



# PEDS NEWS

October 2012  
Volume 13, Issue 4

## Grand Opening of USF's



The populations disproportionately affected with HIV have shifted from infants, young mother, and African American females to include young GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) and homeless/street youth. To address the lack of culturally-sensitive health care targeting this population, a small number of dedicated professionals at USF and concerned private individuals developed the concept of the Ybor Youth Clinic (YYC).



L to R: Dr. Bernard Pollara, Mr. Randy Lay, Dr. Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, Dr. Patricia Emmanuel, Dr. Carina Rodriguez, Mayor Bob Buckhorn, Mr. Kevin Beckner, Ken Kavanagh, ARNP, and Dr. Diane Straub.

After three years of diligence, the grand opening of the YYC took place on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Speakers at the event included Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn; Dr. Douglas Holt, Hillsborough County Health Department Medical Director; Kevin Beckner, Hillsborough County Commissioner; Randy Lay, President of the Lazy Days Employee Foundation, and Dr. Patricia Emmanuel, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics.

The event highlighted YCC's important mission in the Tampa Bay Community, with Mayor Buckhorn pointing out that every person serving at the clinic "is touching lives...healing lives... and making a difference every day."

The YYC's mission is to provide high quality, innovative, compassionate and competent health care services to underserved and high risk youth in an environment tailored to their specific and unique needs. The youth served by YYC will include, but will not be limited to: HIV positive and high-risk youth, GLBTQ, homeless and street youth, and youth engaged in sex work. The services are designed to not only address the immediate medical and mental health care needs of youth, but to keep them engaged in a health care environment. The health care services will include HIV and STI counseling, testing and treatment; primary, specialty and episodic care; gynecologic and contraceptive care; psychiatric and mental health screening and care; and access to various adolescent research trials contributing to innovative care.



Mayor Buckhorn addressing guests at YYC grand opening.

The Ybor Youth Clinic is located at 1315 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 104, Tampa (Ybor City) 33605. Phone number (813) 396-9021.

### IN THIS ISSUE

*A Message from the Chair...2*

*Best Doctors...2*

*New & Noteworthy Kudos...3*

*Anniversary...3*

*New Hires...4*

*Announcements...4*

*Publications & Presentations...4*

*Save the Date...5*

Department of Pediatrics  
University of South Florida  
2A Tampa General Circle  
Tampa, FL 33606

# Peds News | *A Message from the Chair*

There is much to celebrate this month. In this newsletter, we highlight our clinicians who have been recognized by the Tampa Bay community as **Best Doctors**, and all of our employees who reached anniversary milestones. The Length of Service award dinner was a celebration of the USF community, perseverance and hard work. I want to highlight **Dr. Al Campos** who reached his 30 year anniversary, and **Judy Maraj** who has been with the General Pediatric division for 25 years. It is people like this who make USF Pediatrics such a welcoming and supportive place to work. Congratulations!



We are also celebrating the signing of the **USF-All Children's Hospital-Johns Hopkins** affiliation agreements. This 8 year agreement will stabilize our relationship, allow us to move forward fostering educational and research initiatives, and offers new opportunities and infrastructure for collaborative research and training. ACH will remain a major training site for our residency for some years to come. We will decrease the overall number of residents at ACH, beginning in 2014 when JHU begins a residency. These learners will work together at ACH. I want to thank **Bryan Burgess, Esq.**, our USF attorney, and **Jon Ellen, MD**, President of ACH, for making this a collegial negotiation that perseveres and expands opportunities for USF Pediatrics at ACH. Much of the hard work is ahead of us and will require patience and a collaborative spirit as we design new educational and research models.

So as we enter a season of celebration, let's not forget to celebrate each other, and our accomplishments big and small. I believe the year ahead will be a great one for USF Pediatrics because of the people who make it what it is.

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

## **2012 Bay Area Best Doctors Listing includes USF Pediatric Physicians**

Twenty-three USF Pediatric physicians have been named to the list of 2012 Bay Area Best Doctors by the Tampa Bay Metro Magazine. Congratulations to our recognized physicians.

