A group of University of Florida researchers – including UFDI members Graciela Lorca, Ph.D., Mark Atkinson, Ph.D., Michael Haller, M.D., and Clayton Mathews, Ph.D., alongside Claudio Gonzalez, Ph.D. and Wendy Dahl, Ph.D. – will use a new $3.5 million grant from JDRF and NIH NIDDK to evaluate safety, tolerability, and general response to Lactobacillus johnsonii N6.2 in children, adolescents, and adults with T1D.

The scientists aim to determine if the probiotic Lactobacillus johnsonii N6.2 has a positive impact on gastrointestinal health and general wellness for individuals with T1D.
Additional Info & Updates

**Kara & the (Not So) Dire Beastie** is an animated series aimed at helping young patients and their families better understand T1D. Creators Dr. Angelina Bernier and Alan Caudel spoke about the impact of this project on the Pediacast Podcast:


**UF DI Fitness Fest:** Every year, in honor of National Diabetes Awareness Month, the UF Diabetes Institute hosts a community event to promote diabetes awareness. Please join us for the 2019 Fitness Fest on November 17 at Depot Park! The event will consist of a wellness walk, yoga, vendors & more. Check our website and social media for more details.

**The Gator Chapter of the College Diabetes Network:** a community group that enables students with T1D to thrive in their personal, healthcare, & scholastic accomplishments, recently announced the 2019-2020 leadership group: Mykenzie Johnson is the president, Shaun DeJaney is the VP, and Brooke Miller is the treasurer! Congratulations!

**The UF Pediatric Diabetes group** is now piloting telemedicine directly to children at schools. This program, directed by clinical assistant professor Anastasia Albanese O’Neill, Ph.D., seeks to reduce the communication gaps that often exist between school nurses, teachers, and the diabetes team. The program also allows school nurses to be more directly involved in the care of children with diabetes who often receive a large portion of their diabetes care during the school day.

**The T1D Toolkit,** a program designed to complement the diabetes education provided in clinic program is now being used by the American Diabetes Association, JDRF and other diabetes support groups. The program was envisioned by Anastasia Albanese O’Neill, Ph.D., clinical assistant professor from UF Pediatrics, and developed in partnership with pediatric endocrinologists, certified diabetes educators, dietitians, psychologists, artists, graphic designers, people with T1D, and parents of children with T1D of all ages.

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