We are pleased to share with you the 2017-18 Annual Report for the USF Department of Pediatrics. Our Department has so many things to be proud of, and narrowing it down to 10 is no easy task. This report reflects a few of the milestones achieved during a year of growth and distinction. As we embark on a new year, we would like to recognize all of the providers, faculty, residents, staff, and students who contribute to the multiple missions of USF Pediatrics.

We are thankful for USF Health, our affiliate hospitals, and community partners and donors who help us care for our patients and advance education, research and advocacy.

Together, we continue to recognize the enduring legacy of USF Pediatrics as we advocate for children’s health in the Tampa Bay region, energize our learners and make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. We hope you have a happy and healthy year ahead. Here at USF Pediatrics we look forward to making a difference in the lives of children in 2019 and beyond.

Patricia J. Emmanuel, MD
Chair, Department of Pediatrics
Highest clinical research earnings and number of proposals in a fiscal year

In FY18, the Department of Pediatrics had its highest clinical research annual earnings and number of proposals. Our department is proud of our record number of 111 active research projects, 32 principal investigators and 65 sponsors totaling $13,385,263 in expenditures.

Welcomed 10 new faculty to USF Pediatrics in 6 specialties

Our department expanded this year by adding 10 new faculty in the following specialties: General Pediatrics, Neonatology, Nephrology, Pulmonology, Hospital Medicine and Child Development.

Opened TGH Brandon Healthplex

We expanded our pediatric footprint by opening a 5th pediatric primary care site at TGH Brandon Healthplex, led by Dr. Eliana Piedrahita-Llano.

Supported by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health, the USF Zika Referral Center serves as a resource center for pregnant women and babies who might have been affected by Zika.

Launched USF Zika Referral Center

The front desk at CMS and 17 Davis received top performer’s Press Ganey score, with CMS being the first location at USF to receive 100%. Med-Peds providers Drs. Nathan Brinn and Brian Knox, and Mary Mitchell, APRN received recognition as top performers on Press Ganey surveys.

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Pediatrics wins big in patient satisfaction

The USF Health Pediatric Nephrology program at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital, led by Dr. Valerie Panzarino, was recognized as the Top Children’s Nephrology Program in Florida by U.S. News & World Report 2018-2019.

Jeffrey Modell Center

The Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic and Research Center for Primary Immunodeficiencies opened at JHACH. The new center is led by Dr. Jolan Walter, the Robert A. Good Endowed Chair and division chief of Pediatric Allergy & Immunology who will lead the first national genetic screening study to aid in the diagnosis of patients with WHIM syndrome.

Education is our primary mission

50 pediatric faculty members actively participated in the Morsani College of Medicine (MCOM) educational activities this year. MCOM graduated a record number of medical students, and our department has taken an active role in USF Health’s new Physician Assistant program by providing the three week long interactive didactic session on pediatrics taught by faculty, chiefs and residents.

17 residents and 4 fellows graduated. 6 residents were accepted to fellowship programs in 4 different states.