

**2011-2012**  
**Summary of Scholarly Activities**  
**Department of Pediatrics**

**I. PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND PATENTS**

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## II. PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

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Ali W, Custodio H, Estrada B. Neutropenia during outpatient parenteral antibiotic therapy in children. *J Investig Med*. 2012 Jan;60(1):446. Abstract no. 490.

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Chin A, Gremse D, Scherr R. Significance of candida esophagitis in infants with gastroesophageal reflux disease presenting with feeding refusal. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):180. Abstract no. 194.

Connelly R, Xuan T, Giardino A, Turner T. Increased use of health literacy strategies for communication in pediatric primary care after a skills-based educational session. Pediatric Academic Societies Annual National Meeting; 2012 May 1; Boston, MA. Abstract no. E-PAS2012:2926.470. Available from: [http://www.abstracts2view.com/pas/view.php?nu=PAS12L1\\_2879](http://www.abstracts2view.com/pas/view.php?nu=PAS12L1_2879)

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Loomba A, Palle S, Estrada B, Custodio H. Sarcoidosis associated with mycobacterium avium-complex infection. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):364-5. Abstract no. 194.

Loomba A, Vidal R. Variation in blood glucose levels with temperature changes in therapeutic hypothermia in pediatric population admitted to pediatric intensive care unit. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):423. Abstract no. 409.

Pant A, Ponnambalam A. Role of acid blocking agents and steroids in children less than 2 years with eosinophilic esophagitis. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2011 Oct;53(Suppl 1):E43. Abstract no. 163.

Preud'Homme D, Adaimi R, Higginbottom L, Phelps LA. How do children feel when they are called "fat" by their doctors/nurses (HCP)? The "words that hurt" study. The Obesity Society 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting; 2011 Oct 2; Orlando, FL. p. 63. Abstract no. 391-P.

Preud'Homme D, Adaimi R, Higginbottom L, Phelps LA. Weight-defining words used in the health care providers (HCP) communication with obese children: the "words that hurt" study. The Obesity Society 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting; 2011 Oct 2; Orlando, FL. p. 64. Abstract no. 420-P.

Preud'Homme D, Higginbottom L, Pettry A, Phelps LA. Chewing sugar-free gum (SFG) decreases in between-meal hunger sensations (HS) in obese children. The Obesity Society 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting; 2011 Oct 2; Orlando, FL. p. 60. Abstract no. 327-P.

Preud'Homme D, Higginbottom L, Pettry A, Phelps LA. Chewing sugar-free gum (SFG) to reduce between-meal hunger sensations (HS) decreases the intake of added sugar in children with obesity. The Obesity Society 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting; 2011 Oct 2; Orlando, FL. p. 60. Abstract no. 328-P.

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Sood MR, Mugie S, DiLorenzo C, Nurko S, Sanghavi R, Simpson P, Ponnambalam A, Kinservik M. Children with fecal incontinence have worse health related quality of life compared to children with constipation alone. J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr. 2011 Oct;53(Suppl 1):E64. Abstract no. 240.

Syed Y, Salameh M, Rettig K, Kaulfers A. A diagnosis of pheochromocytoma made while evaluating blood pressure at the pediatrician's office. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):351. Abstract no. 145.

Trairatvorakul P, Connelly R. Not-so-identical twins? A case of false negative cystic fibrosis in newborn screen. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):373. Abstract no. 227.

Vashistha N, Ponnambalam A. An unusual cause of gastric outlet obstruction in a child. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):437. Abstract no. 459.

Vashistha N, Wilson F, Kaulfers A. Hepatoblastoma: an unusual cause of precocious puberty in female child. J Investig Med. 2012 Jan;60(1):352. Abstract no. 148.

### III. PUBLISHED BOOKS

### IV. INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Connelly R, Trimm F. Invited speakers. Inpatient duty hours and hand-over at the University of South Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital. Association of Pediatric Program Directors Annual Meeting; 2012 Mar 28; San Antonio, TX.

Custodio H. Invited speaker. Tuberculosis, TB update. Department of Health; 2012 Mar 21; Mobile, AL.

Falkos SA. Invited speaker. Critically abused children. Surviving Trauma Conference; 2011 Nov 19; Pensacola, FL.

