In the Calendar

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 3/18. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital. See Update Calendar inside.

Take Note

Update on new parking garage is March 14

Richard O’Shea of SUNY Upstate’s Office of Finance and Management will provide an update on the proposed new parking garage and other parking-related matters Friday, March 14 at 1:30 p.m. in 2231 Weiskotten Hall. For more information, call 464-4510.

SUNY Upstate Medical University opens University In Vitro Fertilization Center

The University In Vitro Fertilization Center (University IVF) is SUNY Upstate Medical University’s newest initiative to provide Central New Yorkers with the most successful technologies and methodologies for assisted reproduction.

University IVF is located in Suite 214 Physicians Office Building, 725 Irving Ave., Syracuse and is open seven days a week. It is a component of SUNY Upstate’s Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility.

According to Shawky Badawy, M D, the creation of University IVF qualifies SUNY Upstate for distinction as a Center of Excellence for the evaluation and treatment of infertility.

“The University IVF center offers a full complement of services in the area of infertility, including ovulation induction, intrauterine insemination, donor insemination, as well as all components of in vitro fertilization,” said Dr. Badawy, who is professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics.

SUNY Upstate study examines women, girls with disabilities

Researchers at SUNY Upstate Medical University have launched a major clinical trial that may offer new insight into the onset of osteoporosis among women with disabilities. The study, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will examine the prevalence of osteoporosis among these women as well as highlight risk factors that cause osteoporosis in this population.

The study seeks women and girls, ages 10 to 45, who have mobility impairments, such as those associated with multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, stroke, traumatic brain injury and other disabilities.

Researchers say this young population may have osteoporotic conditions secondary to their disabilities. Although osteoporosis is more commonly associated with menopause, the reasons for this osteoporosis are not likely related to hormonal changes. However the reasons for this osteoporosis are likely not

University IVF staff include: bottom from left: Daniel Levine, MD, Shawky Badawy, MD, Frances Shue, MD. Top from left: Elizabeth Chapman, Becky Neulen, RN, Robin Argentine, RN, Lori Burgess, RN, Cheryl Calarese.

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### Wednesday, March 12

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Otology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds.** 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Intermediate Inmate Safety Classes.** 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 1403 University Hospital.

**Surgical Grand Rounds.** "Robotic Mitral Valve Repair Surgery." Presenter: W. Randolph Chitwood, M.D., East Carolina University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** "Thigh Pain After Total Hip Arthroplasty." Presenter: Bradley Gerber, M.D. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Pediatric Grand Rounds.** "Baby Boom in the New Millennium: The Impact of Assisted Reproductive Technologies." Presenter: Robert H. Ingere, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.** "Post Cardiac Arrest Myocardial Dysfunction." Presenter: M. Ark Angelos, M.D., Ohio State University. 11 a.m. to noon. 318 Health Sciences Library.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7193 for information.

**American Heart Walk/Run On-Site Registration.** Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-2169 to register.

**Calvin Region Update.** 11 a.m. To 3 p.m. 301 Campus Activities Bldg.

**Thursday, March 13**

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**American Heart Walk/Run On-Site Registration.** 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. University Hospital, second floor lobby.


**Medical Grand Rounds.** Presenter: Beverly Biller, M.D., Massachusetts General Hospital. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Urology Grand Rounds.** 9 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Psychiatry Grand Rounds.** "Role of Biological Markers in Addictive Disorders." Presenter: Ashwin A. Patkar, M.D., Thomas Jefferson University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St.

**Friday, March 14**

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** "Trends in Maternal and Perinatal Mortality." Presenter: Richard Aubry, M.D., University of California, San Diego. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

**Workshop.** "Getting the Red Out." 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. HealthLink.

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 8 a.m. to Noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**CPR Classes.** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

**SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.** 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Update on New Parking Garage.** Presenter: Richard O'Shea, Upstate Medical University. 1:30 p.m. 2231 Weiskotten Hall.

**Film:** Catch Me If You Can. (Rated PG-13). 7:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud. Admission: $2 per person.

**Saturday, March 15**

**Film.** See 3/14 Calendar listing.

**Monday, March 17**

**Symposium.** "Proteomics: the New Frontier." Conference: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reception: 4:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, 9th floor auditorium.

**Child Life Specialist Information Booth.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. University Hospital, second floor lobby.

