Two weeks into the New Year, and I am sure that many resolutions have already been broken! It is a wonderful tradition to reflect back on the previous year and resolve to make some changes either personally or professionally. Even though we may not stick to our resolutions, they give us all something to aspire to and keep us moving forward instead of always reacting. For the Department of Pediatrics, the leadership team and I have our own set of “resolutions” to aspire to. As usual in health care, this is a year of uncertainty as the Affordable Care Act rolls out, Medicaid managed care expands and we implement structured notes and ICD-10. I resolve to stay as informed as possible about these changes and do everything I can to help ease transitions in our clinical divisions. We are committed to assuring that our patients and students (both are our “customers”) have wonderful experiences and are not adversely affected by these changes. I look forward to ongoing dialogue from all of you on how we can best manage these changes to ensure they are positive experiences.

For faculty, many of us want to improve our scholarly writing, publishing, research and other activities. Another resolution that we have for the department is to continually improve the environment to ensure these goals can be accomplished. We are thankful to have Jane Carver speaking at the January 23 Grand Rounds to give us tips on authorship. Check out the new faculty development link on the front of our webpage, and contact Jane for one-on-one sessions. I also encourage you to attend the faculty development session after the January 23 Grand Rounds, during which Dr. Tanya Murphy and I will discuss promotion and other related issues. A great New Year’s resolution is to work with your colleagues to show off and publish some of the great work you do every day. I hope that 2014 is filled with opportunities and accomplishments.

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

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Larry Dishaw gave a talk at the Tampa Bay Microbiology Group in November entitled *Phylogenetic Interrogation of Bacterial Homeostasis*, and was a guest lecturer at St. Pete College, presenting *Evolution of Gut Microbiome*. 
KUDOS

Dr. Eric Storch was awarded an R01 grant from the National Institute of Child Health and Development for a proposal entitled *Treatment of Anxiety in Autism Spectrum Disorder*. This project, a collaboration with colleagues from UCLA and Temple University, will examine personalized behavioral treatment relative to standard care psychotherapy for the treatment of anxiety in youth with high functioning autism spectrum disorder. USF Pediatrics collaborators include Drs. Tanya Murphy, Adam Lewin, Jane Mutch, Josh Nadeau, Brittany Rudy, Ms. Danielle Ung, Elysse Arnold, Monica Wu and Mr. Robert Selles.

Dr. Eric Storch was also invited as a visiting professor to Griffith University in Brisbane Australia where he collaborated with his colleagues on a recently awarded Australian National Health and Medical Research Council grant investigating D-cycloserine augmentation of exposure therapy in pediatric obsessive-compulsive disorder.

Emma Gonzalez completed a research certification course at USF in December and is now a Certified Research Administrator.

Kris Millrose, MS, celebrates his 28 year service anniversary with USF this month. Since 1986, Kris has been a social worker with the Divisions of Adolescent Medicine and General Pediatrics. Kris provides psychosocial services and counseling to chronically ill adolescents and their families, and he coordinates their medical and social services. His tireless efforts on behalf of his clients and his eagerness to be of service to all make Kris an invaluable and beloved member of the department. “Kris is the go-to person for everything. His favorite words are ‘Sure, I can help you!’” (S. Dabrow); “He is indispensable and irreplaceable; we would not be able to function without him” (J. Maraj); “So many times when I ask patients and their parents how particular school or other social issues are going, their response is often ‘Thank God for Kris!’ I am eternally grateful for all the help he has provided for our patients!” (D. Straub). Congratulations, Kris!

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Michael Shamblott, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Molecular Endocrinology Laboratory, is leading a weekly workshop to help faculty improve their research grants. Participants bring to the session an existing aims page or research idea they would like to develop into a grant. During the informal sessions, the documents are discussed and critiqued. Sessions are held Wednesdays from 10:30 to 12:00 PM at the Children’s Research Institute. Pediatric faculty are encouraged to participate! Videoconferencing to other sites can be arranged. Please contact Mike Shamblott for more information (mshamblo@health.usf.edu).
FACULTY DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED

Dr. Emmanuel and Dr. Tanya Murphy (Chair of the USF Pediatrics Promotion and Tenure Committee) will hold a joint session on January 23 during which they will discuss issues related to faculty promotion and development. All faculty are encouraged to attend and to bring questions and concerns regarding these issues. The session will be held in MacInnes Auditorium at 9:00 AM, after the grand rounds lecture.

