakers and topics for this series and for grand rounds to Jen Takagishi and John McCormick. Many thanks to them, Jane Carver and Barbara Cockream for all their hard work coordinating the grand rounds schedule and speakers. We were very fortunate to have Dr. Errol Alden, AAP Executive Director, and Dr. Marilyn Bull, AAP Board Member, give our last grand rounds of the season. Dr. Bull gave a very informative lecture on the science and politics of car seats for infants and children. I also want to thank the staff and child safety experts of the TGH Children’s Medical Center for providing an exhibit of car seats for infants and children with special needs.

I hope that everyone finds a little time to relax and rejuvenate this summer. In short order we will be conducting back to school physicals and starting our resident recruiting season. I look forward to a productive year ahead and hope to get input from each of you on how we can continue to advance the mission of USF Peds to improve the health of children in Tampa Bay by providing quality education, clinical programs and research.

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

RESIDENCY NEWS

Graduating residents and fellows celebrated at their graduation night dinner at the Rusty Pelican on June 16th. This year's event was well attended with over 200 family and faculty members coming together to celebrate the achievements of our graduates.
RESIDENCY NEWS CONTINUED

We wish the graduating pediatric residents the very best of luck in their careers, and welcome the new interns to our USF pediatric family. See the list of graduating residents and incoming interns toward the end of the newsletter, along with the list of faculty and residents who received awards at the graduation dinner.

The arrival of new pediatric interns was celebrated at a gathering at Dr. Emmanuel’s home last month. Current residents and faculty welcomed the interns and their families.

Pediatric Chief Residents for 2014-15 will be Drs. Marsha Ramsay, Sara Saporta, and Shaila Siraj. Pediatric Chief Residents for 2013-2014 are Drs. Mindy Murphy and Erika Pasciuta. Congratulations!

PRESENTATIONS

Carla Duff, CPNP MSN CCRP made three presentations at the Immune Deficiency Foundation’s Biannual Meeting held in Baltimore in June: Can I Really Ask that Question: Be an ImmunKNOWlogist; Advocating for Your Healthcare.

Mingda Han, Alexei Eksimov, Lifeng Zhang, Rosana Lastra, and Kersti K Linask presented a poster entitled Folate Prevents Abnormal Cardiogenesis by Protecting Numerous Metabolic Pathways: Major Effects on Lipid Metabolism at the Weinstein Cardiovascular Development Conference in Tucson in May.

Jennifer Casatelli presented a poster entitled Pediatric Clerkship Fear Factor: Effects of a Simulated Curriculum on Third Year Student Anxiety Related to Family-Centered Rounds at the International Association of Medical Science Educators meeting held in St. Andrews, Scotland in June. Other authors included Brian Knox as lead author, Matias Jasin and Katherine Braley.

Cristina Pelaez, District X Executive Representative for the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Young Physicians, presented the group’s new strategic plan at the AAP’s District V & X meeting held in St. Petersburg last month.
Dr. Marisa Couluris has been on the USF faculty since 2005, and has appointments in the Division of Pulmonology and the Pediatric Epidemiology Center. Her primary research interest is asthma, and is focused on two projects. **Secondhand Smoke Exposure:** Dr. Couluris and her colleagues determined that measuring the levels of cotinine (a metabolite of nicotine) in the urine of children is an accurate and feasible way to evaluate their exposure to second hand smoke. They are submitting a NIH grant proposal to fund the next phase of their study, the goal of which is to decrease smoking in parents of children with asthma. They will measure the children’s cotinine levels to determine the effectiveness of their intervention.

**The Use of Social Media Technology (SMT) to Enhance Asthma Self-management in Teens:** In Phase I of this project, Dr. Couluris worked with the Social Marketing Group at USF’s College of Public Health to explore how SMT can improve asthma self-management. The investigators explored the use of digital and mobile technology to improve patient/provider communication and enhance adolescents’ ability to manage their asthma. The research team was pleased to find that physicians, residents, adolescents living with asthma and their parents, considered SMT to be a valuable tool to improve the adolescents’ self-management of their asthma. The teens preferred the internet-enabled portable devices such as the iPod touch.

Phase II of the project includes testing two SMT systems using an internet-based asthma measurement information database. The project, which is nearly completed, is being used by physicians and teens; the data will be reported at several upcoming conferences. Phase III will use the information from Phases I and II to improve the model and to deliver asthma education, and to create new standards for health professionals and patient education. The multidisciplinary team, which includes the USF Departments of Pediatrics, Engineering and the Social Marketing Group, is in the process of obtaining funding to develop a USF-branded self management social medical application.
WELCOME

Dr. Mark Ballow joined USF Pediatrics this month as a Professor in the Division of Allergy/Immunology & Rheumatology and Director of the Fellowship Training Program. Dr. Ballow completed his undergraduate studies at Rutgers University, earned his medical degree at the University of Chicago, and completed his residency at Yale and fellowship at the University of Minnesota. His most recent position was Professor of Pediatrics at the University of New York at Buffalo, where he was Chief of the Division of Allergy/Immunology and Pediatric Rheumatology, Director of the Allergy/Immunology Fellowship Program, and Medical Director of the Immunobiology Laboratory at the Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. His primary research interests are focused on the immune modulating effects of vitamin A, the immunology of chronic sinusitis, immune therapy for patients with immunodeficiency disease, and treatment of children with asthma. Dr. Ballow is an author of over 150 peer-reviewed papers, and is a sought-after speaker at national and international meetings. Welcome to the USF Pediatrics family!

