



JOHN S. CURRAN, M.D.

John Curran is an alumnus of Rutgers University, the University of Pennsylvania College of Medicine (Class of 1966), and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is Board Certified in Pediatrics and Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine. He is a charter member of the University of South Florida College of Medicine faculty in Tampa. Until relatively recently, he was actively engaged in clinical practice as the founding neonatologist at the Tampa General Hospital and as its Chief of Pediatrics. He has been Medical Director for regional CMS programs for children with special health care needs and understands the comprehensive medical home, the need for enhanced information technology, and the complex issues confronting the complex finances of private, public and academic practice. He is now Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics with national leadership recognized with the Abraham Jacobi Award of the American Medical Association, a Lifetime Healthcare Hero Award in the Tampa Bay Region, and the March of Dimes Lawton Chiles Perinatal Award and a Distinguished Service Award from USF in 2012. He has completed his twenty-one years in the Senior Administration of USF COM as Vice Dean (4 years) and most recently as Senior Executive Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs. He was recalled to active duty in the First Gulf War and completed 26 years of service in the USAF Reserves retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1992 .

Until 2011 he served as Chair for District X of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), an organization of 60,000 pediatricians representing Florida, Georgia, Alabama and Puerto Rico. He has been in a senior leadership role of the AAP and serves as a consultant relative to the medical home and children's health care and for the integration of health information to the medical or personal health record. A decade ago he served as a facilitator and key contact for the founding of the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative and the Florida Perinatal Group within the Perinatal Group of Five sponsored by the March of Dimes for California, Illinois, Texas, New York and Florida and was a March of Dimes Grant Recipient at the Chiles Center for "Decreasing Scheduled Deliveries before the 39th Week of Gestation – A Multi-Center Quality Improvement Program in Florida.

He has held many appointments in his state medical association, was a member of the Medical School Section of the American Medical Association, served as President of the Hillsborough County Medical Association and has been on leadership committees of the Florida Medical Association. He is Vice Chair and a board member of the PRN program supervising services for impaired students and physicians in Florida. Although multi-tasked, his extramural interest is to actively seek engagement in tasks to enhance service delivery for children, improve access for children, improve reimbursement for pediatricians and pediatric specialists, and developing strategies including information integration for the pediatric practice and medical home of the next decade.

Dr. Curran retired after 45 years at the University of South Florida College of Medicine as Senior Executive Associate Dean for Faculty and Academic Affairs and during 2016/17 concomitantly as Deputy Secretary of Health for Children's Medical Services of the Department of Health. He has had a particular interest spanning approximately 20 years in promoting access for impaired medical students to the PRN programs for impaired professionals after many years of advocacy working with Dr. Schiebler and members of the legislature to authorize access to PRN evaluation and coordination of monitoring services. In his local

community he continues to advocate for a broadened focus on mental health expansion, improved access and outcomes, issues with opioid use disorder particularly in pregnant women, NAS, veterans and suicide prevention, and works with College of Public Health MPH student internships addressing a new program in Healthy Living. He holds the rank of Professor Emeritus in Pediatrics and is the author of 32 peer reviewed articles, 15 book chapters, several technical reports and numerous abstracts, presentations and was recently honored with an Affiliate Professor appointment in the USF College of Public Health.

Relevant PRN Related Publications/Presentations

Gender differences in substance use and psychiatric distress among medical students: A comprehensive statewide evaluation. Merlo, L.J., Curran, J.S., and Watson, R. Substance Abuse: DOI: 10.1080/08897077.2017.1355871 23 August, 2017.

Presentations:

Merlo, L.J., Ziegler, P., and Curran, J.S., Comprehensive Statewide Multi-Dimensional Evaluation of Medical Student Wellness in the State of Florida, Platform Presentation at the American Association of Medical Colleges Annual Meeting (RIME), November 6, 2014, Chicago, IL 26. Merlo, L.J., Curran, J.S.,

Promoting Medical Student Access to a State Physician Health Program, American Association of Medical Colleges, November 8, 2014, Chicago Illinois (Poster Presentation as part of Learn, Serve, Lead) 27. Merlo, L.J., Curran, J.S., Otkur, B., & Ziegler, P. (2015).

Promotion of Wellness Among Medical Students to Improve Physician Health. Paper to be presented at the Federation of State Physician Health Programs 26 Annual Meeting, April 27, 2015. Fort Worth, TX.