Message from our Chair

As Summer ends, we are entering a busy season again. On the clinical ambulatory side, approximately fifty percent of our patient contacts are now face-to-face. Both patients and clinicians are adjusting to new realities and it is apparent that this hybrid model is here to stay. Inpatient units are busy as always and we continue to deal with a near-full census on most days. Our new residents are in house and have adjusted well to the transition. Lectures and seminars for residents are also split between video and traditional formats.

We are preparing for the second Carl Bell Memorial Lecture that will be delivered by Patrice Harris, MD, a psychiatrist and former President of the American Medical Association, September 15th. Our annual Research Extravaganza will again be virtual in order to minimize Covid exposure and risk. There are several active searches for faculty and staff in the adult and child divisions and this keeps everyone very busy.

All is well and let's try and keep it that way. Enjoy what's left of the Summer!

Anand Kumar, MD, MHA
Upcoming Events:

Save the Date!

More information coming soon!

Department of Psychiatry’s
Dr. Carl Bell Memorial Lecture VIRTUAL
September 15, 2021

Patrice Harris, MD, MA
Past President
of the American Medical Association (AMA)

Department of Psychiatry’s
12th Annual VIRTUAL
Research Extravaganza
October 13th, 2021

More Information coming!
Faculty and Staff News!

Congratulations!

Dr. Neil Pliskin gave the keynote address at the 6th Pacific Rim Conference in Melbourne, Australia titled “What is the true value of neuropsychological services and how will they need to change to stay relevant?”

Dr. Neil Smalheiser was elected Fellow of the American Medical Informatics Association.

Drs. Liza Suarez and Jaleel Abdul-Adil (Institute for Juvenile Research – IJR) on the renewal of their Urban Youth Trauma Center (UYTC) and the SPARKS program on Pediatric Stress and Anxiety Disorders. These grants are supported by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) which is part of the Department of Health and Human Services.

These federally funded programs are germane to the needs of the urban community we serve in Chicago and consistent with the goals and objectives of College of Medicine and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Dr. Liza Suarez, and Dr. Jaleel Abdul-Adil, Co-Directors of the Urban Youth Trauma Center, were just awarded two Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration grants to continue their work as part of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. The Urban Youth Trauma Center and Pediatric Stress and Anxiety Disorder Clinic will have a $1 million annual operating budget as Drs. Suarez and Abdul-Adil will expand on their training and consultation activities to now provide direct services through the Colbeth Clinic. More information can be found at Senator Dick Durbin’s press release: https://www.durbin.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/durbin-duckworth-announce-2-million-in-federal-funding-to-address-violence-support-trauma-informed-care-in-chicago

Drs. Liza Suarez and Jaleel Abdul -Adil were noted for their success and team work:


07.09.21 Durbin, Duckworth Announce $2 Million In Federal Funding To Address Violence, Support Trauma-Informed Care In Chicago. WASHINGTON – U.S. Senators Dick Durbin (D-IL) and Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) today announced a total of $2 million in federal funding to help address trauma and the cycle of violence in Chicago.

www.durbin.senate.gov
Faculty and Staff News (cont.)

**Jesse Herron, APRN** was elected as a 2-year officer on the UIC Advanced Practice Provider Council through the Offices of Professional Development & Advanced Practice. He will be representing all Certified Nurse Practitioners throughout the health system within this role.

**Jesse Herron, APRN** has been promoted from Nurse Practitioner of the Mood & Anxiety program to Director of Patient Care Services of Adolescent Psychiatry. In this new role he will be managing the day-to-day operations of the Comprehensive Assessment & Treatment Unit as of July 16, 2021.

**Dr. Judith Cook** was a featured panelist for a national webinar hosted by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the U.S. DHHS Administration for Community Living entitled *Promising Practices in Mental Health Self-Direction*, May 20, 2021. [https://aahd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PromisingPracticesinMentalHealthSelf-Direction_CMS-ACL05202021.pdf](https://aahd.us/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/PromisingPracticesinMentalHealthSelf-Direction_CMS-ACL05202021.pdf)

**Dr. Judith Cook** and her team presented their health self-management education project, designed to improve the emotional and physical well-being of Illinois’ older adults, at the National Council on Aging’s annual conference, Age+Action, June 9, 2021. [https://na.eventscloud.com/website/16534/agenda/](https://na.eventscloud.com/website/16534/agenda/)

**Dr. Judith Cook, Jessica Jonikas**, and faculty from Temple University launched the Center’s slow-motion Twitter chat series for mental health researchers @TalkMHResearch.

