**PEOPLE TO WATCH**

**DR. JEFFERY KRISCHER**
USF Professor, Researcher and Division Chief, Pediatric Epidemiology Center

Dr. Jeffrey Krischer is a heavy hitter in the battle to combat juvenile diabetes.

The University of South Florida pediatrics professor and epidemiologist won a $127.7 million grant this year from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The award is in addition to a $169-million grant Krischer received last year — the largest in USF history — to study the disease. The grant enabled his team to attempt to identify environmental triggers of Type 1 diabetes, on the rise among children.

All told, Krischer's research has attracted more than $389 million in funding to USF, and catapulted the institution to one of the top 50 in the nation funded by the NIH.

Krischer is unassuming and doesn't like to talk about himself. He says he became involved in diabetes research when former colleagues at the University of Florida came to him with a challenge — to apply his math skills to medicine and figure out the mystery of diabetes.

"And I love a challenge," he says.

**DR. DAVID McKALIP**
Neurosurgeon; President-Elect, Pinellas County Medical Association

Dr. David McKalip is on a mission to restore the doctor-patient relationship.

A full-time neurosurgeon, the energetic McKalip is also a well-connected reformer. He represents a growing body of local doctors who advocate funding individual health care through Health Savings Accounts combined with high deductible insurance. A free-market system, McKalip says, would encourage patients to invest in preventive treatment and not postpone addressing health complaints.

"People on the front lines like myself had better stand up for patients," McKalip says. "The vast majority of Americans should be financing their own health care."

Says Anissa Raiford, executive director of the Pinellas County Medical Association: "He's up and coming. He's a champion for his industry and his colleagues."

McKalip is on the Florida Medical Association's board, and is a founder of Doctors for Patient Freedom (www.doctorsforpatientfreedom.com).