

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to Research Day 2007; A Celebration of Discovery and Innovation in Health and Biomedical Sciences. Marcel Proust, a French novelist (1871-1922) once noted that “*The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes*”. At USF Health, we have embraced this philosophy and have started a strategic process of transforming our destiny and *Turning Research on Edge*TM.

What you are experiencing today is a reflection of our ongoing metamorphosis which places renewed emphasis on discovery and innovation and how it informs and guides better practices in other missions. Our actions are in consonance with USF’s commitment to excellence in research and we believe that USF Health is uniquely poised to play a lead role in this process.

Over 150 abstracts highlighting cutting-edge interdisciplinary research will be presented by faculty and students from six different colleges at USF. Ensuring that our research efforts are focused on areas of regional, national, and international relevance, the presentations are organized in thematic areas which include Allergy, Immunology, and Infectious Diseases, Biomedical and Nanomedicine, Cancer Biology, Cardiovascular Diseases, Neurosciences, Environmental and Global Health, and Women and Children’s Health. As you browse through the abstracts and converse with the presenters, thank them for their hard work and explore new avenues to develop productive collaborations and synergies.

I am confident that the deliberations of Research Day 2007 will be successful in preserving our valued traditions of excellence in interdisciplinary research and will serve as a memorable event for our participants and guests. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Drs. Wecker and Marty and Ms. Luter and Moore for their hard work in successfully organizing this event.

Sincerely,

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