**AA Open Meeting.** Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 463-5011 for more information.

**SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.** 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Daytime Childbirth Class.** 2 to 4 p.m. UHCC, Women's Health Services, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

**Tuesday, March 18**

**Workshop.** 9:30 a.m. University Hospital cafeteria. An activity of National Child Life Month.

**Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.** 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

**Evening Childbirth Class.** 6:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

**Health Professions and Nursing Alumni Phonathon.** See 3/12 Calendar listing.

**Wednesday, March 19**

**Sharpening your SAW Education Fair.** 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Otology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** "Recent Advances and New Challenges in Burn Patient Management." Presenter: Basil A. Pruitt, M.D., University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** "Periprosthetic Knee Fractures." Presenter: Kevin T. Setterton, M.D. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Payroll Services Workshop.** "All About Reporting Employee Work Time & Time Accruals and How To Complete a Timesheet." 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Pediatric Grand Rounds.** "Evaluation of the Limping Child." Presenter: Robert Cady, M.D., Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 3/12 Calendar listing.

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American Heart Walk/Run On-Site Registration. Noon to 1 p.m. University Hospital, second floor lobby.

Ice Cream Social (for pediatrics staff only). 2:30 to 4 p.m. 5342 University Hospital.

NIH Leading Lecture Series. "Regulating T Cell Antigen Receptor Signaling." Presenter: Dr. Arthur Weiss, UCSF. 3 to 4 p.m. 318 Health Sciences Library.

Monday, March 24

AA Open Meeting. See 3/17 Calendar listing.

Daytime Childbirth Class. 2 to 4 p.m. UHCC, Women's Health Services, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

Tuesday, March 25


Free Diabetes Screening. 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Joslin Diabetes Center, 90 Presidential Plaza.


Wednesday, March 26


Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

March 22 is date for 2003 Infectious Disease Pharmacotherapy Update

The 2003 Infectious Disease Pharmacotherapy Update will be held Saturday, March 22 from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. Among the many topics to be addressed are West Nile Virus, smallpox and the smallpox vaccine.

The program will describe the medical expert systems and their role in improving decision making in the medication use process associated with the management of infectious diseases; the history and epidemiology of West Nile Virus (participants can then recognize the clinical signs and symptoms); the rationale for the current approach to the treatment of HIV infection and the major adverse effect issues for highly active antiretroviral therapy; and the pathophysiology and clinical management of smallpox and the side effects of the smallpox vaccine. The program will also cover the epidemiology, diagnosis and treatment of cryptococcal infections in both the normal and immunocompromised individual; the most likely biological agents that may be involved in terrorist events; and immunization basics and new vaccines.

The program is approved for 5.7 credit hours in Category I of the Physician’s Recognition Award of the American Medical Association; 6.5 continuing education unit contact hours for pharmacists, and 6.8 continuing education unit contact hours for nurses.

The deadline to register is March 14. To register or for more information call 464-4311 or e-mail wagnera@upstate.edu.
Update on Affective Disorders conference to be held March 27

“Update on Affective Disorders” is the topic of the Department of Psychiatry’s continuing medical education conference, to be held Friday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Marx Hotel, 701 East Genesee Street, Syracuse.

Thomas Schwartz, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry at SUNY Upstate, will present “Update on Bipolar Disorder Treatments.” Adam Ashton, M.D., associate professor of psychiatry at SUNY Buffalo School of Medicine, will present “Update on Side Effect Management of Psychotropics.” The conference is sponsored by an education grant from GlaxoSmithKline.

To register or for more information, call 464-3104 or e-mail: thorpl@upstate.edu.
and Gynecology at SUNY Upstate and serves as medical director for University IVF Center. He established Upstate New York’s first organized infertility program more than 25 years ago and spearheaded the efforts to create University IVF.

University IVF is staffed by physicians who specialize in infertility reproductive endocrinology and biology.

Daniel Levine, M.D., assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at SUNY Upstate, serves as the Center’s reproductive endocrinologist. Dr. Levine participates in all aspects of endocrine and infertility evaluation of patients, including patients who undergo in vitro fertilization and embryo transfer. A highly trained clinician, he is also pursuing research related to infertility and in vitro fertilization.

Frances Shue, M.D., is the center’s embryologist and also serves as medical director of University IVF’s in vitro fertilization laboratory. Dr. Shue trained at the Fertility Institute of New Orleans and has more than 10 years of experience in in vitro fertilization, having established a successful in vitro fertilization clinic in Florida. Completing the University IVF staff are qualified registered nurses, an office manager and assistant administrators who counsel patients on various tests and procedures involved in in vitro fertilization.

