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### Get ready now!

The 2009 **Pediatric Academic Societies'** annual meeting is scheduled for May 2-5, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland. While December 3rd may seem a long way off, it is never too soon to plan your abstract submission.

Consider your current projects and what shape they may take in the late fall and winter. If you're thinking of leading a workshop, gather your ideas to be ready for a September 8th deadline.

At the next Division Research Meeting we'll discuss the conference and share research ideas for the coming year. Check out <http://www.pas-meeting.org/> for more information.

### Don't forget!

The newly-created Academic File is available to use as a guide when searching for journals to which you may submit manuscripts. It can be accessed on the shared drive in the Research Coordinator folder.



### WELCOME

Greetings as you peruse this inaugural issue of *ON PAR*, the *Organizational News in Pediatrics and Research* magazine dedicated to supporting and assisting UF's pediatricians with their research. In this quarterly publication you'll find regular features to encourage and enrich your research endeavors, as well as time-sensitive and industry-specific news and notes to keep you informed of the latest opportunities in pediatrics research.

As Research Coordinator in the Division of General Pediatrics, it is my goal to see each physician's research maximized for applicability and understanding within the field, published and presented in the most appropriate outlets available, and subsequently publicized as broadly as possible. This news magazine is dedicated to ultimately improving the health care and lives of children by providing information on opportunities to build upon previous, promising research and expand the scope and depth of current research. With your feedback and involvement we can see the University of Florida continue to emerge as a leader within the field of pediatrics and pediatrics research.

For the benefit of children,

Heidi Saliba  
Editor, *ON PAR* magazine

## UF's GCRC Holds 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Research Conference

Since 1995 the General Clinical Research Center at UF has hosted the annual Science of Clinical/Translational Research Course in which a comprehensive list of research-related topics are presented and discussed.

The class is free and open to anyone at UF with relevant interests to the course objectives. For those who are interested in receiving graduate credit, class registration and payment may be arranged. Typically the course is offered at the end of the summer, just before fall classes start. Physicians, researchers, graduate students, and research coordinators account for the bulk of course attendees.

**The GCRC's website is:**  
<http://www.gcrc.ufl.edu/>.

### Your submissions are welcome

Do you have research news or tips to share with the Division? Would you like to nominate a colleague to be featured in an upcoming newsletter? Send your suggestions to Heidi Saliba at [hsaliba@peds.ufl.edu](mailto:hsaliba@peds.ufl.edu).

## News from the field

- ✓ The Division's website will soon be changing from its current location to [www.peds.ufl.edu/divisions/general](http://www.peds.ufl.edu/divisions/general). The new address removes a number of characters from the current one, so as to make the site easier to remember and access when typing it in on the address bar of a browser.
- ✓ With the updated Division web address will also be a link to this newsletter and other research news. Watch as we expand our menu of links to research-specific supports and materials.
- ✓ The Ped-I-Care program will soon release an informational brochure that describes the program, its purpose, goals, and successes. The brochure may be used for educational and informational purposes as well as advocacy and public outreach efforts. Watch for it in the coming weeks as an link on the Ped-I-Care website ([pedicare.peds.ufl.edu](http://pedicare.peds.ufl.edu)) and in various areas around the clinic.



Holly, age 11. Photo used with permission.

*"The essence of our effort to see that every child has a chance must be to assure each an equal opportunity, not to become equal, but to become different - to realize whatever unique potential of body, mind and spirit he or she possesses."*

-- John Fischer



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This newsletter is available online at:  
[www.peds.ufl.edu/divisions/general](http://www.peds.ufl.edu/divisions/general).

## Items of interest from this year's GCRC research course

- ✓ Having a manuscript returned from a publisher with the note, "...cannot be accepted in its present form..." is actually a good thing! According to Dr. Jonathan Shuster, UF Research Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Health Policy Research, when a journal says they cannot accept your article in current form, always pay attention to the reviewers' remarks, make the appropriate changes, and resubmit. "Getting a 'present form' comment is far different than a flat-out rejection," Shuster said.
- ✓ When submitting an Informed Consent remember financial compensation is not considered a benefit to the participant; compensation is listed the compensation section. When listing the benefits, first discuss benefits to the individual followed by benefits to society. (Source: Terry Lemesh, Education Coordinator, IRB office).

*"Most problems precisely defined are already partially solved."*

*- Harry Lorayne*

## Research Progress

Spotlight on  
Maria Kelly, MD, FAAP

With research interests in medical education and breastfeeding, Dr. Maria Kelly enjoys investigating innovative methodologies in medical education. She is motivated by the success of her peers and credits Maureen Novak and Lindsay Thompson with outstanding guidance and mentorship.

"I would not be doing any of this without their support and guidance," Kelly said. "They make research tolerable and rewarding for me!"

Kelly is currently involved with a number of projects, with topics ranging from learning styles, safety helmets, and tobacco educational models to reflective education and parental knowledge. "My partnerships [with my co-investigators] are strong factors in what keeps me motivated and committed to every project," she said. "I never want to let them down."

According to Dr. Lindsay Thompson, Kelly's approach to research is an asset to realizing her overall goals. "Dr. Kelly overlaps her clinical work and research interests, allowing her to be efficient and productive," Thompson said.



## Journal Focus

The *Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine*, published by the AMA, has three active calls for papers: 1) Obesity, diabetes, and comorbidities for April '09 issue; deadline Sept. 15; 2) Vaccines and immunizations for May '09 issue; deadline Sept. 15; 3) Palliative care, dying, and bereavement; a 'rolling theme' from this year on; indicate in submission that paper is to be considered under that context. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/>



Alex and Jamie Proia; photo used with permission and courtesy of Lindsay Thompson.

## Calendar Notes

September 8	PAS workshop submissions due
September 10	Division Research Meeting – Building B Classroom
September 24	Division Research Meeting – Building B Classroom
October 8	Division Research Meeting – West Conference Room
October 14	IRB Brown Bag Lunch Series 12-1:30; topic: WIRB
October 22	Division Research Meeting – West Conference Room
November 12	Division Research Meeting – West Conference Room
November 26	Division Research Meeting – West Conference Room
November 12	Next issue of <i>ON PAR</i> to be released
December 3	PAS abstracts due
December 10	Division Research Meeting
May 2-5, 2009	PAS Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland

## Available soon: Research Projects Log

The new Research Projects Log is being developed for our Division to keep track of all current projects, the status of each project, IRB numbers, and pending deadlines. Contact Heidi Saliba at [hsaliba@peds.ufl.edu](mailto:hsaliba@peds.ufl.edu) to have yours added and indicate if you'd like email reminders of upcoming IRB deadlines.

## Sources of Support

### Physician Resources

- ✓ The National Foundation for Infectious Diseases offers links to resources for numerous conditions and diseases: <http://www.nfid.org/library/>
- ✓ The AAP's Top 10 Tips for Child Advocates: <http://www.aap.org/advocacy/childadvocacytips.htm>

### Patient Resource

- ✓ Breastfeeding tip sheet from Abbott Nutrition <http://abbottnutrition.com/resources/en-US/home/breastfeeding/BF%20TipSheet.pdf>