**Dr. Pauline Maki** recently did a live interview on WBEZ Sunnyside for Moms is featured as part of their weekly series “Chicago Innovators” on the station’s flagship show *Reset*.

WBEZ featured Sunnyside for Moms, the app/program developed by **Dr. Jenna Duffecy and Dr. Pauline Maki**, which helps identify, manage, and treat postpartum depression, and cites them as Chicago Innovators. [https://www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-innovators-psychologists-create-app-to-screen-pregnant-women-of-color-for-depression/6b66b4a9-88bd-4abd-adaa-fd4f645e157](https://www.wbez.org/stories/chicago-innovators-psychologists-create-app-to-screen-pregnant-women-of-color-for-depression/6b66b4a9-88bd-4abd-adaa-fd4f645e157)

**Dr. Gustavo Medrano** received the Merton Max Gill Faculty Teacher of the Year Award, University of Illinois at Chicago (Department of Psychiatry).

**Katherine Lopez**, a Psychology Intern, recently received the 2021 FABBS (Federation of Associations in Behavioral & Brain Sciences) Doctoral Dissertation Research Excellence Award! FABBS is a coalition of scientific societies focused on conducting advocacy, education, and communication activities in support of the sciences of mind, brain, and behavior.
Dr. Sally Weinstein is the Guest Editor of a Special Issue of the Journal of Affective Disorders: The Role of the Family in Evidence-Based Psychosocial Interventions for Child Affective Disorders.

Dr. Emma Childs presented “Influence of synthetic ovarian hormones on subjective responses to alcohol and methamphetamine” as part of the symposium entitled “Female Sex Hormones and Addiction: Preclinical and Clinical Studies” at the College on Problems of Drug Dependence 83rd Annual Scientific Virtual Meeting held June 21-24, 2021.

Dr. Marc Atkins is featured on a News segment which aired Tuesday July 20th at 7:00pm! The air times for the show, Public Health America, airs on Tuesdays at 7:00pm.
Tune in at: Optimum Channel 67, FiOS 2133.
& Worldwide online: At bronxnet.tv
It also premiered on YouTube on Tuesday July 20th at 7:00pm https://youtu.be/FTtlcPU2L6g

Downloadable WeTransfer File link (Can be downloaded anytime)
https://we.tl/t-kQA0fbDXqg


Dr. Pauline Maki in the New York Times:

Dr. Sucheta Connolly was asked to serve as a scientific consultant for segment on “Managing Separation Anxiety”, in a new NOVA/PBS digital parenting video series “Parentalogic” (Producer/Director Ari Daniel). Here is link: https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/video/managing-separation-anxiety/

Managing Separation Anxiety | NOVA | PBS
Not wanting a guardian to leave their side is a natural feeling for small children to experience; many adjust to their new surroundings within minutes of their loved ones (temporarily) leaving them. www.pbs.org
**Publications**


Title: Sustained Long Term Improvement in the Neurobehavioral Symptoms of a Patient with Initial by FTD (behavioral variant Frontotemporal Dementia) Diagnosis: A Case Report

Authors: Esther Kim, Drs. Neil Pliskin, PhD and Maria T Caserta, In: Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology: In press

“Twenty-year effects of antipsychotics in schizophrenia and affective psychotic disorders”; **Dr. Martin Harrow**, Thomas H Jobe1 and Liping Tong. *Psychological Medicine*. 1-11


“Monocyte Transcriptional Profiling Highlights a Shift in Immune Signatures Over the Course of Illness in Schizophrenia”; Jennifer Melbourne, **Dr. Cherise Rosen, Kayla Chase**, Benjamin Feiner and **Dr. Rajiv Sharma**; *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. 12


Publications (cont.)