NEW EMPLOYEES

Brandice Corriveau, LCSW: Pediatric Infectious Disease/HIV Program
Nicole Guglielmo: Medical Assistant at the ACH clinic

ADDITIONS

Dr. Jordan Larsen, second year resident, delivered Avery Jordan Larsen on July 9th. Congratulations!

KUDOS

Sabrina Burns, Research Coordinator for the Division of Infectious Diseases, has been appointed as the national Community Advisory Board Coordinator for the NICHD funded multicenter Adolescent Trials Network.

Dr. Michael Gallant, a member of the Tampa Bay Pediatric community, was awarded the Philip O. Lichtblau Award at the AAP’s regional meeting held at the Don Cesar Hotel in St. Petersburg last month. The award is given annually to a pediatric surgeon who has made significant regional or statewide contributions to the Children’s Medical Services Program; it is given in honor of Dr. Lichtblau, an eminent orthopedic surgeon who for many years served as the CMS Medical Director in the Palm Beach area. Dr. Gallant, a plastic surgeon who has served children in the Tampa Bay area for more than 30 years, is a member of the St. Petersburg craniofacial team and the Sarasota and St. Petersburg CMS cleft palate teams. His outstanding contributions to CMS include the development of a database for tracking children who have had cleft lip and palate repairs.
Congratulations to this year’s award winners!

**Vanessa Perez, MD**  
TGH NICU Intern of the Year

**Tony Sochet, MD**  
ACH NICU Award

**Erika Pasciuta, MD**  
Emergency Medicine Award

**Katie Braley, MD**  
Pilar Brinez, MD

**Elimarys Perez-Colon, MD**  
Tony Sochet, MD

**Melanie Youschak, MD**  
GI Award

**Erin Wright, MD**  
Intern of the Year

**Scott McKinley, DO**  
Hospital Medicine Award

**Catie Baker, MD**  
General Pediatrics Outstanding Resident

**Paola Dees, MD**  
Jonathan Chan, MD

**Excellence in Pediatric Clinical Teaching**

**Scott McKinley, DO**  
Allen Root Resident of the Year

**CREST: Team 1**  
Deanna Barry, DO

**Scott McKinley, DO**  
Laura Levitt, MD

**Sara Saporta, MD**  
Christina Dornshuld, MD

**Isabel Gross, MD**  
Resident Teaching Award

**Jonathan Chan, MD**  
Bridge Resident of the Year

**Erika Abel, MD**  
Alfonso Campos, MD

**Jennifer Casatelli, MD**  
Juan Dumois, MD

**David Berman, DO**  
Attending Teacher of the Year

**SAVE THE DATE**

**August 10th**: Health Park Back to School Fair. Calling all pediatricians and student volunteers to help with physicals and immunizations. Our pediatric interest group will also be running a Teddy Bear Clinic to help children role-play doctors’ visits. Contact Dr. Kiluk or Dr. Dabrow to help!

**September 12th**: The first Grand Rounds lecture of the 2013/14 academic year will be given by Dr. Emmanuel.

**September 19th**: Faculty Development Grand Rounds lecture and seminar on mentoring programs and teaching portfolios presented by Maryellen Gusic, MD, Professor and Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs at Indiana University School of Medicine. Stay tuned for more information.

**November 7th**: The 2013 John Curran lecture will be given by Akhil Maheshwari, MD.
We wish our graduating pediatric residents much happiness and success in the future!

**Pediatrics Graduates**

Cary Aungst: Private practice at East Lake Pediatrics, Palm Harbor  
Mary (Catie) Baker: General pediatrics  
Krystle Balduzzi: Private practice at McAuliffe Pediatrics, St Petersburg  
Deanna Barry: Private practice at Canody Pediatrics, Tampa  
Pilar Brinez: Cardiology fellowship at Johns Hopkins  
Mary Chrisochos: Emergency medicine fellowship at Egleston Hospital, Atlanta  
Haley Howard: General pediatrics  
Stacey Keller: Hospitalist medicine in San Antonio, Texas  
Catherine Kubiak: Allergy/Immunology fellowship, USF  
Richard Lion: Critical care fellowship at Baylor University, Houston  
Scott McKinley: Pulmonary medicine fellowship at Baylor University, Houston  
Dayna Moore: Pediatric practice at Tampa Family Community Health Center  
Mindy Murphy: Chief Resident  
Erika Pasciuta: Chief Resident  
Tony Sochet: Critical care fellowship at DC Children’s Hospital, Washington DC  
Melanie Youschak: Private practice in Key West

**Med-Peds Graduates**

Paibel Aguayo: Hematology/oncology fellowship at Baylor University in Texas  
Linh Nguyen: Private practice at TGH Outpatient Clinic  
Elimarys Perez-Colon: Hospitalist medicine for USF Department of Internal Medicine

**Welcome to our new interns!**

**Pediatrics Interns**

Kristine Rietsma: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Amy Mason: Mercer University School of Medicine  
Rosana Lastra Vicente: Ponce School of Medicine  
Kimberly Law: USF Health Morsani College of Medicine  
Coralee Del Valle Mojica: Universidad Central Del Caribe School of Medicine  
Melissa Althouse: Eastern Virginia School of Medicine  
Robert Kickish: George Washington University School of Medicine  
Christina Baldwin: Florida State University College of Medicine  
Erin Telepak: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Laura Hendricks: Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Annie Gao: University of Connecticut School of Medicine  
Nicole Conde: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Sara Gershan: Touro University- Nevada College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Kristen Currie: Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Tali Wojnowich: Mercer University School of Medicine

**Med/Peds Interns**

Joao Fontoura: Florida International Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine  
Asef Mahmud: USF Health Morsani College of Medicine  
Martin Guerrero: Jefferson Medical College Thomas Jefferson University