Falkos SA. Invited speaker. Interesting case presentation. Sickle Cell Disease Practical Issues XII: Casting the Net II Annual Sickle Cell Regional Conference; 2012 Sep 7; Mobile, AL.

Gremse D. Invited speaker. Dysmotility disorders of prematurity. AAP District VIII's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; 2012 Jun 1; Las Vegas, NV.

Gremse D. Invited speaker. Why do we do MOC. Nevada Chapter AAP Fifth Annual Meeting; 2012 Aug 10; Las Vegas, NV.

Gremse D. Invited speaker. Living with pediatric Crohn's disease & ulcerative colitis. Alabama/NW Florida Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America; 2012 Sep 13; Mobile, AL.

Gremse D. Invited speaker. Celiac disease dilemmas: does my child need to be gluten-free? Pediatric Medical Grand Rounds at Children's Hospital of Alabama; 2012 Sep 27; Birmingham, AL.

Gremse D. Invited speaker. Celiac disease dilemmas: does my child need to be gluten-free? Alabama Chapter AAP 2012 Annual Meeting & Fall Pediatric Update; 2012 Sep 30; Birmingham, AL.

Imran H. Invited speaker. Coagulation disorders. Advancement in the Care of Pediatric Cancer & Blood Disorders Symposium; Children's of Alabama/University of Alabama; 2011 Oct 14; Birmingham, AL.

Imran H. Invited speaker. Management of SCD. Sickle Cell Counselor Education and Certification Program. Sickle Cell Association of America; 2012 Apr 25; Mobile, AL.

Kaulfers AM. Invited speaker. New therapies for type I diabetes. Diabetes Family Camp; 2011 Oct 29; Mobile, AL.

Kaulfers AM. Invited speaker. Diabetes in schools. AASN District 6 Spring Conference; 2012 Mar 3; Mobile, AL.

Martinez J. Invited speaker. Pediatric genetics update and new diagnostic methods. Medical Genetics Symposium. Hospital de Niños de Cordoba; 2011 Oct 27 & 28; Cordoba, Argentina.

Martinez J. Invited speaker. Genetic update in autism spectrum disorder. Medical Genetics Symposium. Hospital de Niños de Cordoba; 2012 Apr 19 & 20; Cordoba, Argentina.

Martinez J. Invited speaker. Advances in genetic diagnosis. Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services/Alabama Early Intervention System 11th Annual Early Intervention Update; 2012 Jun 12; Tuscaloosa, AL.

Ponnambalam A. Invited speaker. Hands on motility training on high resolution esophageal manometry. North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition; 2011 Oct 22; Orlando, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Encopresis and constipation: not life threatening but life altering. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Care of the Sick Child Conference; 2011 Nov 11; Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. GER (D) pathology and management: updated guidelines. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Care of the Sick Child Conference; 2011 Nov 11; Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Metabolic syndrome: when to suspect and diagnose it. 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Care of the Sick Child Conference; 2011 Nov 12; Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Obesity: what works? 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Care of the Sick Child Conference; 2011 Nov 12; Lake Buena Vista, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Atherosclerosis. Springhill College; 2011 Nov 28; Mobile, AL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Celiac disease. AAP Practical Pediatrics CME Course; 2012 Mar 23; Orlando, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Encopresis and constipation. AAP Practical Pediatrics CME Course; 2012 Mar 23; Orlando, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. GER/GERD: focus on the infant and toddler. AAP Practical Pediatrics CME Course; 2012 Mar 23; Orlando, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Weight loss: what works? AAP Practical Pediatrics CME Course; 2012 Mar 23, 24 & 25; Orlando, FL.

Preud'Homme D. Invited speaker. Gastrointestinal disorders in the pediatric patient. Covenant Hospice Pediatric Education Series 2012; 2012 Jun 1; Mobile, AL.

Siddiqui A. Invited speaker. Basic genetics and hematology. Sickle Cell Counselor Education and Certification Program. Sickle Cell Association of America; 2012 Apr 25; Mobile, AL.

Siddiqui A. Invited speaker. Quantitative hemoglobin disorders (thalassemia). Sickle Cell Counselor Education and Certification Program. Sickle Cell Association of America; 2012 Apr 25; Mobile, AL.

Siddiqui A. Invited speaker. Pediatric kidney tumors. Sindh Institute of Urology & Transplantation; 2012 Aug 28; Karachi, Pakistan.