“University IVF staff delivers care with the highest professional regard for each patient,” said Dr. Badawy. “They work with referring physicians in an atmosphere of cooperation to maximize and protect patients’ health and comfort. The result is a highly supportive environment for patients and their families.”

According to Dr. Badawy, University IVF will offer help to patients in many areas, including that of obstructed or damaged fallopian tubes, ovulation dysfunction, male factor infertility, endometriosis and unexplained infertility.

“University IVF laboratory uses the most advanced technologies to achieve a successful pregnancy, including direct microinjection of a single sperm into the mature egg (ICSI) for patients with male factor infertility, as well as other up-to-date technologies,” said Dr. Badawy.

For an appointment or for more information about the University IVF Center, call 464-7249.

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related to hormonal changes.

“Usually, osteoporosis is identified as a condition associated with postmenopausal women,” said the study’s principal investigator, Margaret Turk, M.D., a SUNY Upstate professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation. “But we believe there is a significant population of young women, even girls, for whom osteoporosis will quickly become and may already be a major health issue. Our aim is to prevent further disability.”

Margaret Turk, M.D.

Dr. Turk expects to find study participants with osteopenia, which is typically a precursor to osteoporosis. “Bone density begins to increase in adolescence and appears to be related to nutrition, health and activity,” she said. “Girls and women who have limitations in any of these three areas may not reach high levels of bone density or may lose their densities with decreased mobility. It is vitally important that the medical community understand how these factors are related to osteoporosis.”

Participants will be asked a series of questions regarding their health history, diet and their level of physical activity. They will undergo a bone density scan using a dual energy x-ray absorptiometry (DEXA). The DEXA scan is the most common way to measure bone density in a nondisabled population. However, the machine has certain limitations when used with the population of women and girls with mobility impairments. Issues of proper positioning and interpretation of readings are critical to ensure accurate readings.

Participants must be female and between the ages of 10 and 45 and have a mobility disability, such as spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, congenital impairment, stroke, disabling arthritis, traumatic brain injury or neuromuscular disorder. The study seeks participants across the entire upstate region. All health assessments are free.

The study is sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and its WEALTH Program (Women Empowered, Aware and Learning through Health Education) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

For more information on the study, call SUNY Upstate at 315-464-4782 or 1-888-749-4948.
NCLEX Review Course to be held March 28 and April 4, 11 and 18

A NCLEX review course is scheduled for Fridays, March 28, April 4, 11 and 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 5301 Weiskotten Hall Addition.

The four-class review course is intended for 2002 graduates of registered nursing programs and previous graduates who may have been unsuccessful in attempts at passing the NCLEX-RN.

Using the NCLEX-RN test plan as a guide, this course highlights the major content from the medical-surgical, pediatric, psychiatric and women's health areas that are tested on the NCLEX-RN exam.

The review course is free to SUNY Upstate employees. The cost for non-employees is $100 per person (includes the cost of the text book).

The registration deadline is Friday, March 21. To register or for more information, call Michaele Wendell of SUNY Upstate's Department of Organizational Training and Development at 464-4401.

Emergency Medicine Professional Teaching Day is March 26

The Third Annual Emergency Medicine for the 21st Century Conference: A Professional Teaching Day, will be held Wednesday, March 26 from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Convention Center at OnCenter. The conference is sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Department of Emergency Medicine, Institute for Continuing Nursing Education and the Office of Continuing Medical Education.

The conference will review current issues in emergency medicine with emphasis on leading edge therapeutics and techniques for the evaluation and treatment of the emergency patient. At the conclusion of the program, participants will be able to identify current issues affecting emergency care and integrate those issues into their practice. They will also be able to recognize and assess risks of the pediatric and adult patient and care in an acute setting.


Program directors are Richard C. Hunt, M.D., professor and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine and Lauren Pipas, M.D., who will also offer the introduction.

This continuing medical education activity is designated for seven credit hours in Category 1 of the Physicians’ Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Application has been made to the American College of Emergency Physicians for ACEP Category 1 credits and has been submitted to the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education at SUNY Upstate for providing contact hours.

