Resident/Fellow Awards and Achievements

1. Regional

2019 John Curran Quality Improvement Award: given to a FL delivery hospital for a major perinatal QI endeavor resulting in a measurable and sustained positive change. PI: Josef Cortez MD, Division of neonatology UF, Jacksonville. Resident participants: Adriana Pena- Ariet, Rita Hazboun, Rima Dababneh, Colleen Timmons.

a. FCAAP Annual Meeting, Orlando, August 31, 2018

Oral presentation, 1st place award recipient for Best Overall and Best QI Abstract- Nawal Merjaneh

Role of Donor Milk Supplementation in Newborn Nursery Level 1 in Improving Exclusive Breastfeeding Rate at Six Months of Life.

This project was also presented as a poster presentation at the Vermont Oxford Network meeting, Chicago, IL, September 22, 2018 and AAP NCE, Orlando, FL, November 2-6, 2018

b. FCAAP Annual Meeting, Orlando, September 1, 2017

Poster presentation, 1st place award recipient- Jennifer Andrews

Utilization and timing of skeletal surveys for suspected child abuse cases

Poster presentation, 2nd place award recipient- Bianca Pinto

Building a comprehensive system of care for LGTBQIA+ children and youth


Oral Presentation February 2016, 1st Place Award Recipient- John Sarandria

Sarandria J, Dudek C, Viorritto E, Shah C. Diagnostic Challenge: 14 year-old girl, a congenital malformation, and a devastating underlying disease.
2. **Local**

   a. **Northeast Florida Pediatric Society**

   **Derrick Owens** - Resident of the Year 2019

   **Heidi Vander Velde** - Resident of the Year 2018

   **Sara Largen** - Resident of the Year 2017

   b. **Duval County Medical Society (DCMS), Resident Research Awards**

   Canas, A, Jha K. Visceral Adipose Index (VAI) Can Accurately Predict Markers of Cardiometabolic Risk in Children. 2017

   **Shaheen Award-Clinical Report Category**

   **Amr Matoq** - Anti-NMDA-receptor antibody encephalitis in infants "Epilepsy & Behavior Case Reports. 2016

   **Shaheen Award-Review Category**

   **Fernando Rudas-Bula** - Salmonella Infections- review article published in Advances in Pediatrics-pediatric infectious diseases fellow. 2016

3. **Institutional Awards**

   University of Florida, Society of Teaching Scholars Outstanding Resident Educator Award 2020- **Brett Murray**

   University of Florida, Society of Teaching Scholars Outstanding Resident Educator Award 2019- **Veronica Vidal Diaz**

   University of Florida Outstanding Resident in Quality and Patient Safety 2018- **Nicolas Chiriboga**

   University of Florida, Society of Teaching Scholars Outstanding Resident Educator Award 2018- **Michael Haynes**

   University of Florida, Ann Harwood-Nuss Resident Advocate Award 2017- **Douglas Shapiro**

   University of Florida, Society of Teaching Scholars Outstanding Resident Educator Award 2017- **John Sarandria**
University of Florida Russo Award for Outstanding Professionalism in Medicine finalist 2017- Amr Matoq

University of Florida Outstanding Resident in Quality and Patient Safety finalist 2017- Amr Matoq


University of Florida Annual Research Day, 2017. Tiffany Lee, Jelena Shadick- 6th place Platform presentation-Comparison of neonatal type and screen results from placental vs heel stick draws

University of Florida Annual Research Day, 2017. Ankita Taneja- 3rd place Poster competition-Comparison of conventional and NAVA ventilation in preterm infants less than 32 weeks gestational age.

University of Florida Annual Award for Excellence in Patient Care and Quality, 2016- Jennifer Rammel

University of Florida Edwards Jelks Outstanding Resident Clinician, 2016- finalist- Jennifer Rammel

University of Florida Excellence in Student Education, 2016- Martins Chima Matthews

University of Florida Best Resident Teacher in Pediatrics, 2016- Tamara Brooks

University of Florida Annual Research Day, 2016- Danish Vaiyani, 1st place award Platform Presentation- Using the It Ratio to Screen for Early Onset Neonatal Sepsis - Is There a Better Way?


University of Florida Annual Award for Excellence in Patient Care and Quality, 2015- Leigh Bragg, MD, pediatric infectious diseases fellow

University of Florida Dean’s Research Grant
Amr Matoq (PGY3) – July 2016 to June 2017
Title: Dexamethasone vs Prednisone in Children hospitalized with asthma. (Open label, Randomized Control study).

