“Welcome”, Dr. Emmanuel and “Congratulations”, Dr. Nelson!!

We in USF Pediatrics are very excited that Dr. Patricia Emmanuel has been named the Lewis A. Barness Chair of Pediatrics! Dr. Emmanuel has been on the USF faculty since 1989, serving as Chief of the Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases since 1993. For the past three years she has been the Associate Dean for Clinical Research for the College of Medicine and was the founding Director of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute. As Medical Director of USF’s Pediatric/Adolescent HIV program since 1994, she developed an infrastructure to address HIV-related clinical care and research for children and youth. She is Director of Clinical Research at TGH, and is currently the principal investigator for 4 federally-funded research grants. Dr. Emmanuel is excited to return to the Department full time and getting more involved with the educational initiatives and training program.

While we are all sorry to say goodbye to Dr. Robert Nelson as Chair of Pediatrics, we congratulate him on being appointed Associate Vice President of Children’s Services at USF Health. In his new role, he will work to expand child health community outreach, clinical care and education. Dr. Nelson first joined USF Pediatrics as Chief of the Division of Neonatology in 1992, and was appointed Chair of Pediatrics in 2005. He has served with remarkable distinction and dedication, and will remain a key faculty member in Pediatrics. His key initiatives in his new role are to help develop our international residency educational program and expand interdisciplinary programs related to child health.

USF Pediatrics at the Olympics?

Maddie Hess, daughter of Janet Hess, MPH, has qualified for the U.S. Olympic Team Trials at the U.S. Senior Nationals in Atlanta on Saturday, December 3, 2011 in the 200-meter backstroke with a time of 2:19.94, making it by .06! On Friday, December 2 she swam the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 58.10, breaking local Olympian Maritza Correia's Girls' 13-14 record!

Congratulations, Maddie - we are all so proud of you!
Great American Teach In

Dr. Pooja Soni, first year resident, attended an 8th grade class at Ben Hill Middle School for the Great American Teach In on November 17th. She taught about the use of tobacco using a Jeopardy format. The students had a great time and learned a lot. She also visited Alonso High School the following day and discussed health care professions.

New Clinical Trial Underway

Congratulations are in order for Dr. Jorge Lujan Zilbermann, Research Specialist Emma Gonzalez, and Dr. Silvana Carr for enrolling their first patient in a new meningococcal B. vaccine trial on December 20. If you would like to learn more about this trial please contact Emma Gonzalez at (813) 259-8813.

Very Good Care

A patient has recognized second year resident Katherine Byra by name for providing “Very Good Care” upon completing their Press Gnaey Patient Satisfaction Survey. This is an uncommon honor for a resident to receive. Aside from bragging rights among residents Katherine also received a $25 gift card of her choice. Congratulations Katherine and keep up the “very good” work!

Passed Boards

Two faculty members had some boards news to share with us this month. Dr. Carol Lilly has passed her Child Abuse Boards and Dr. Silvana Carr passed her Infectious Disease Boards.

Gasparilla Children’s Parade

The Department of Pediatrics was well represented on this year’s Gasparilla Children’s Parade float. Over twenty members of the Pediatrics family participated by throwing “treasure” (beads) to the little landlubbers lining Bayshore Boulevard.

SAVE THE DATE!!

→ Research Day: February 24, 2012
→ Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Inaugural Conference: March 22-23
→ Lewis A. Barness Lecture and Fellows Forum: April 12, 2012
→ APS-SPR Annual Meeting: April 28 - May 1, 2012, Boston, MA
→ USF COM Graduation: May 4, 2012
→ Resident Graduations: 5:00 PM June 10, 2012 at The Rusty Pelican, Tampa
Publications


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Grant Deadlines

**USF Internal Awards Program:**
- Faculty International Travel Grants: April 13, 2012
- Proposal Enhancement Grants: March 12, 2012

**APS-SPR:**
- International Collaborative Award for Research: April 1, 2012
- Early Investigators’ Exchange Program: October 1, 2012

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**Grand Rounds - February 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.

**February 2:**
*Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence During Pregnancy*
Jason Fields, MD
Fellow, Addiction Medicine, University of Florida
Medical Services Manager, DACCO

**February 9:**
*Health Reform Update 2012*
Mona Mangat, MD
Bay Area Allergy & Asthma
Doctors for America

**February 16:**
CANCELLED

**February 23:**
*International Health: A Review of Current Topics and How to Get Involved*
Sarah Kelley, MD
PGY3, USF Department of Pediatrics

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