Dr. Francis Rushton, a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics Board of Directors, will hold a workshop on leadership skills on February 13 from 10-12 PM in STC 5051. Details will be sent by email.

PEDIATRICS IN THE NEWS

Jeremiah Kerr, outreach and community development coordinator at the Ybor Youth Clinic, was featured in a recent Tampa Tribune article entitled “Hometown heroes: Homeless advocate has hands-on experience”. Jeremiah describes his own experience with homelessness, which contributes to his being a strong advocate for the clients he serves. Staff and board members express their strong praise for Jeremiah in the article, which can be viewed at http://tbo.com/Local/CommunityNews/hometown-heroes-homeless-advocate-has-hands-on-experience-20131225/

Dr. Cameron Tebbi gave an interview with Bay News 9 about Fanconi anemia on January 7.

Kendall Kerns attended the Staff Senate luncheon in December, attended by President Genshaft and six other USF staff members. The event, held at the Marshall Center, brings staff concerns directly to the President and other USF administrators.

USF PEDS FACULTY & STAFF CAMPAIGN

As we create a community fundraising strategy, a key place to start is in our own department. It is powerful to be able to report to donors that we have active contribution from our own faculty and staff. Everyone is encouraged to contribute to the USF Faculty and Staff Campaign! Contributions can be made by payroll deduction, cash, check or credit card. Any amount is appreciated! Participation is more important than the dollar amount. Currently only 17% of faculty and staff have participated! There are 38 pediatric funds you can contribute to — Dr. Emmanuel has identified her 3 fund priorities for the year:

- Fund #: 250196 Ybor Youth Clinic Fund
- Fund #: 250079 Ronald McDonald Care Mobile
- Fund #: 250198 Pediatrics Resident Support Fund

Please contact Chris (ccurran@health.usf.edu) for more information.
RESIDENCY NEWS

Residents collected over 50 toys for the Champions for Children toy drive in December, and enjoyed their holiday party.

Four residents were nominated for employee of the month at ACH: Drs. Kelly Montgomery, Kathlene Altemose, Rosana Lastra and Nicole Conde.

PUBLICATIONS


D. Hadley is lead author on a manuscript entitled Large scale prospective T cell function assays in shipped, unfrozen blood samples: experiences from the multicenter TRIGR trial. Clin Vaccin Immunol. Dec 11, 2013; epub ahead of print. RK Cheung and JP Krischer are co-authors.

NEW EMPLOYEES

Brittany Towne, LPN; CMS/Referral Center
Christine Lupia RN; CMS/Referral Center
Jennifer Rodgers; Community Case Worker, Early Steps

ADDITIONS

Dr. John McCormick and his wife Julie celebrated the arrival of John Jr. (aka “McNugget”) on December 18.
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**Grand Rounds**

Feb 6  *Prevention of Medical Errors* (2 hours)
Sandra Strickland

Feb 13 *Quality Improvement in Ambulatory Pediatrics*
Francis Rushton, MD

Feb 20 *Residency Education in Preparing for Transition to Adult Care: Results from a Pilot Study at USF Health*
Janet Hess, MPH and Diane Straub, MD

Feb 27 *Top Pediatric Guidelines of the Last Year*
Juan Dumois, MD

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

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**March 8, 2014 - 1 PM at YYC**

Register today for the First Annual Ybor Alley-oop for Youth benefiting the Ybor Youth Clinic! Explore Tampa’s Historic Ybor City on this interactive basketball themed scavenger hunt, all while supporting the work of the Ybor Youth Clinic.

Register your team today! Check out [http://ybor-youthclinic.health.usf.edu](http://ybor-youthclinic.health.usf.edu) to register for the event! Call 813.396.9137 to find out about sponsorship opportunities.

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