

## Allen Root, M.D. Receives Emeritus Status



In this issue, we pay tribute to Dr. Allen Root, who retired from USF this summer. The USF Division of Pediatric Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism was founded in 1972 by Dr. Root and Dr. John Malone, who were recruited from the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia — along with founding Chair Dr. Lewis Barnes — to be a part of the newly formed USF Department of Pediatric Endocrinology. Dr. Root has served in many leadership positions at USF including Chief of the Division of Pediatric Endocrinology Fellowship Program, Vice-Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics — St. Petersburg, and Chairman of the Institutional Review Board. The USF Pediatric Residency Program at All Children's Hospital was developed by Dr. Root, who served as Director from 1979 to 1989. Dr. Root also served as Chair of the Florida Infant/Newborn Screening Advisory Council, Chairman of the American Board of Pediatrics Sub-board of Pediatric Endocrinology, and President of the prestigious Lawson Wilkins Pediatrics Endocrine Society. Dr. Root's stellar career includes numerous awards and honors, membership on the editorial board of many highly-regarded journals, and authorship on nearly 300 peer-reviewed scientific publications. Dr. Root will continue to see patients part-time at All Children's Hospital.

Thank you, Dr. Allen Root, for your incredible service to our Department and the University. Congratulations on achieving Emeritus status.

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## USF's Pediatric Researcher Earns Fulbright Scholarship



Kersti K. Linask, Ph.D., a professor in the USF Department of Pediatrics, is a recipient of a 2012-2013 Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to conduct research at Tartu University in Estonia. Her research project will focus on enhancing the cardiac potential of human mesenchymal stem cells.

Dr. Linask currently holds the Mason Endowed Chair at USF in Pediatric Cardiovascular Research. She received her BA from Russell Sage College, MA from UCLA, and PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Linask said she is looking forward to interacting with colleagues and students in Estonia in their native language, in which she is fluent, as well as learning about the country.

# Peds News | *A Message from the Chair*

Despite the heat in Tampa Bay, these have not been the lazy days of summer.

Our new academic year started with energy and enthusiasm. We welcomed 22 new Pediatrics and Med/Peds residents in late June. They received three weeks of orientation – everything from training on three EMRs to neonatal resuscitation at CAMLS to house staff survival skills. I offer my thanks to our program directors and other faculty and staff who participated in this process. I was able to be part of some of the presentations and watched our new Chief Residents in action. Katie Braley and Matias Jasin have been doing a fabulous job with all of the logistics supporting our new interns and seniors. Please support our Chiefs in their efforts to make this an outstanding residency experience. In addition to our new residents, please welcome our new faculty and staff – they are listed on page 4.



As I reflect on our new residents, I cannot help but wonder how the practice of pediatrics will change in the coming years. Our profession has made much progress through vaccine development, medical advancements and public health initiatives. With each passing decade, new residents add – gratefully – a few more diseases that they “don’t see”, such as polio, diphtheria and H flu meningitis. But with progress comes new challenges—MRSA and nosocomial infections, bronchopulmonary dysplasia, and the obesity epidemic. As physicians, we need to be open to change and adapt to emerging diseases and new approaches. As academics we need to continue to search for ways to prevent disease, minimize pediatric morbidity and advocate for the most vulnerable of populations. If you want to be inspired by the practice of pediatrics, read Dr. Hostetter’s anniversary article in the NEJM from April – and remember that “ ***the best place to begin a healthy life is at the beginning.***” NEJM 2012; 366:1328-34.

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

## PROMOTIONS

**Laura Haubner, M.D.**  
Associate Professor in Neonatology

**Hye-Seung Lee, Ph.D.**  
Associate Professor in Epidemiology

**Mary Pavan, M.D.**  
Associate Professor in Child Development

**Eric Storch, Ph.D.**  
Professor in Neuropsychiatry

# Peds News | Publications & Presentations



**Storch, E.**, Jones, A., Lack, C., Ale, C., Sulkowski, M., Lewin, A., De Nadai, A., & Murphy, T. (2012). Rage attacks in pediatric obsessive-compulsive disorder: phenomenology and clinical correlates. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*, Retrieved from <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22632618>



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**Grams, N.**, & Mularoni, P. P. (2012). Catfish spine envenomation. *Consultant For Pediatricians*, 11(6), Retrieved from <http://www.pediatricsconsultant360.com/>



"Plac1 (Placenta-specific 1) is Essential for Normal Placental and Embryonic Development", **Jackman S**, Kong X, Fant M) was accepted for publication in *Molecular Reproduction and Development*.



