A Message from the Chair

An achievement our Department should be proud of is our consistent dedication to teaching. We have impacted so many of the pediatric physicians of the Tampa Bay area. I am impressed by the passion that our faculty and residents have for this important mission. This is the time of year when we celebrate the educational accomplishments of our students and residents. It is also a time of transition as students move into residency, and residents leave to enter practices and fellowships. The Student Awards, Commencement Dinner and Graduation are on Friday, May 4th. They are inspiring events and serve to remind us why we are here. The following students were recognized for outstanding work in Pediatrics: Dept. of Pediatrics Outstanding Medical Student awarded to Michael Lopez; the Lewis A. Barness Award went to Lauren Mullinax and the 2012 Luther W. Holloway, MD, Award from the Florida Pediatrics Society awarded to Kevin Mitchell. We are very proud of the graduating fourth year students; those who chose pediatrics will be attending very competitive programs around the country. I want to thank the faculty for mentoring and advising these students through the years. There is no stronger validation of our work than having our students perform well in their residencies.

The student clerkships will be undergoing some changes this academic year. Brian Knox will take leadership of the pediatric portion of the Med-Peds Integrated Clerkship. In the near future, we will be instituting teaching attending at each of the sites; I will ask Brian to give an update soon. The Newborn Clerkship will be administered by Shalini Patel, an appointment that reflects the transition of the Newborn Nursery to the General Academic Pediatric division. Louis Maldonado will be Medical Director of the Newborn Service and will work closely with Shalini on the clerkship. Ron Sutsko will oversee the fourth year electives and acting internships, and will serve as an overall advisor and facilitator to the fourth year students taking pediatric electives. Please assist and support our new leaders in undergraduate medical education. Many thanks to Vinita Kiluk for her outstanding work on the primary care clerkship and Judy Ranells for overseeing the pediatric clerkships and assisting with this transition.

In March we completed a successful recruiting season with the matching of 23 residents to the USF Peds and Med/Peds programs. As I mentioned in the last letter, thanks to everyone who worked to create a successful recruiting season. Please come out and welcome the new residents and celebrate the graduating residents and fellows at several events in June. (See Save the Dates). There will be more on changes to the residency program in the next newsletter. We have begun discussions and collaborations with ACH-John Hopkins education faculty to optimize the learning environment for students and residents at ACH, and look forward to continued strong relationships and educational initiatives. Stay
RESIDENT’S CORNER

Resident/Faculty Softball Game

The annual resident vs. faculty softball game took place on Saturday April 14 with the faculty coming out on top this year. A good time was had by all, but the residents promise payback next year!

Award Presentation

GAP Fellow, Courtney Judd, MD was selected as one of the winners of the 2012 Graduate & Undergraduate Students Research Award. The award, which is sponsored by the USF Office of Research & Innovation, was presented at a banquet on Friday, April 20. Congratulations Courtney!

TGH Honors

Three faculty members and two residents were presented with Certificates of Very Good Care for the month of March at Tampa General Hospital. The honored individuals are Dr. Sharon Dabrow, Dr. Luis Maldonado, Dr. Jennifer Takagishi, Dr. Erin Cipko and Dr. Lindsay Graham.

Care providers are nominated for these awards by the patients they serve and the family members that they interact with. Congratulations to all of the winners and keep up the “very good” work!

Teaching Award Goes to Peds Intern

Pediatrics intern, Dr. Sara Saporta, has recently been named one of only six USF Residents to receive this year’s Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. This award is presented to those residents that, “demonstrated compassion and empathy in the delivery of care to patients and served as an approachable and accessible role model and teacher to students and colleagues.” The award will be presented at the Class of 2014 Student Clinician Ceremony on May 11 at the Marshall Center Ballroom. Congratulations Sara!
Kudos

Dr. Jennifer Takagishi has recently joined the Pharmacy Clinical Review Committee (PCRC). As a member of the PCRC, Dr. Takagishi will contribute to the clinical review of pharmacy benefits to CMS patients. Currently, Dr. Takagishi serves as the Assistant CMS Medical Director in the Tampa Bay area and the Medical Director of the Children’s Multidisciplinary Assessment Teams and the Medical Foster Care program.

Dr. Angel Luciano was recently invited to speak at Fifth Annual University of South Florida Spanish Fair which was held at the USF College of Education. The Hispanic/ Latino Section of the Department of World Languages organizes the event as a way to help spread the word about the importance that Spanish plays in the Tampa Bay community and the country as a whole.

Dr. Luciano’s talk was titled, “The importance of Spanish in the Medical Sciences.” To learn more about this event, and to stay on top of when next years event will take place please visit this link.

2012 Fellows Forum

This year’s Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows’ Forum was held on April 12, 2012. The guest lecturer was Michael Kappy, MD, PhD, Professor of Pediatric Endocrinology at the University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine. His excellent talk was entitled “Ethical Issues Related to the Use of Growth Hormone in the 21st Century.”

Thirteen fellows presented their research at this year’s forum, which included a broad range of clinical and basic science topics. The Fellows’ Forum provides fellows the opportunity to present their research to other trainees, faculty and students, and to receive valuable feedback.

Dr. Emmanuel and Dr. Barness present Dr. Michael Kappy a plaque to commemorate his participation in this year’s Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows’ Forum.
Publications


Grand Rounds - May 2012

Lectures are from 8:00 to 9:00 AM at MacInnes Auditorium; Tampa General Hospital. Lectures are also videoconferenced to the All Children’s Hospital/USF Children’s Research Institute first floor conference room and to the CMS Building, Room 2004.

**May 3:**

*Diagnosis and Management of Atypical Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome*
Larry Greenbaum, MD, PhD
Marcus Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Nephrology
Emory University School of Medicine

**May 10:**

*D-Cycloserine in the Treatment of Pediatric OCD*
Eric Storch, PhD
All Children’s Hospital Guild Endowed Chair
USF Pediatrics

**May 17:**

*Pediatric Acute Neuropsychiatric Syndrome*
Tanya Murphy, MD, MS
Maurice A. and Thelma P. Rothman Chair of Developmental Pediatrics
USF Pediatrics

**May 24:**

*The Two Minute Preceptor - Effective Clinical Teaching on a Tight Schedule*
Frazier Stevenson, MD
USF Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

**May 31:**

*Providing Effective Feedback: Beyond the Feedback Sandwich*
Kira Zwygart, MD
Interim Chair, USF Dept. of Family Medicine

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