A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Now that several weeks have gone by, I have almost thawed from the Children's Parade. I want to thank all of you who participated. Despite the wind and cold it was very enjoyable. We have finished resident recruitment. Dr. Panzarino has demonstrated her usual "negative waves", but secretly even she is delighted at the high quality students that interviewed from around the country. Keep your fingers crossed for the Match results next month. My enthusiasm has also been strengthened by the announcement of the IMAP/Macy Foundation grant on Professionalism in which Pediatrics plays a major role. In addition, I would like to thank Dr. Judy Ranells and Dr. Sally Coover for taking on important education roles in the Department.

-Bob

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Awards and Honors

Dr. Luis Maldonado and Dr. Jennifer Takagishi were recently awarded Certificates of Appreciation from Tampa General Hospital, “in recognition of the Very Good Care (they) provide to our patients.” These awards are given out when a patient recognizes a doctor by name on their patient satisfaction survey.

The Rett Syndrome Natural History Study comes to Tampa every January and seeks to gather information on the genetic defects that cause Rett Syndrome, the physical expression of these defects and the progression of the disease. Clinicians and researchers from Baylor College of Medicine, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and Greenwood Genetic Center evaluated patients enrolled in the study on January 15-16. First year resident Dr. Daniel Bui took part by observing and learning from the researchers, parents, and patients.
Dr. Jorge Lujan-Zilberman is the co-author for three abstracts that will be presented at the 18th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections in Boston on February 27 through March 2.

* Toll Like Receptor (TLR) -2 and -4 Allelic Variants are Associated with the Antibody Response to the Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine in HIV-Infected Youth. (Poster presentation).

* Vitamin D3 (VITD) Supplementation Decreases Parathyroid Hormone (PTH) in HIV-infected Youth Being Treated with Tenofovir (TDF)-containing Combination Antiretroviral Therapy (cART): a Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Multicenter Trial (RCT). (Oral presentation)

* Long-Term (72 Weeks) Immunogenicity and Increased Response Rates After a Second Dose of Quadrivalent Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine in HIV-Infected Children and Youth. (Poster presentation).

Dr. Angel Luciano has three exciting new items to share from the past month. First, Dr. Luciano was awarded a TGH Research grant for his project titled, *In Utero Exposure to Inflammation and Preterm T-cell Maturation.*

He also had a paper titled, *Preterm Labor and Chorioamnionitis are Associated with Neonatal T-cell Activation* accepted for publication at PLoS One.

Finally, Dr. Luciano presented his research at the AAP Southeastern conference on Perinatal Research during the week of January 31.

The American Academy of Pediatrics met during the last weekend of January to discuss the annual committee chairperson reappointments. Among the decisions made by the Board of Directors was the reappointment of Dr. Xavier Sevilla as the Chairperson of the Steering Committee on Quality Improvement & Management.
Dr. Kersti Linask and her team have recently had their paper, “Blood Flow Dynamics of One Cardiac Cycle and Relationship to Mechanotransduction and Trabeculation during Heart Looping”, accepted for publication and is now in press in the *American Journal of Physiology - Heart and Circulatory Physiology*. Also contributing to this publication were Barbara Garita(1,2), Michael W. Jenkins(3), Mingda Han(1), Chao Zhou(4), Michael VanAuker(2), Andrew M. Rollins(3), Michiko Watanabe(5), and J.G. Fujimoto(4).

Their work is also being featured on OCTNews.org, the world’s leading website dedicated to Optical Coherence Tomography, and on MDLinx.com.

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4 Department of EECS and Research Laboratory of Electronics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA 02139
5 Department of Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University and Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, Cleveland, OH 44106

Dr. Omar Rahman has been awarded a travel grant by the Trichotillomania Learning Center for his paper “Controlled Trial of Habit Reversal Training for TTM in Youth”.

Panama

For a few weeks in late March through early April a number of residents and faculty will be traveling to Panama to work with and learn from their colleagues at Universidad Latina de Panamá and Hospital del Niño. In preparation for the trip, grand rounds are now being streamed live between our two countries. Participants in both locations are able to share information and ideas in real time!

The tentative schedule for residents has them spending nearly a week at Hospital del Niño, including an overnight shift, two days in Emergency and Urgent care and two to three days in Hospitalization. They will also be spending a number of days working in rural areas and both Public and Private health systems throughout Panama.
Education Leadership

This month has seen many changes coming to the leadership positions involved with education.

Dr. Judy Ranells will be serving as the Associate Chair for Undergraduate Medical Education.