Alfonso Campos, MD

Morna Dorsey, MD

Jose Ferreira, MD

E. Verena Jorgensen, MD

Carol Lilly, MD

Tanya Murphy, MD

Charles Paidas, MD

Sharon Perlman, MD

Henry Rodriguez, MD

Lewis Rubin, MD

Dorothy Shulman, MD

Jennifer Takagishi, MD

Sharon Dabrow, MD

Denise Edwards, MD

Maria Gieron-Korthals, MD

Mudra Kumar, MD

Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, MD

Hugo Navarte, MD

Valerie Panzarino, MD

Pauline Powers, MD

Allen Root, MD

Mandel Sher, MD

John Sleasman, MD

# Peds News | *New & Noteworthy*

## Kudos



**Katie Germany, MD** was named *TGH Resident of the Month* for September.

Jay Wolfson, Dr.P.H., J.D., a Distinguished Service Professor of Public Health and Medicine, and **Carina Rodriguez, MD**, Chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, were granted the \$1.3 million U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) award entitled: "Ryan White Title IV Women, Infants, Children, Youth and Affected Family Members AIDS Healthcare."



**Melania Poonacha, MD**, was selected as a winner of the National Med-Peds Resident's Association Clinical Case Competition. She will present her poster entitled *Symptomatic hypercalcemia due to a solitary parathyroid adenoma in a 16-year-old adolescent girl* at the AAP's National Meeting in New Orleans on October 20, 2012.

**Amy Weiss, MD** and **Mudra Kumar, MD** were appointed as Morsani College of Medicine Faculty Council Representatives. **Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann, MD** and **Ronald Sutsko, DO** will remain on the Council until 2013. **Adam Lewin, PhD**, was appointed to the College of Medicine Bylaws Committee.



**Pilar Brinez, MD**, won first place in the poster presentation competition at the 9<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Advances in Perinatal Cardiology held in St. Petersburg October 4-7, 2012. Her poster was entitled *Effects of Alcohol, Lithium, and Homocysteine on Nonmuscle Myosin-II in the Mouse Placenta and Human Trophoblasts*.

---

## Employee Anniversary

The annual event to honor USF and UMSA/MSSC employees who are celebrating their 5 to 40 year employment anniversaries was held on October 10, 2012 at the Marshall Center. The event featured a reception and dinner, followed by awards presentations. Congratulations to all of you for your hard work and dedication!

30	Alfonso Campos	10	Francisco Flores	5	Marlene DeJesus
25	Judy Maraj	10	Bruce Gainer	5	Sharon Funches
20	Robert Nelson	10	Jorge Lujan-Zilbermann	5	Jennifer Harris
20	Kathy Schnapf	10	Linda Shanker	5	John Landi
15	Sally Coovert	10	John Sleasman	5	Gail Lewis
15	Laura Haubner	10	Diane Straub	5	Tonie Livingston
15	Maite McLeod	10	Alicia Truitt	5	Tara Ochoa
15	Daniel Prieto	10	Emily Van Orden	5	Jennifer Pilger
10	Elizabeth Burroughs	5	Heather Agazzi	5	Shona Varanelli
10	Brennan Calkins	5	Sabrina Burns		

# Peds News | *New & Noteworthy*

## New Hires

- ◆ Laura Stefanic, Nurse Practitioner, General Peds — TGH Nursery
- ◆ Fransico “Alex” Montiel-Ishino, ATN Study Coordinator
- ◆ Bernice Lopez, ATN Research Assistant
- ◆ Jeremiah Kerr, ATN Study Coordinator
- ◆ Julia Hines, Medical Assistant — Med Peds Clinic
- ◆ Caroline Murphy, MBA, Associate In, Business Development

## Announcements

### ***Allen Root Receives Lifetime Achievement Award***



Tampa Bay Business Journal honored Dr. Allen Root as Lifetime Achievement Winner at its 2012 Health Care Heroes Awards held on October 9th at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club. Congratulations Dr. Root!

### ***Child Development and Rehabilitation Center Dedication***



An open house held on September 20<sup>th</sup> for the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC) at All Children’s Hospital recognized the philanthropic donors who have generously supported the Center. The CDRC houses numerous programs, including the Rothman Center, which is a specialty clinic featuring multidisciplinary clinic and research programs for youth with anxiety, tic disorders, obsessive compulsive disorder and autism.