Pediatric Academic Societies' Annual Meeting Poster Presentations:

1. Evidence of Bacterial Translocation in Cord Blood of Preterm infants
2. Plasma LPS correlates with Immune Activation and T cell Homing Receptor Changes in Preterm Infants



Yahdira Rodriguez, a 3rd year Neonatology Fellow, recently had a poster presentation of her research at the Pediatric Academic Society Annual Meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. The title of her abstract was "PLAC1 (Placenta Specific-1) Expression Is Differentially Affected by Labor in Distinct Trophoblast Populations", **Rodriguez Y**, Kong X, Fant M.

# Peds News | *Our Growing Family*

## New Faculty



**Kathleen Pope, M.D.**, joins the Division of Genetics and Metabolism as an Assistant Professor after having completed her fellowship in Medical Genetics at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Children's Hospital at Montefiore in Bronx, NY. Dr. Pope received her medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine and also holds a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from Northwestern University.

**Veronica Davis, D.O.** joins as an Instructor in the Division of Medicine/Pediatrics following completion of her residency training in the USF Departments of Pediatrics and Internal Medicine. She attended medical school at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton. She won the Gold Humanitarian and Excellence in Teaching Award in June 2010.



**Ronald H. Rempfer, Jr., M.D.**, joins the Division of Neuropsychiatry as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Rempfer completed his child and adolescent psychiatric fellowship with the USF Department of Psychiatry. He received an award for Intern of the Year in Pediatric Residency for 1998—1999. Dr. Rempfer was also awarded the Faculty Recognition for Excellence from University Community Hospital in 2004.

## New Staff

- ◆ **Cynthia Dedrick, ARNP**  
Neonatology
- ◆ **Dixie Reynold, ARNP**  
Pulmonology
- ◆ **Cathryn Hinton, RN**  
Nursing Supervisor  
Peds South Tampa Clinics
- ◆ **Catherine Grace Cline**  
Medical Assistant  
Specialty Clinic @ ACH
- ◆ **Marthe Thomas**  
Medical Assistant  
General Peds Clinic
- ◆ **Joanne Gonzalez**  
Medical Assistant  
Med Peds Clinic
- ◆ **Joseph Talone**  
Driver  
Ronald McDonald Van

Dr. Jaime Flores-Torres' &  
Dr. Amarylis Sanchez Valle's



**Anasofia**  
June 1, 2012

Benjamin Chang's



**Gabriel Joseph**  
June 21, 2012

Dr. Eloise Prijoles'



**Abby**  
June 26, 2012

### 2011-2012 RESIDENT AWARDS

**Matias Jasin, M.D.**  
ER, ACH NICU and Cards/ICU Awards

**Katie Braley, M.D.,**  
Cardiology Award

**Stefany Honigbaum, M.D.**  
**Caroline Meyer, M.D.**  
Gastroenterology Award

**Noah Grams, M.D.**  
Intern of the Year

**Jackie Endaya, M.D.**  
TGH Neonatology Award

**Elimarys Perez-Colon, M.D.**  
2011-2012 ACH Resident of the Year  
Gold Foundation Humanism and  
Excellence in Teaching Award

**Angie Cook, M.D.**  
ER Outstanding Resident Award

### KUDOS TO

- ◆ Our graduating students and residents. Congratulations on a job well done. It has been a pleasure working with everyone
- ◆ Scott McKinley from Dr. Perlman for having a great bedside manner with an ACH family
- ◆ All Skit Night participants — A fun night was had by all. Special thanks to Dr. Dabrow and her husband for hosting again this year.

### 2011-2012 ATTENDING AWARDS

**Sharon Dabrow, M.D.**  
TGH General Pediatric Teaching Award

**Leslie Carroll, M.D.**  
ACH General Pediatric Teaching Award

**Dan Riggs, M.D.**  
TGH Pediatric Specialty Teaching Award

**Gul Dadlani, M.D.**  
ACH Pediatric Specialty Teaching Award

### Grand Rounds

There will be no Pediatric Grand Rounds over the summer. We will resume our normal schedule beginning September 6th with an excellent array of speakers and topics for the academic year.

### Save the Date

**Wiffle Ball Tournament benefiting USF  
Pediatric Immunology Program**  
August 11, 2012

**CTSI Research Methods Series**  
September 12-14, 2012

**Rani Gereige, M.D. — Grand Rounds and  
Faculty Development Seminar**  
September 20, 2012

**Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Meeting**  
September 27-28, 2012

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