Swingle H. Invited speaker. Evidence-based treatments for autism spectrum disorders. USA Med School Café; 2012 Apr 18; Mobile, AL.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Teaching health professions students with ADHD and other learning disabilities. SYNERGY presentation at University of Texas Medical Branch; 2011 Oct 10; Galveston, TX.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Promoting mental wellness in children and adolescents. PA Program at University of Texas Medical Branch; 2011 Oct 13; Galveston, TX.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Self-regulation and attention: a foundation of development and behavior in children. Grand Rounds at University of Texas Medical Branch; 2011 Oct 14; Galveston, TX.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Constructing adaptable residents as teachers (RATs) programs: one block at a time. 2012 ACGME Annual Education Conference; 2012 Mar 2; Orlando, FL.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Pediatric resident self-assessment of ACGME competencies. Association of Pediatric Program Directors Annual Meeting; 2012 Mar 29; San Antonio, TX.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Pediatric resident self-assessment of ACGME competencies. Pediatric Academic Societies; 2012 Apr 28; Boston, MA.

Trimm F. Invited speaker. Successful intervention to help acculturation of international medical graduates cannot be measured comparing multisource evaluation scores. Pediatric Academic Societies; 2012 Apr 30; Boston, MA.

Whitehurst RM Jr. Invited speaker. Neonatal abstinence syndrome. Mobile Infirmary Medical Center Women's and Children's Conference; 2012 Apr 25; Mobile, AL.

Wilson F. Invited speaker. In crisis: consequences of iron overload and sickle cell pain. Treatment Option for Iron Overload 2011; 2011 Oct 5; Atlanta, GA.

Wilson F. Invited speaker. When serum ferritin is > 1000 mcg/L: how to help patients achieve treatment goals. Oncology Nursing Society; 2012 Mar 22; Savannah, GA.

Wilson F. Invited speaker. Be sickle smart-take control of your future: living with sickle cell disease. Children's Healthcare of Atlanta; 2012 May 24; Atlanta, GA.

Wilson F. Invited speaker. Newborn screening in sickle cell disease. Sickle Cell Disease Practical Issues XII: Casting the Net II Annual Sickle Cell Regional Conference; 2012 Sep 7-8; Mobile, AL.

Wilson F. Invited speaker. Iron overload. Sickle Cell Day. The Sickle Cell Center at East Carolina University; 2012 Sep 21; Greenville, NC.

## V. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Stephanie Anderson: Member, Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC), Standards of Practice, Diagnostic Clinics Workgroup charged with drafting standards of practice for autism diagnostic clinics in the state of Alabama; Pilot tester for CDC online course on identifying, diagnosing, and managing autism spectrum disorders.

Samar Bhowmick: Reviewer: *Clinical Pediatrics, Pediatrics, Journal of the Southern Medical Association, Asian Journal of Andrology*.

Allison Chung: Committee Member, Best Pharmaceuticals for Children Act (BPCA) Working Group/National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), Washington, DC; Member, ACCP 2012 Programming Committee, Kansas City, KS; Board of Directors, Ozanam Charitable Pharmacy, Mobile, AL; Member, Alabama Asthma Coalition, Montgomery, AL; Member, Pharmacists Association of Mobile County (PAMC); Member, American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACCP), Alexandria, VA; Member, Alabama Society of Health System Pharmacists, Birmingham, AL; Reviewer: ACCP – Resident/Fellowship Travel Award, Kansas City, KS; ACCP – Student CV Reviewer, Kansas City, KS; American Society of Health System Pharmacists, Rockville, MD.

Kimberly Cole: Member, Alabama Baby Coalition.

Rosina Connelly: Co-leader/workshop presenter “Making learning fun for all: working with your learners’ differences” at the 2012 Spring Pediatric Academic Societies Annual National Meeting in Boston, MA; Member, Academic Pediatric Association Health Literacy SIG. Reviewer: *Medical Education Online*.

LaDonna Crews: Board Member, American Academy of Pediatrics, Alabama Chapter Residency Program Representative.

Karen Crissinger: Listed: *America’s Top Doctors and Best Doctors in America*. Reviewer: *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, American Journal of Physiology*.