### ***Tower Foundation’s Bowling Event Benefits Children***

Pediatric faculty and residents participated in a celebrity bowling event held at Pinchasers in Tampa on September 27, 2012. The Tower Foundation, charitable arm of Tower Diagnostic Centers, was started in 2009 with the intention of supporting local Tampa Bay Charities and organizations. This year’s proceeds will benefit TGH’s Children’s Medical Center.



## Publications and Presentations

Askenazi DJ, Goldstein S, Koralkar R, Fortenberry J, Baum M, Hackbarth R, Blowey D, Bunchman TE, Brophy PD, Symons J, Chua A, **Flores F**, Somers M. *Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy for Children ≤ 10 kg: A Report from the Prospective Pediatric Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (ppCRRT) Registry.* Journal of Pediatrics. 13(5):e299-e304, 2012

**Lujan-Zilbermann J**, Warshaw MG, Williams PL, Spector SA, Decker MD, Abzug MJ, et al., for the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group P1065 Protocol Team. *Immunogenicity and Safety of 1 vs 2 Doses of Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine in Youth Infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus* Journal of Pediatrics 161:676-81, 2012

**John Sleasman, MD**, was invited to present a Grand Rounds lecture at Duke University. The event was on September 18, 2012, and the title of his lecture was *HIV and the Thymus: Lessons Learned from a Clinical Paradox.*

**Carina Rodriguez, MD**, presented a lecture entitled *Analysis of the breadth of B cell repertoire and influenza vaccine response using deep-pyrosequencing* at the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials (IMPAACT) Conference. The conference was held in Washington DC in June, 2012.

**David Hadley, PhD**, is an author on the paper entitled *FTO Genotype is Associated with Phenotypic Variability of Body Mass Index*, which was published in *Nature* 490, 267-272, 2012.

# Peds News | Save the Date

## Grand Rounds

**Nov 1**    **Turning the Tide — Breakthroughs in HIV Prevention**  
Patricia Emmanuel, MD — Chairman, USF Pediatrics

**Nov 8**    **The 2012 John S. Curran Lecture**  
**Genetic Regulation of Surfactant Deficiency**  
Sessions Cole, MD — Director, Division of Newborn Medicine  
Washington University School of Medicine  
**Please join us for a breakfast reception in the MacInnes Auditorium foyer following the Curran Lecture**

**Nov 15**    **Healthy Baby Alert, Baby Alert.....Abnormal Newborn Screen!**  
Amarilis Sanchez-Valle, MD — USF Pediatrics

**Nov 22**    **Thanksgiving**

**Nov 29**    **USF Pediatrics Medical Home Transformation**  
Jennifer Cristina Pelaez, MD — USF Pediatrics

*Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM*

MacInnes Auditorium—Tampa General Hospital

Lectures are video-conferenced to the All Children's Hospital/USF Children's Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004

*Archived copies of most lectures are available on our website: [http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand\\_rounds.htm](http://health.usf.edu/medicine/pediatrics/grand_rounds.htm)*

You're invited to a special reception

On behalf of the AAP Section on Young Physicians (SOYP) we'd like to invite you to a special reception Sunday, October 21st. Come enjoy an evening of free food and drinks, while networking with Academy leadership and fellow colleagues.

**When:** Sunday, October 21st from 7:00-8:00pm  
• Just following the President's Reception

**Where:** Convention Center - Atrium Cafe

PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!! PRIZES!!! Just for showing up!  
Come learn more about Pediatric Care Online and PREP Audio for young physician

Thank you to Mead Johnson Nutrition for their support of the reception. Booth # 1013

**PREP** pediatric care **online**

**Mead Johnson** Nutrition

**American Academy of Pediatrics**

A photograph of Cristina Pelaez and her daughter are featured on the invitation to the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Young Physicians to be held October 21, 2012 during the AAP's National Meeting in New Orleans.

## 2013 Lewis Barness Lecture and Fellows Forum

The 2013 Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows' Forum will held on **April 11, 2013.**

**EDITOR:** Jane Carver  
Cell: 727-804-8811

**Email:** [pedicom@health.usf.edu](mailto:pedicom@health.usf.edu)

**Please email submissions for next month's issue by November 1st**