

PEDS NEWS

USF DEPARTMENT OF PEDIATRICS

FROM THE CHAIR

The New Year often brings enthusiasm and a sense of new beginnings. This is particularly true at USF Health in 2015, with many new faces leading our organization. It is a very exciting time and I hope that you will be part of the dynamic changes ahead. Last weekend Dean Lockwood, senior leadership, the Chairs, and USFPG management met all day at CAMLS to review the Posada Consulting report on the Faculty Practice. It was a very collegial retreat filled with lively discussion and new ideas. The report was divided into three sections: Strategic Considerations, USFPG Access and Ambulatory Operations, and Productivity, Efficiency and Effectiveness. The consultants reviewed all aspects of our faculty practice, benchmarked across national standards, and identified opportunities for improvement. Pediatrics has many areas to be proud of and others that need work. I will send the Executive Summary to the faculty, and the entire report is available for

HAPPENINGS

Mr. Jeff Vinik was awarded the 2014 Award of Excellence awarded by the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tampa Bay®. Mr. Vinik chose to allocate his \$50,000 award to USF Pediatrics Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Program. The RCMC program has provided over \$1 million worth of medical and dental care to underserved children in the Tampa Bay area.

On December 1st, in honor of World AIDS Day, the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS Tampa Affiliate collaborated with multiple local groups to host a health fair and community education forum on HIV/AIDS, which included HIV counseling and testing. Participating community organizations included the Department of Health, the Delta Sigma Theta Tampa Alumnae Chapter, and several faith institutions. Our own Connect To Protect program, a protocol of the Adolescent Trials Network, also collaborated. USF students from the Student National Medical Association, including Dawn Howard, Latashia Lelea, Gail Ohaegbulam, Julissa Jimenez, Jennifer Carrion, Ricardo Rendel, and Sequoya Killebrew, provided blood pressure, glucose, and cholesterol readings under the guidance of **Dr. Diane Straub**. The forum was well attended by community members.

USF's Office of Research & Innovation is accepting applications for \$100 to \$1000 for support of research-related events. Funding may be used for expenses such as speaker honoraria and travel, printing, supplies and advertising. For more information go to: <http://www.usf.edu/research-innovation/about-usfri/researchchone.aspx>



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review. At the end of the event, we were asked to prioritize our initiatives.

We need to position our faculty practice so it can effectively negotiate a volatile healthcare environment. The highest priority of our practice is to provide outstanding clinical care to our patients; everyone in this department needs to embrace this goal. We also have many learners, affiliate partners, faculty and staff who require a highly functional and reliable organization to maximize their role. Process improvement requires willingness to change, transparency and open communication. I hope that you will all embrace these changes. Each one of you will have opportunities to participate in implementation.

Over the coming month, you will be hearing more about these initiatives from Rich Sobieray, the executive director and COO of the USFPG, and Dr. Ed Funai, vice president and COO of USF Health. I have also invited them to present at the February 11th Pediatrics faculty meeting. I look forward to working with them and all of you during the exciting year ahead!

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

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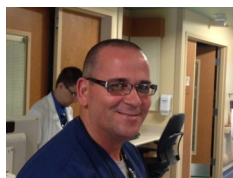
USF Health's 25th Annual Research Day, to be held Feb 20, is a great opportunity for students, trainees, staff and faculty to showcase their work. This year's emphasis is on student and trainee poster presentations of original research, with faculty and staff participation through mentorship and involvement with training. To submit an abstract go to: <http://health.usf.edu/research/research-day.htm>

Save the date for the **2nd Annual Slam Dunk Scavenger Hunt** benefitting the Ybor Youth Clinic — Saturday, March 21st! This day will begin with a “pre-game” festival and feature a family-friendly and interactive basketball themed scavenger hunt through Tampa's Historic Ybor City. To register as an individual or a team, click the logo or go to <http://yboryouthclinic.health.usf.edu>. This was a fun event last year—consider joining a team or sponsoring one!



January 5th – February 25th. Wonderful Winter Book Drive to benefit both the USF Reach Out and Read Program and the USF Bay Area Early Steps Program. They are looking for new and almost new books for children (in English & Spanish). Collection boxes can be found All Children's Hospital (8th floor resident work room) and USF Pediatrics clinics located at: 2 Tampa General Circle 2nd floor; 17 Davis Island; Health Park (30th street); CMS at 13101 Bruce B Downs Blvd; in the TGH cafeteria; as well as many

PRESENTATIONS



Dr. Juan Fuentes, a third year fellow in the Division of Neonatology, delivered a platform presentation titled *Plac1 (Placenta-specific 1) is Required for Normal Brain Development and Function* at the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Perinatal Pediatrics 85th Perinatal & Developmental Medicine Symposium entitled, “Engaging in Perinatal Global Health: Can, Should, Will, When, and How?”, which was held Nov 13-16 at the Sanibel Harbour Resort. Only 30 neonatal-perinatal and maternal-fetal-medicine fellows were selected nationwide to participate at this event. Other authors included **J Bourgeois, X Kong, M Gordon, M Fant**. Dr. Fuentes is pursuing his research in the laboratory of Dr. Michael Fant.

Dr. Jonathan Chan presented a poster titled *Risk of Mortality in Various Subgroups with Pediatric Pulmonary Hypertension* at the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Society Conference held in Miami Beach in December. Other authors included **Erin Telepak, DO, Jennifer Leshko, RN and Gul Dadlani, MD**.