The registration deadline is March 19. To register or for fee information, contact the Department of Emergency Medicine at: 464-6197 FAX: (315) 464-6220 or e-mail morer@upstate.edu

Evidence-Based Medicine is topic of seminar March 25

SUNY Upstate’s EPC Faculty Development Subcommittee presents the Faculty Development seminar “Evidence-Based Medicine: What’s the Evidence” by Dr. Cheryl Flynn, Tuesday, March 25 from noon to 1 p.m. in 5301 Weiskotten Hall. RSVP via e-mail to smithm@upstate.edu as space for this seminar is limited.

Trauma Conference to be held March 26

James Holsapple, M.D., associate professor of neurosurgery at SUNY Upstate, will present at SUNY Upstate’s Trauma Conference Wednesday, March 26 from 9 to 10 a.m. in 2231 Weiskotten Hall. For more information, call 464-4774.

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College of Graduate Studies to hold “Admissions Days” to recruit PhD student candidates March 27 and 28

SUNY Upstate’s College of Graduate Studies is presenting an “Admissions Days” program to recruit students candidates Thursday and Friday, March 27 and 28. Thursday’s event will be held at the Institute for Human Performance. Friday’s events will be held at Weiskotten Hall and the Institute for Human Performance.

The first session will be held from 4:30 to 9 p.m. and will offer prospective students overviews of the college’s departments of pharmacology, cell and developmental biology, microbiology, neuroscience, physiology and biochemistry. The evening also includes a happy hour social, a poster presentation and dinner.

The program’s second session is held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes breakfast, a welcome and introduction to the college by Dean M. axwell M ozell, a campus tour and a bus tour of Syracuse and parts of Onondaga County, individual interviews and laboratory visits with college faculty, lunch ending with a question and answer session with Dean M.ozell and program representatives.

All College of Graduate Studies faculty and students are strongly encouraged to attend the free social and dinner to meet prospective students.

For more information, contact Sandra Granger in the College of Graduate Studies at 464-7655.

Jerome Schentag, PharmD, to present seminar March 25

Jerome J. Schentag, PharmD, will present “Strategies for Proving the Efficacy of Antibiotics Against Resistant Pathogens,” Tuesday, March 25 at noon in 318 Health Sciences Library. A luncheon will be held prior to the program at 11:30 a.m. Dr. Schentag is professor of pharmaceutical sciences and pharmacy at the University of Buffalo School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences. His research interests include the effects of acute and chronic diseases on the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of antibiotics and cardiovascular medications, and the relationships between pharmacokinetics and toxicity of medications used in critically ill patients.

The lecture is sponsored by the Clinical Trials Office through a special education grant provided by Aventis Pharmaceuticals. To attend, R.S.V.P. to Anita Carroll at 464-5476 by March 18.

Bioterrorism/disaster related resources website announced

The Upstate Medical University Center for Emergency Preparedness, through the efforts of Don Groff at the Central New York Poison Control Center, has identified an internet link with a listing of bio-terrorism / disaster related resources. The listing is maintained by Gregory Banner, the Emergency Response Preparedness Coordinator for the Rhode Island Department of Health. It is available at: http://www.healthri.org/BIOT/web_sites.doc

Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn to present NIH lecture March 12

“Telomeres and Telomerase: Their Functional Interplay and its Cellular Consequences” will be presented by Dr. Elizabeth Blackburn of the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF) March 12 from 3 to 4 p.m. in 318 Health Sciences Library.

The lecture is part of the NIH Director’s Wednesday Afternoon Lectures, presented each week from 3 to 4 p.m. in 318 Health Sciences Library.

Upcoming NIH Director’s Wednesday Afternoon lectures include:

“Regulating T Cell Antigen Receptor Signaling” to be presented March 19 by Dr. Arthur Weiss of UCSF; and “Tinkering and Model of Genetic Networks” to be presented March 26 by Dr. Stanislaus Liebler of Rockefeller University.

The National Institute of Health/Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (NIH/FAES) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The NIH/FAES designates this educational activity for one credit for each session.

For more information, call 464-5476.
HIV/AIDS Nursing Update is March 28

The Seventh Annual HIV/AIDS Nursing Update: Strategies for Changing Times will be held Friday, March 28 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. The seminar will run until 4:30 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Central New York Chapter of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care, the NYSDOH AIDS Institute's HIV Clinical Education Initiative, the NY/VI AETC, and the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education at SUNY Upstate Medical University. It is designed for nurses and other healthcare professionals interested in the care of patients with HIV disease.

The program will cover such topics as epidemiology, prevention, testing, post exposure prophylaxis, drug/drug interactions, once-a-day dosing, HIV in the over fifty population, routine vaccinations in HIV care and smallpox and HIV.