University of Florida Dean’s Research Grant
Tiffany Lee (PGY2) – July 2016 to June 2017
Title: Prevalence of Asymptomatic Cytomegalovirus (CMV) Infection in Newborns in Northeast Florida
Resident Publications (past 5 years)

Merjaneh N, Alissa R, Hudak et al. The impact on the exclusive breastfeeding rate at six months of life of introducing supplemental donor milk in to the level 1 newborn nursery. J. Perinatol 2020. DOI: 10.1038/s41372-020-0657-6


Resident Presentations

Platform (International)


McManus K, Garber M. Value of Stories-Special Interest Group Session. Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2019


Vander Velde H, Garber M. Value of Stories-Family Perspective on Cost and Value. Pediatric Academic Societies meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, April 29, 2018


Platform (National)

Canas A, Jha K. Visceral Adipose Index (VAI) Can Accurately Predict Markers of Cardio-metabolic Risk in Children. Pediatric Endocrine Society meeting, March 17-20, 2018

Chiriboga, N. Successful Reduction of Moderate-Severe Intraventricular Hemorrhage (IVH) Using an IVH Bundle: A Quality Improvement Project. 46th Annual Meeting of the AANS/CNS Section on Pediatric Neurological Surgery. Houston, Texas 11/28/17

Dudek C, Makker K. Use of 40% glucose gel in newborn nursery decreases neonatal ICU admissions. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, May 6-9, 2017


**Platform (Regional)**

Dababneh R, Fontane E. Tachycardia (in a child with vomiting and diarrhea) Unresponsive to Crystalloid Boluses in the Pediatric Emergency Room. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

Diaz Vidal, V, Scimeme J. Idiopathic Dilated Cardiomyopathy: An Atypical Presentation. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

Vander Velde H, Owens D. Over the Counter Can Be Overly Dangerous: A Case of Excessive Vitamin D Supplementation in a 6 Year-Old Male. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

Pinto B, Nathawad R. Education Gaps in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Plus (LGBTQ+) Health among Medical Residents. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

Bianca Pinto. Education gaps for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer plus (LGBTQ+) health among residency training programs. FCAAP Annual Meeting, Orlando, September 1, 2017

**Poster (International)**


Shirts J, Bell E, Issa B, Samarth Shukla, Josef Cortez, Mark L Hudak. A quality improvement project to improve transition of care at discharge in level III NICU. Pediatric Academic Societies 2020 Meeting, May 2-5, 2020, in Philadelphia, PA. *Meeting canceled due to COVID-19*


Chotas W, Nathawad R, Goldhagen J. Migrant Farmworker’s Perceptions of Resilience and Adversities in their Children. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2018

Hincapie M, Owens D, McLeod L, Alissa, R, Makker M. Use of Transcutaneous Bilirubin (TcB) in NICU to Decrease the Number of Blood Drawns: A Quality Improvement Project. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2018
Silva C, Wells S, Mirza A. Improving HPV Immunization Rates. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2018

Nath S, Li M. The impact of Sepsis Risk Calculator (SRC) in safely reducing antibiotic usage and lab tests in infants evaluated for early onset sepsis (EOS) in high risk population. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2018. This project was also presented at the Vermont Oxford Network meeting, Chicago, IL, September 22, 2018 and AAP NCE, Orlando, FL, November 2-6, 2018

Nandula P, Chotas W. Frequent Simulation-based training (SBT) in Neonatal Resuscitation Improves and Maintains Resident Knowledge and Skills. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Toronto, Canada, May 5-8, 2018

Taneja A, Makkar, K. Comparison of conventional and NAVA ventilation in preterm infants less than 32 weeks gestational age. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, May 6-9, 2017

Poster (National)

De la Torre A. Overcoming Barriers to Immunization against Human Papilloma Virus. CDC National Immunization Conference in Atlanta, GA, May 19-21, 2020. Meeting canceled due to COVID-19

Fogarty W, English R. Isolated Congenital Left Coronary Artery to Coronary Sinus Fistula in a Neonate. Pediatric & Adult Interventional cardiology symposium. San Diego, California, September 4-7, 2019

Liberty, M, Read J. Knee Pain- Football. American College Sports Medicine annual meeting, Orlando, Florida, May 28-June 1, 2019

Booth, N. Rate of necrotizing enterocolitis with change in feeding practice in infants less than <1000 grams. AAP NCE, Orlando, FL, November 2-6, 2018

Meng Li, Nath S. Assessment of reduction in antibiotic usage for the management of early onset sepsis (EOS) in infants exposed to maternal chorioamnionitis using Sepsis Risk Calculator® (SRC) as a risk estimation tool as compared to the current guidelines. Vermont Oxford Network Annual Quality Congress, Chicago, Il, September 22, 2018

Matoq A. Two cases of Turner syndrome with hypoplastic left heart managed with hybrid procedure” Pediatric and Adult Interventional Cardiac Symposium, Miami, January 2017.


**Poster (Regional)**

**Multiple posters presented at SSPR 2019 & 2020. Details listed in the document on Resident Research & Scholarship**


**Hincapie M**, Chen J. A Curious Case of a Foreign Body in the Appendix of a Pediatric Patient. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

**Zorilla J, Athanasatos A**, Joyce J. A Unique Presentation of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with an Elbow Fracture and Left Foot Swelling. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018


**Nguyen M**, Agarwal V, Gauger C. 16 year old girl diagnosed with CAPS and probable HIT. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

**Munir B**, Rathore MH. Mollaret’s Meningitis Due to Herpes Simplex 2 Starting in the Neonatal Age Group. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018

**Hazboun R**, Sandler E. Neuroblastoma with an Intriguing Clinical Presentation. Southern Regional Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Feb 20-22, 2018