Haidee Custodio: Poster mentor, Southern Society for Pediatric Research Meeting; Judge, Pediatric Clinical Case Symposium, Southern Society for Pediatric Research Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Benjamin Estrada: Institutional Representative, elected Council Member, Southern Society for Pediatric Research; Institution Representative, Committee on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP); Member, COMSEP Curriculum Task Force; Elected to Faculty Membership, USA COM AOA Honor Medical Society, Alabama Beta Chapter.

Sheryl Falkos: Medical Director, Pediatrics for Baptist LifeFlight; Member, Alabama Child Death Review; Advisory Board, Penelope House.

Cristina Gavrilita: Member, Alabama Baby Coalition.



David Gremse: Medical Editor, Subboard of Pediatric Gastroenterology Examination Committee, American Board of Pediatrics; Editorial Board, Paediatric Drugs; Finance Committee, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition MOC-G Examination Committee, American Board of Pediatrics; Past President, Western Society for Pediatric Research; Past President, Nevada Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics; Executive Committee, Section on Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, American Academy of Pediatrics; Reviewer: *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology and Nutrition, Pediatrics*.

Charles Hamm: Interim Chair, Department of Pediatrics, May 2011 through April 2012.

Grace Hundley: Member, Alabama Chapter Governor's Council, American College of Physicians (ACP); Poster Judge, Student and Associate Abstract Competition, Alabama Chapter, ACP Annual Meeting, Orange Beach, AL.

Hamayun Imran: Reviewer: *Transplant International*.

Anne-Marie Kaulfers: Member, ADPH Newborn Screening Advisory Committee; Board Member, Southeastern Diabetes Education Services; Reviewer: *The Journal of Clinical Endocrinology & Metabolism*.

Jessica Kirk: Coordinator and Medical Home Subcommittee Chairperson, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) SOMSRFT District X; CATCH Facilitator, State of Alabama; AL Chapter Young Physician Co-Chairperson of the AAP; Member, AAP Council on Community Pediatrics; Nominating Committee, SOYP.

Keith Peevy: Member, Alabama Baby Coalition Task Force; Member, Alabama Baby Coalition Task Force Sub-Committee Task Force Community Action Team.

Anand Ponnambalam: Member, Motility Committee of the North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition (NASPGHAN); Course Conductor, North American Society for Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Annual Conference.

Daniel Preud'Homme: Reviewer: *Clinical Pediatrics*.

Hanes M. Swingle: Pilot tester, CDC online course on identifying, diagnosing, and managing autism spectrum disorders; Member, Executive Committee, Alabama Interagency Autism Coordinating Council (AIACC); Board of Directors, Autism Society of Alabama; Board of Directors, Glenwood Autism and Behavioral Health Center, Birmingham; Advisory Board, Learning Tree, Inc.; Reviewer: *Journal of Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, the Maternal and Child Health Journal, the Pediatric Academic Society Annual Meeting*.

R. Franklin Trimm: Board of Directors, Society for Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics; Consultant, AAP Mental Health Task Force; Director and Chair of Council,

Association of Pediatric Program Directors LEAD (Program Director School); Member, DB PREP Planning Meeting, Chicago, IL; Workgroup Chair, AAP PediaLink Resident Center (National website for resident completion of ACGME required Individualized Learning Plan [ILP]), Chicago, IL; Member, Accreditation Council Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Pediatric Residency Review Committee; Member, AAP Committee on Pediatric Education (COPE); Member, SDBP Program Planning Committee; Co-Editor, American Academy of Pediatrics Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics Self-Assessment; Session Moderator, Pediatric Academic Societies Annual Meeting, Boston, MA; Workgroup Chair, AAP Mental Health Curriculum Meeting, Chicago, IL; Osler Scholar, University of Texas Medical Branch; Reviewer: *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics, Pediatrics, Academic Medicine, Journal of Graduate Medical Education, Pediatrics.*

Rosa Vidal: Board of Directors, Ronald McDonald House.

Felicia Wilson: President, Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight Regulatory Commission; Member, State of Alabama Newborn Screening Advisory Committee; Co-Chair, Hemoglobinopathy Subcommittee; Member, Alabama Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalition and Member, Prevention, Early Detection Subcommittee; Laboratory Medical Director and Board of Directors, Sickle Cell Disease Association of American, Mobile Chapter.

