

## UPDATES FROM YOUR USF HEALTH PHYSICIAN AND PROVIDER RELATIONS TEAM

USFHealth

*This marks the 43rd volume of The Monthly Newsletter. Thank you for all your contributions and updates regarding the POC List. This is your reference for making internal referrals, please use it. Data shows we have generated over 50,000 internal referrals in FY 2024. This is critical information; you can click on the link below to view the PDF. If you notice any more updates, please send them directly to me at [grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu)*

*Please note Providers: We are relying on you to input all appropriate data when filling out an internal referral.*

*Thank you,  
Gina*

### February: [Point of Contact \(POC List\)](#)

The **Patient Access Contact Center POC (Point of Contact)** is for your reference and internal referrals. The link below will provide you with key POC contacts for each clinical specialty (as provided by the department). The POCs ensure that when contacted they use their best effort to accommodate the patient request for referrals or information. Report any errors, changes, or additions to Gina Rathbun at [grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu). Changes will be reflected in the next distribution. Please refer to this list for internal referral information within USF Health or visit us at: <https://health.usf.edu/care/medical-professionals>

#### **Provider Relations Team Member**

Gina Rathbun, M.A., Director, Physician Relations Coordination and Outreach [grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu)

## **USF Health physicians and healthcare providers,**

The [The USF Health Physician Directory by Specialty and Other Healthcare Professionals](#) is comprised of credentialed USF physicians and other health care professionals. Entries in the directory are listed by “specialty” and not by department and are generated from our Cactus database. At the end of the document, you will find a convenient alphabetical index for quick reference.

Please use the directory as a resource; it is also available at our website for [download or print](#). We encourage you to share this helpful resource when referring to USF Health physicians and other health care professional providers. To view the downloadable link to the physician directory by specialty on the provider referring page, please visit: <https://health.usf.edu/care/medical-professionals>.

Please Share the directory with your contacts and submit any questions or changes to me at [grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu).

As always, thank you for entrusting us with the care of your patients.

## **Faculty Directory**

Login using your USF username and password [here](#)

[Faculty Directory 3.0 FAQ](#)

[Faculty Directory 3.0- How to edit profiles and manage proxies](#)

[Provider Relations Newsletter Guidelines](#)

## MEET OUR NEW PROVIDERS

### USF Health Welcomes: Cyan Walker, APRN

Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Division of Midwifery



**Cyan Walker, APRN**  
Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Division of Midwifery

Cyan Walker is a board-certified Family Nurse Practitioner joining the OB/GYN department. Originally from Ireland and raised in Chicago, Cyan's passion for women's health began during her time as a volunteer doula in Chicago. She earned her BSN at Columbia University and gained five years experience as a labor and delivery nurse.

After relocating to Tampa with her husband, Warren, to be closer to family, Cyan completed her Master's in Nursing at the University of Tampa. Since 2022, she has been dedicated to providing exceptional women's health care in the Tampa area.

**For appointments please call: 813-821-8019**  
**Email Address: [cyandwalker@usf.edu](mailto:cyandwalker@usf.edu)**

*In an effort to introduce our new faculty to staff, a brief biography about them has been prepared. By providing you with more information about them, it is our hope we will become more familiar with their services as part of the USF Health Care team.*

## 2025 Jan. - April Headshot Schedule Faculty Headshot Schedule

### Faculty Office Building 2161 (FOB)\*

Jan. 10  
Feb. 7  
Mar. 7  
April 4

### South Tampa Center 7031 (STC)

Jan. 24  
Feb. 21  
Mar. 21  
April 18

- All sessions are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Please bring your own USF Health branded white coat. Lab coats cannot be provided.
- Walk-ins are welcome! No appointment is necessary for these photo sessions, which are meant for attending physicians, senior staff and faculty.

*\* Please note, USF Health's Faculty Office Building may show up on USF maps and Google maps as MDF.*

### Headshots and What to Expect

USF has changed its digital asset management system so headshots taken by our team will now be stored in the new platform called Bynder.