NEW EMPLOYEES

Maria Gomez, Medical Assistant;
Division of Genetics and
Metabolism

Daime Nieves Munoz, Registered
Nurse Supervisor; ACH Clinics

Homera Garcia, Registered Nurse;
ACH Clinics

Danny Demoraes, Peds Admin

NEW ADDITIONS

Dr. Tracy Burton and her
husband, John, welcomed
Ruby Lu Burton on
Christmas morning!



GRAND ROUNDS

February 5

Eric Storch, PhD
*Behavioral Health in
El Salvador*

February 12

Jennifer Takagishi, MD
*Guidelines for Psychotropic
Medication Prescribing for the
General Pediatrician*

February 19

Dorothy Shulman, MD
*Precocious Puberty: Current
Strategies for Evaluation and
Management*

February 26

Alison Salloum, PhD
*Childhood PTSD: Trauma
Informed Care*

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Gieron-Korthals is an author on *An open-label pilot trial of minocycline in children as a treatment for Angelman syndrome*. BMC Neurol. 4(1):232, 2014.

Dr. Amarilis Sanchez-Valle is an author on *A randomized, placebo-controlled, double-blind study of sapropterin to treat ADHD symptoms and executive function impairment in children and adults with sapropterin-responsive phenylketonuria*. Molecular Genetics and Metabolism (2014), <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ymgme.2014.11.011>

AS De Nadai, E Arnold, AB Lewin, TK Murphy TK and EA Storch EA are co-authors on *Cognitive behavioral therapy for early adolescents with autism spectrum disorders and clinical anxiety: a randomized, controlled trial*. Behav Ther. Jan;46(1):7-19, 2015.

Carla Duff is an author on *Subcutaneous immunoglobulin replacement therapy: ensuring success*. J Infusion Nursing. 38(1):70-79, 2015.

DR. JANET HESS APPOINTMENT



We are pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Janet Hess** as Assistant Professor in the Division of Adolescent Medicine. Dr. Hess earned her MPH and, most recently, her DrPH degrees in health education from the USF College of Public Health. She joined the division in 2009 as Assistant Program Director, and serves as Principal Investigator and Project Director for Florida Health and Transition Services (FloridaHATS), a statewide initiative for health care transition. In this role, she works collaboratively with Florida's Title V Program, state organizations, providers and consumers to bridge the gap between pediatric and adult health care by building community-based systems of care. She facilitated the development of the legislatively mandated state strategic plan for health care transition that guides FloridaHATS activities. In addition, Dr. Hess serves as Principal Investigator for My Health Care, a health literacy program funded by the Florida Developmental Disabilities Council that empowers adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities to better meet their health care needs through improved communication skills. Prior to joining USF, she was Program Director for the Early Childhood Council of Hillsborough County. Dr. Hess develops and conducts professional trainings, and she educates USF Pediatric residents and medical students about transition policies and practices. She has served on many federal, state and local advisory committees, and has authored numerous publications related to health care for children, youth, and young adults with disabilities.

SAVE THE DATE

January 20

Deadline for abstracts for USF Health Research Day

January 26

Deadline for USF Internal Awards Program Grant: Conference Support and Faculty International Travel

February 11

Peds Faculty Meeting

February 20

USF Health Research Day

March 12

Barnes Lecture and Fellows' Forum (8 AM) and Reception for USF Peds Alumni and Community Pediatricians (6 PM)

March 19

First annual Bernard Pollara MD, PhD Resident Lecture (8 AM)

March 21

YYC's 2nd Annual Slam Dunk Scavenger Hunt in Ybor City



PEDIATRIC FELLOW MATCH RESULTS

We are pleased to announce the fellow match results for 2015:

Allergy and Immunology

Johana Castro Wagner, MD;

University of Texas Medical Center

Bhumika Patel, MD; Stony Brook University Hospital

Neonatology

Kelly Driver, DO; USF Pediatrics

Vidya Pai, MD; University of Arkansas, Med-Peds

KUDOS

Dr. Eric Storch was named to the editorial board of the journal *Depression and Anxiety*.

USF faculty are investigators on seed grants awarded by the Women's Health Collaborative: **Drs. Brian Knox** and **Denise Edwards** on *Clinical Correlations and Treatment Outcomes Associated with Comorbid ADHD and Binge Eating*, and **Dr. Diane Straub** on *Formative Work Towards Developing an Innovative STI and Unintended Pregnancy Risk Reduction Intervention Among Young, High-Risk Women*.

Dr. Lewin Adam's application for membership in the International OCD Foundation's Scientific and Clinical Advisory Board was approved. The Nominating Committee and Board of Directors were very impressed with his contributions to the understanding and treatment of OCD and related disorders.

The TGH neonatal intensive care unit's rate of central line-associated bloodstream infections is <1/1000 line days; very few NICUs reach a rate <1. This extraordinary accomplishment is a testament to the ongoing quality improvement efforts led by **Dr. Terri Ashmeade**, and to the terrific nursing staff.

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Dr. Patricia Emmanuel was interviewed by *insurancenewsnet.com* regarding the CDC's recent draft report on circumcision; the piece was posted on December 4. Dr. Emmanuel described the medical evidence in support of the procedure.

Dr. Emily Shaffer was interviewed by Bay News 9; the piece aired on December 5. Dr. Shaffer discussed the Early Steps Program in light of a new study demonstrating that higher birth weight is associated with better academic performance in elementary and middle school. Dr. Shaffer discussed possible reasons for these findings, ways to prevent low birth weight, and the importance of early intervention through programs such as Early Steps.

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