Michael Zayek: Member, Regional IV Perinatal Advisory Council; Member, State Perinatal Advisory Committee; Reviewer: *Clinical Pediatrics; Society for Pediatric Research.*

## **VI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS**

The Department of Pediatrics was delighted to welcome Dr. David Gremse back to USA as Professor and Chair of the Pediatric Department. The department also welcomed Dr. Paola Maurtua-Neumann as Assistant Professor in the Division of General Pediatrics after completion of a Pediatric Infectious Disease fellowship at Tulane. The department also welcomed back Dr. Brad McClellan, an alumnus of the USACOM Class of 2006, to the department as Assistant Professor and Director of the Division of Pediatric Nephrology. Dr. McClellan completed his pediatric nephrology fellowship at Stanford and is the first full-time pediatric nephrologist in Mobile. Dr. Kari Bradham completed her duties as Pediatric Chief Resident and joined the Division of General Pediatrics as Assistant Professor. This past year saw the departures of Drs. John Benjamin (Neonatology), Kathie Savells (General Pediatrics), and Tom Martinko (Adolescent Medicine), and the promotion of Dr. Felicia Wilson to Full Professor.

Drs. Haidee Custodio, Benjamin Estrada, Grace Hundley, Druhan Howell, Ihab Jubran, Jessica Kirk, Jose Martinez, Daniel Preud'Homme, Kathie Savells, Hanes Swingle and Felicia Wilson were recognized by the USACOM Class of 2012 as Distinguished Faculty at the Honors Convocation. The eighteenth recipient of the Hollis J. Wiseman Award for Excellence in Pediatrics during the Pediatric Clerkship was Thomas Cooper Wilson. Nine of the graduating medical students in the USACOM Class of 2012 chose residencies in Pediatrics or combined Medicine-Pediatrics.

Of the pediatric housestaff completing residency training in 2012, three entered private practice, three entered into fellowship training, one accepted a position at USA Children's & Women's Hospital Evaluation Center, two remained in the department as Pediatric Chief Residents. Both of the graduating Medicine-Pediatrics residents entered private practice.

The residency training program in categorical Pediatrics expanded to a total of 36 positions. Twelve new first year residents entered the pediatric residency program, and two first-year residents entered the combined Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program. Drs. Sophia Goslings and MaryLynn Epsten were named Chief Residents for the 2012-2013 academic year.

The scholarly activities by the faculty of the Department of Pediatrics this year included 13 original articles and 23 published abstracts. Departmental faculty were active in mentoring pediatric residents in clinical research. There were 12 abstracts presented at regional and national meetings by pediatric residents who were the first authors with senior authorship by members of the pediatric faculty.

The expansion of USA Children's and Women's Hospital offers new opportunities to expand the capabilities to deliver pediatric care for children in the region, increase the capacity for undergraduate and graduate medical education in pediatrics, and to increase the patient population available for clinical research in pediatrics. The Department of Pediatrics participates in community outreach programs with USA Children's and Women's Hospital to educate the general public and referring physicians about the child health services available.

Faculty members in the Department of Pediatrics are playing an instrumental role in undergraduate and graduate medical education of USACOM students and residents. Dr. Benjamin Estrada reviewed and edited each of the newly designed competency-based objectives for each of the courses across the 4 years of instruction in the undergraduate medical education program that will be implemented starting with the Class of 2016.

Dr. Franklin Trimm chairs the Next ACGME Accreditation System Task Force for USACOM. Dr. Daniel Preud'Homme is the Thread Leader for undergraduate medical education in Nutrition that incorporates nutrition objectives throughout the four year undergraduate medical education curriculum. Dr. Grace Hundley, who is Associate Residency Program Director for the Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program, has a joint appointment with the Department of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics and also serves as the Course Director for the Introduction to Clinical Medicine course.

Major goals for the coming year include: 1) development of Quality Improvement projects both departmental initiated as well as participating in Children's & Women's Hospital QI efforts, 2) implementation of advances in undergraduate and graduate medical education programs with a new pediatric clerkship curriculum for medical students and innovations in the pediatric residency curriculum in preparation to be in compliance with the Pediatrics Milestones Project of the ACGME, and 3) expansion of outreach initiatives in conjunction with Children's & Women's Hospital to increase access to care for children with special health care needs.