Sally Coover, PhD is now the Program Director for the administrative support staff.

Congratulations on your new roles!

Department of Surgery Grand Rounds

Dr. Charles Stolar, Chief of Pediatric Surgery at Columbia University and Surgeon-in-Chief at New York-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children’s Hospital, will be visiting Tampa General to present grand rounds on March 28. The subject of his lecture is “Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia: Infants Becoming Children and Young Adults.”

Grand rounds will take place in MacInnes Auditorium on Monday, March 28th from 8:45 to 9:45.
New Playground

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on February 11th to commemorate the opening of a new playground at the Healthpark Pediatric Clinic. The construction was made possible from funds raised at the annual Halloween party thrown by members of the 13 Ugly Men charitable organization.

Neonatology News

Dr. Terri Ahmeade was recently interviewed for a story broadcast on WUSF about a rise in the number of babies being born in Florida that are addicted to painkillers. The report is part of an ongoing series by HealthyState.org concerning NICUs in Florida. The piece was also picked up nationally by NPR for their program “All Things Considered.” You can find the stories online at the following links. NPR, HealthyState.org

Dr. Ashmeade, along with two colleagues from the Lehigh Valley Health Network, has been awarded a grant from the Institute on Medicine as a Profession and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundation. Their proposal was selected as one of only five winners for the grant on educating for professionalism. This is the first year of the grant program, and USF was selected from among 73 bids that the IMAP termed “impressive.”

The program will focus on teaching the standards of professional conduct and putting patient’s needs first. It will include residents and medical students from both USF’s current medical school program and those enrolled this fall at Lehigh Valley.

You can learn more about the grant by following this link.
Lewis Rubin, MD received a $70,000 unrestricted grant from the Abbott Nutrition Institute for his work, *Lutein and Immune Modulation*.

Dr. Rubin also Co-Chaired the Cognition, Eye Health, and Lutein Advisory Board Conference held January 14, 2011 in New York City. Jane Carver, PhD also attended the conference and spoke on “DHA and Cognitive Development.”

**Together for Kids**

National radio personality Delilah visited Tampa General Hospital on January 25 to help promote Together for Kids, a partnership of more than 40 children’s hospitals that works towards raising money for families in need. Together for Kids uses the funds they raise to provide sick and injured children increased access to advanced medical technology, expert medical staff, up-to-date treatment options, community education and advocacy programs, updated child-friendly facilities and family-centered support and care.

Delilah, whose easy listening program nets more than 8 million listeners weekly, led a delegation of children’s hospital representatives to Tampa for a ceremony to launch the partnerships with the new Florida members; TGH, St. Joseph’s and Shiners. Delilah was able to tour the new Jennifer Leigh Muma NICU and meet with some of the patients’ parents.

To learn more about Together for Kids you can visit their [website here](#).
Janet Stanonis is proud to announce the birth of grandson Anthony Stanonis. He was born on Valentine’s Day, weighing in at 8lbs 12 oz. He is pictured here with big sister, Rylee.

Congratulations Stanonis family!

Allergy & Immunology News

Division Chief Dr. John Sleasman spoke on Inflammation in HIV Infection at the US-INDIA TRAI (Translational Research in AIDS/HIV) conference in Goa on January 13 & 14. He was one of the Chairs in the Immunity in HIV Pathogenesis session. The brochure for this event can be viewed [here](#).

Dr. Sleasman has also been asked to join the Editorial Board of the Journal of Clinical Immunology, the official journal of the Clinical Immunology Society.

In addition to the previous items, Dr. Sleasman is also a co-investigator on a $4.7 million National Institutes of Health grant study investigating the effects of marijuana use on immunity and HIV infection in adolescents. This study will be a collaboration between USF, the University of Florida and the University of California - San Diego.

The researchers will focus on marijuana’s major psychoactive component, a compound called TCH...
that targets receptors in the brain, central nervous system and immune system.

More information about this study and the collaboration between the universities can be found at this link.

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On February 7th, Fellowship Program Director Dr. Morna Dorsey gave a Case-Based Lecture to the third year clerkship medical students on rheumatologic conditions.

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**Publications**

- **Menchis A; Myocarditis in the Setting of RSV Bronchiolitis 2011.** Fetal & Pediatric Pathology, volume 30, No. 1, pages 64-68. doi: 10.3109/15513815.2010.505632

- **Iyer P, Positive prolactin response to bromocriptine in two patients with cabergoline resistant prolactinomas.** Endocrine Practice.