Continuing education contact hours will be provided by the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education at SUNY Upstate.

The $50 fee includes tuition, meals, and parking in the hotel garage. For more information, call Melissa at 464-7313 or e-mail napierkm@upstate.edu.

University Hospital to celebrate National Child Life Month

University Hospital will celebrate March as National Child Life Month with a week of events beginning March 16 to honor and acknowledge the work of the hospital's five child life specialists.

• Child life specialists are asking hospital staff to recognize the week by wearing a special color for each day of the week. On Sunday, March 16 hospital staff who want to celebrate Child Life Month should wear red; Tuesday, green; Wednesday, orange; Thursday, blue; Friday, purple and Saturday, pink.

• Child life specialists will be available to answer questions at an information booth Monday, March 17 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. outside the hospital cafeteria.

• Celebration Shop, a national musical group specializing in songs for children, will perform Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital’s cafeteria. The group has won numerous awards for its music, including the American Library Association’s Notable Children’s Recording Award and the Family Channel Seal of Quality. One of Celebration Shop’s founders is Noel Paul Stookey, Paul of Peter, Paul and Mary fame. The local visit by Celebration Shop is made possible with support from UAW Local 624 and New Venture Gear.

• Child life specialists will thank members of the pediatric staff for their support with an ice cream social Wednesday, March 19 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in 5342 University Hospital.

• On Thursday, March 20 child life specialists will take their outreach focus to St. Patrick’s School at 210 Schuyler St., to speak to pre-schoolers on what to expect during a visit to the doctor’s office.

• Friday’s celebration will feature various activities for pediatric patients.

(See page 9 for related article.)
Certified child life specialists are specially trained non medical members of the health care team who dedicate their days to ensuring that a child’s hospital stay or visit to the doctor is as stress and pain free as possible. Some responsibilities include coordinating pre-admission tours for children, support and distraction during medical procedures, playroom activities, planning field trips or special events and hospital visits and advocating on behalf of parents and children. Child life specialists also use special dolls or other age appropriate tools to help patients understand how a particular procedure will be performed.

Margaret Nellis, the certified child life manager who directs University Hospital’s Child Life program, says one of her most basic responsibilities is to protect the emotional well being of children during hospitalization. “A hospitalization can be the most stressful episode experienced by a child,” she says. “Limiting the anxiety level of the child—and even the parents—can make the hospital experience a positive one for all.”

In addition to Nellis, University Hospital child life specialists are Suzanne Karl, Marsha Kernan, Regina Lozito, Colleen Turner and Janice Whitcombe. All University Hospital child life specialists are certified by the Child Life Council.
Medical student gives 4A a new look

Fourth-year medical student Anna Olson has given one of University Hospital’s main pediatric floors—4A—a new look. Olson spent more than 800 hours building wooden mazes and peek-a-boo puzzles for the pediatric floor so that children and adults can enjoy some moments of whimsy.

Olson designed and built the puzzles herself and repainted part of the hospital hallway to create a wall of games. Also included in the redesign are portraits of children.

While Olson will soon embark on a residency in emergency medicine and pediatrics, she hasn’t lost interest in the artistic skills she honed while studying costume design in graduate school.

“These games and puzzles bring some brightness to the hospitalized child and can have a wonderful positive affect on both children and parents,” she said.

Olson’s materials and supplies were donated by many departments and individuals, including the Department of Pediatrics.

March is National Professional Social Work Month 2003


Social work practice consists of the professional application of social work values, principles and techniques towards assisting individuals, families, groups and communities.

The social workers at SUNY Upstate Medical University are professionally trained, master’s-prepared (M SW), and certified by the state of New York (CSW) as clinical practitioners.

As members of the healthcare team, social workers identify and address the non-medical, psychosocial issues of patients and their families. If left unresolved, these issues frequently can interfere with a patient’s medical treatment and recovery. Crisis intervention and individual and family counseling around issues as varied as grief and loss, adjustment to illness, child abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, substance abuse, conflict resolution, and discharge planning, to name just a few, are all services provided by staff.

Visit the Social Work web page at www.upstate.edu/events/socialwork for a listing of the social workers at SUNY Upstate and the programs and services they provide to contribute to patient care and the well-being of our community.
Biologists to meet on SUNY Upstate campus March 17 to consider new frontier

Some of the nation’s leading life scientists from universities and pharmaceutical companies and entrepreneurs and government officials from New York State will meet on the SUNY Upstate campus for a symposium to consider the next major biological research hurdle: proteomics, the study of proteins. The symposium, “Proteomics: The New Frontier,” will be held Monday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the ninth floor auditorium of Weiskotten Hall. A reception will immediately follow the symposium.