Here is the link to the gallery that holds USF Health faculty headshots:

<https://brand.usf.edu/web/137c7104baf7bca4/provider-headshots/>

As a reminder:

- Headshots sessions are provided for USF Health faculty and are held about twice a month at two locations – South Tampa Center (STC) next to Tampa General and the Faculty Office Building (MDF) across from the Morsani Center on the USF campus in north Tampa.
- Photos will be available 7-10 business days after the photo shoot.
- **A link to the gallery in Bynder will be emailed to those who attended the photo session:**  
<https://brand.usf.edu/web/137c7104baf7bca4/provider-headshots/>
- The faculty member should share the photo upon receiving with the department administrator for use on websites.
- Once in the gallery, you can find the photo by:
  - Using the search option (field at the top of the page) to search by the last name.
  - Using the sorting option (just above the photos) to sort by date, name, etc.
- Click on the photo, and then click the green download button.
- Use the photo to update your profiles in both Kyruus and Faculty Directory.

## USF HEALTH RESEARCH STUDY ALERTS

# BRAIN HEALTH FAIR



## *Join Us for a Day of Wellness!*

Discover how to keep your brain & body healthy at our Brain Health Fair.

Enjoy engaging lectures on healthy eating, memory, & hearing.

Explore vendor exhibits, get a free hearing screening, & participate in fun activities!

**Free entry & parking!**

**Saturday, March 15  
9am - 3pm**

**Location:  
The WELL**

**12901 Bruce B. Downs Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33612**



**Hosted By:**



# Quit tobacco with **Group Quit.**

There's never been a more  
important time to quit.



## Benefits:

- **FREE** expert-led sessions.
- **FREE** nicotine replacement therapy such as patches, gum, or lozenges.\*  
\*if medically appropriate for those 18 years of age or older
- Covers all forms of tobacco.
- Develop your personalized quit plan.
- More than **DOUBLES** your chances of success.



**Florida  
HEALTH**

Learn more about all of  
Tobacco Free Florida's tools and services at  
[tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway](https://tobaccofreeflorida.com/quityourway)

Sponsored by:



USF AREA HEALTH  
EDUCATION CENTER  
PROGRAM

For more information on Group  
Quit sessions, contact:

**813-974-7889**

Group Schedule:

### Virtual Quit Smoking Now (4 - weeks)

Occurs every Tuesday starting  
February 4, 2025 - February 25, 2025  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Occurs every Wednesday starting  
February 5, 2025 - February 26, 2025  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Occurs every Sunday starting  
February 9, 2025 - March 2, 2025  
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

**Tobacco Free Florida's Group Quit  
Sessions (in-person or virtual) now  
offer participants \$25 - \$125 in gift  
cards for their attendance.\*  
\*while supplies last.**

Zoom link will be sent after registering.

Please submit your Research Study Alerts  
to [ginarathbun@usf.edu](mailto:ginarathbun@usf.edu)

### ***Morsani College of Medicine welcomes the newest inductees of Academy of Distinguished Educators***



Three USF Health Morsani College of Medicine faculty were inducted into the college's prestigious Academy of Distinguished Educators in recognition of their outstanding contributions to training the next generation of health providers. Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH, associate professor of surgery, Danielle Gulick, PhD, associate professor of molecular medicine, and Vinita Kiluk, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, were honored by USF Health leadership as master educators and received their awards at a ceremony Jan. 22.

Read the story here.

[Morsani College of Medicine welcomes newest inductees of Academy of Distinguished Educators](#)

*Story and Photos by Freddie Coleman*

## COVID-19 may provide new clues on how to treat deadly lung disease



Since COVID-19 started, Dr. Herazo-Maya and his team have been studying the similarities between abnormal levels of genes in the blood of patients with IPF and COVID.

These new findings provide a more comprehensive analysis of their previous studies because they address the relationship in these two diseases and the identification of the

immune cells where these genes are activated or deactivated.

Read the story here.

[COVID-19 may provide new clues on how to treat deadly lung disease](#)

*Story by Kurt Loft*



## USF Health establishes a new center to advance hypertension and kidney disease research



The University of South Florida has launched a new [Hypertension and Kidney Center | USF Health](#), which will serve as an interdisciplinary hub for cutting-edge medical research into one of the state's most pressing health challenges. Housed under the [Morsani College of Medicine | USF Health](#) and bringing together basic scientists and clinicians across several departments, the center aims to facilitate high-impact studies, attract top-tier researchers, secure competitive grants and elevate USF's reputation nationally as a key destination for biomedical research.