- **Desrochers D, Gonzalez-Peralta R, McClenathan D, Wilsey M, Haafiz A; Isoniazid-Induced Severe Hepatotoxicity: An Infrequent but Preventable Cause of Liver Failure in Children Treated for Latent Tuberculosis Infection.** Clinical Medicine Insights: Pathology, 2011:5 1-5.

- **Ashmeade T, Carver J; Effects of maternal magnesium sulfate administration on intestinal blood flow in preterm neonates.** Neonatology, volume 100, pages 44-49.
The Rothman Center for Neuropsychiatry at All Children’s Hospital is excited to introduce their Child Psychiatry Access Program call line. The Program will serve providers who have questions about the medical care of children and adolescents with psychiatric needs. The request for consultation may be for education concerning types of medications, their uses, and/or possible side effects. The line may also be used for a physician to physician consultation.

Who can call?
Family Practitioners, Pediatricians, Psychiatrists, Psychologists, Physician Assistants, ARNPs, or other prescribing physicians.

How do I participate?
Simply complete a one-page registration form and fax it to (727) 767-7786.
(Form located on the next page.)

What are the call line’s hours?
This service is available:
Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
(except 12:30 - 1:00 pm)

The call line is closed for State, Federal and USF holidays.

Have questions?
Call: 1-866-487-9507
Florida Pediatric Psychiatry Helpline
Practice Registration

Practice Name: _____________________________________________________________

Practice Address: __________________________________________________________

City/State: ____________________________ Zip Code: ___________________________

Main Phone Number: __________________ Back Line Phone: __________________ Fax: __________

Medical Director: __________________________________ Office Manager: ________________

Pediatric Clinicians FTEs: (include estimated percent of time caring for pediatric patients)

Name: __________________________________________ Estimated % ____________________
☐ Pediatrician ☐ Family Practitioner ☐ ARNP ☐ PA ☐ RN ☐ Other

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Approximate number of youths in practice: __________________ Best time for appointments: ______________

We agree to participate in the Florida Pediatric Psychiatry Access Project and complete satisfaction surveys and offer suggestions for improvement.

Signed: ____________________________ Title: ________________________ Date: ______________

Fax this form to:
(727)767-7786
The Rothman Center for Pediatric Neuropsychiatry at the University of South Florida is participating in the 2011 Tampa Bay Walk Now for Autism Speaks charity event to help change the future for all those affected by autism. The event will be held on Saturday April 16th at Al Lopez Park in Tampa Florida.

We would like to invite you to join us as we fight to find a cure and to make a difference in the lives of the more than one million Americans living with autism today. Autism is the second most common developmental disorder in the United States affecting one in every 110 children born today. Despite some promising discoveries, the cause of autism is unknown and a cure does not exist. Research is crucial. Every 15 minutes another child is diagnosed with autism. Not only must we find ways to improve the quality of life for those with autism, we must find a cure.

Walk Now for Autism Speaks is our chance to make a difference in the fight against autism by raising money for autism research and heightening public awareness. Please join us in the fight to raise money to help fund essential research. You can donate to Walk Now for Autism Speaks and/or join our team online.

Visit our team page to help in the effort to support Autism Speaks: http://www.walknowforautismspeaks.org/tampabay/rothmancenter

T-shirts may be purchased for 10.00 (cash only please). Although bulk purchases may reduce cost, any money left after shirts are purchased will be donated to Autism Speaks.

Please contact Dr. Amy Parks (team captain) with any questions.

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### March Birthdays!

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### New Hires

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Desiree Brown gave birth to Lucas Glenn Brown on January 19, 2011. Lucas weighed 8lbs. 8oz. and was 21.5 inches long.
Grand Rounds - March 2011

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.

March 3:
Learning Disabilities: Why Children Struggle in School and Life
Elaine Schulte, MD, MPH
Chair, General Pediatrics
Children’s Hospital, Cleveland Clinic

March 10:
International Medicine
Karolina Dembinski, MD
Jennifer Casatelli, MD
USF Pediatrics

March 17:
Remaining Challenges in Cystic Fibrosis
Newborn Screening
Philip Farrell, MD, PhD
Professor of Pediatrics and Population Health Sciences
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Madison, Wisconsin

March 24:
General Dentistry for the Pediatrician
Joseph D’Ambrosio, MD, DMD
Internal Medicine-Pediatrics
Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies
Kalamazoo, MI

March 31:
Early Onset Sepsis
Maya Balakrishnan, MD
USF Pediatrics

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