Read the story here.

[USF Health establishes new center to advance hypertension and kidney disease research](#)

Watch the video here.

[The Hypertension and Kidney Research Center has been Officially Established at USF Health](#)

*Story by Cody R. Hawley, PhD*

## A grateful mom gives back after lifesaving care from USF Health, TGH



“I just feel so grateful for everything Tampa General and USF Health did for me,” she says. “I truly felt cared for — even the residents in the delivery room were coaching me through breathing and holding my hands.” Blessed with two healthy children, she set out to find a way to give back and help others who may have the condition and worked with the USF Foundation to make it a reality. “I wanted to create something that will help residents, fellows and doctors to have more education and experience around placenta accreta, so they’re fully prepared for it,” she says. “Maybe the fund can make a difference saving a life.” Just as top-tier care from the Morsani College of Medicine and TGH saved her own.

Read the grateful patient story here.

[A grateful mom gives back after lifesaving care from USF Health, TGH :: Giving to USF](#)

## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

# **USF Health and the Shimberg Health Sciences Library Celebrate our Published Faculty!**

*Over 135 Faculty Authors have participated in the Book of the Month!*

*And over \$20,000 in book donations. This serves as a great resource for Providers, MCOM Students, and faculty.*

*USF Health Physicians and Professional Healthcare Providers are invited to submit their scholarly published books to*

*The Book of the Month: Contributions to the Field Collection.*

BOOK OF THE MONTH: CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD

USFHealth

## The Three Functional States of Proteins: Structured, Intrinsically Disordered, and Phase Separated

Dr. Timir Tripathi and Prof. Vladimir N. Uversky

### About the USF editor

**Professor Vladimir N. Uversky, PhD, DSc, FRSB, FRSC, F.A.I.M.B.E.**, Professor at the Department of Molecular Medicine, Morsani College of Medicine, University of South Florida (USF), is a pioneer in the field of protein intrinsic disorder. He has made a number of groundbreaking contributions in the field of protein folding, misfolding, and intrinsic disorder. He obtained his academic degrees from Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology (Ph.D., in 1991) and from the Institute of Experimental and Theoretical Biophysics, Russian Academy of Sciences (D.Sc., in 1998). He spent his early career working mostly on protein folding at the Institute of Protein Research and the Institute for Biological Instrumentation (Russia). In 1998, moved to the University of California Santa Cruz. In 2004, joined the Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis as a Senior Research Professor. Since 2010, Professor Uversky is with USF, where he works on various aspects of protein intrinsic disorder phenomenon and on analysis of protein folding and misfolding processes. Prof. Uversky has authored over 1250 scientific publications and edited several books and book series on protein structure, function, folding, misfolding, and intrinsic disorder. He is also serving as an editor in a number of scientific journals. He was a co-founder of the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Subgroup at the Biophysical Society and the Intrinsically Disordered Proteins Gordon Research Conference. Prof. Uversky collaborated with more than 12,500 colleagues from more than 2,750 research organizations in 89 countries/territories.

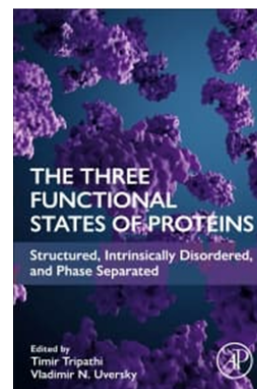


Vladimir N. Uversky, PhD,  
DSc, FRSB, FRSC, F.A.I.M.B.E

### About the book

*The Three Functional States of Proteins* explores how structured proteins, intrinsically disordered proteins, and phase separated proteins contribute to the complexity of cellular life and offers insights into their roles in both health and disease. It discusses the latest research findings and highlight groundbreaking discoveries and innovative methodologies used to study these protein states. Traditionally, the different states of proteins have been defined based on their structures and functions. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that these criteria alone may not be sufficient to capture the complex and multifaceted properties of these molecules. Definitions based on thermodynamics and kinetics are now recognized as potentially more appropriate for comprehensively understanding protein states.

Emerging evidence indicates that under physiological conditions, a majority of proteins possess the capability to exist in and transition between the native, droplet, and amyloid states. These distinct states play crucial roles in various cellular functions, influenced significantly by their physicochemical and structural properties. The book also considers the interactions among these states and discusses how their internal organization as individual molecules, as well as their collective organization as molecular assemblies are stabilized. Furthermore, it examines the processes by which these states are formed and the cellular functions associated with each specific state.



GET THE BOOK!

Elsevier (Imprint: Academic Press); Amazon.com; Shimberg Health Sciences Library

**Gina Rathbun, M.A.**

*Director, Physician Relations Coordination and Outreach*

*USF Health Communications and Marketing*


[grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu)

# NEW PATIENT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS


TGH Tampa General Hospital | USFHealth  
Morsani College of Medicine

**Diabetes and Endocrinology Center**

## PITUITARY PROGRAM



The USF-TGH Pituitary Program offers highly specialized, comprehensive care for the management and treatment of the full range of pituitary conditions. A multidisciplinary team of experts includes dedicated pituitary, neurosurgery, neuroendocrinologists, neuro-ophthalmologists, neuro-oncologists, neuropathologists, ENT specialists, and radiation oncologists. A Pituitary Tumor Board meets monthly to review cases and determine customized treatment plans.




**Office Locations:**

**Endocrinology**  
13330 USF Laurel Dr., 5th Floor  
Tampa, FL 33612  
Phone for Patients: (813) 821-8011  
Fax: (813) 821-8378

**Neurosurgery**  
2 Tampa General Circle  
Tampa, FL 33606  
Phone for Patients: (813) 821-8034  
Fax: (813) 821-8389

**Contact Our Team:**  
Referral line for providers for all specialties:  
(813) 821-8057

TGH Tampa General Hospital | USFHealth  
Morsani College of Medicine

### Continuity of Care

Initial visits for surgical patients are streamlined to allow for consultations with an endocrinologist and a neurosurgeon on the same day. In addition, patients are treated by the same team in both the inpatient and outpatient settings.

### Access to Neuroendocrinology Specialists

Specialists within the Pituitary Program provide evaluation and management of pituitary and hypothalamic disorders.

- Functional vs nonfunctional pituitary adenomas
- Pre-/Post-operative pituitary hormone management
- Hypopituitarism management

### Available Radiation Therapies

Patients at the USF-TGH Pituitary Program have access to the latest diagnostic tests:

**Varian True Beam™ System** - Fast and precise image-guided radiation therapy (IMRT) that features surface monitoring to detect motion and deliver precise treatments to target the smallest and most complex tumors.

**Cyberknife® S7 Radiosurgery System** - The first and only fully robotic radiotherapy device that uses stereotactic body radiation therapy (SBRT) to deliver precise doses of radiation with extreme accuracy in as few as 15 minutes.

**Peptide Receptor Radionuclide Therapy (PRRT)** - Targeted radiotherapy that involves injecting radioactive peptides, which bind with specific tumor cell receptors and destroy them with intense doses of radioactivity.

### Pituitary imaging is available at multiple locations:

USF Radiology Center: (813) 259-8845 or (813) 396-2372  
Tampa General Hospital: (813) 844-8288  
TGH Imaging: (813) 874-3177

### USF-TGH Pituitary Program Expertise

Specialists at the USF-TGH Pituitary Program are experts in treatment patients with a variety of conditions related to pituitary dysfunction including:

- Acromegaly
- Craniopharyngioma
- Cushing's disease
- Non-functioning pituitary adenoma
- Pituitary cysts, including Rathke's cleft cyst
- Prolactinoma
- TSH-producing pituitary adenomas
- Hereditary syndromes (MEN-4, MEN-1, McCune Albright syndrome, Carney complex)
- Hypophysitis
- Panhypopituitarism
- Pituitary dysfunction induced by immune checkpoint inhibitors
- Central Diabetes Insipidus

### Meet The Experts

#### Neurosurgery



#### Endocrinology



#### Neuro Oncology



#### Radiation Oncology



#### ENT



#### Neuro-Ophthalmology



#### Neuropathology



# USFHealth

***Gina Rathbun, M.A.***

*Director, Physician Relations Coordination and Outreach*

*USF Health Communications and Marketing*

*[grathbun@usf.edu](mailto:grathbun@usf.edu)*

*USF Health: <http://www.health.usf.edu>*