The free symposium will include proteomics technologies and applications as well as bioinformatics. Participants will explore alliances among private, public and academic partners to aid economic development in New York state. Cornell University and SUNY Upstate Medical University are among the sponsors of the symposium.

Opening remarks will be offered by U.S. Rep. James T. Walsh (R-25th Dist.), chair of the House Appropriations Committee’s subcommittee on Veterans Affairs, Housing and Urban Development and independent agencies. Scott Patterson, chief scientific officer of Farnal Biomedicines, Pasadena will also speak. Previously, Patterson was vice president of proteomics at Celera Genomics, the company that first completed the sequencing of the human genome. The closing speaker will be Fred McLafferty, Cornell professor emeritus of chemistry and chemical biology and one of the pioneers of protein mass spectrometry.

With the sequencing of the genomes of many organisms now complete, life sciences research is turning to the study of proteins. The future of this study can lead to new methods of disease diagnosis, new treatments of human, animal and plant diseases and new pharmaceuticals. The symposium will discuss the development of new technologies for the analysis of complex mixtures and very small quantities of proteins, the ability to develop computational methods for the analysis of data and the training and education of a new type of scientist skilled in genomics, protein chemistry and bioinformatics.

The symposium also is supported by the Business Council of New York State, the Upstate New York Coalition for Biomedical Research (UNYCoR) and the office of Gov. George E. Pataki. The deadline to register is March 14. Further details are available on the symposium Web site: <http://proteomics.cornell.edu>. For registration details call (607) 255-2160 or send e-mail to <proteomics@cornell.edu>.

CNY Neurofest 2003 held at Belhurst Castle April 3 and 4

Belhurst Castle in Geneva is the site for CNY Neurofest 2003, to be held Thursday and Friday, April 3 and 4. The event, co-sponsored by SUNY Upstate’s Neuroscience Program, features lectures, a poster session and presentations by postdoctoral and graduate students.

The registration deadline is Wednesday, March 25. The fee is $30 for faculty; $15 for students and postdoctorals. Call Nancy Leotta at 464 7752 or email leottan@upstate.edu to register or for more information.

For more information about CNY Neurofest 2003, visit www.upstate.edu/events/neuro02.shtml.

“Sharpening Your SAW” Education Fair is March 19

SUNY Upstate’s Department of Organizational Training and Development will present “Sharpening Your SAW Education Fair” Wednesday, March 19 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. in 1328B University Hospital (adjacent to the Parking Office). The fair is an alternate approach for completing University Hospital’s Safety at Work (SAW) yearly mandatory education.

University Hospital individuals are invited to stop in the Education Fair at any time. You will need at least one hour to complete the education program. Additional SAW Educational fairs may be planned for 2003.

All hospital employees and volunteers are required to complete mandatory education on a yearly basis. Information on when an employee needs to complete the mandatories can be found by running an Oracle Tracker educational compliance report.

For more information, call 464-4401 or e-mail Wendellm.
Support the Carnegie bound Syracuse Symphony Orchestra

The excitement is mounting as the Syracuse Symphony Orchestra (SSO) prepares for its Saturday, April 5 performance at Carnegie Hall.

SSO's Carnegie Hall Honorary Committee is working with BTI-The Travel Consultants to arrange for transportation and special events in the New York City area during the concert weekend. Mary Ann shows is chair of the committee. SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, serves the committee as a representative in the field of education.

Syracuse Symphony Music Director Daniel Hege will conduct the SSO at Carnegie Hall. Stanislav Ioudenitch will perform the same piece that won him the 2001 Van Cliburn Competition Gold Medal.

Individuals who would like to attend the Carnegie Hall performance may learn more about the performance and/or travel packages by visiting the SSO website: SyracuseSymphony.org

Free Health Seminars

Wednesday, March 12 • 6 to 7 pm
CHECKMATE: Communicating With Your Spouse

Presenters: Carol Anne Kozik, RN, MS and Peter Kozik, MA,CAS

This is an opportunity for anyone interested in improving communication with their partner, roommate, or spouse to learn productive listening skills.

Monday, March 17 • 6:30-7:30 pm
Mindful Eating: Jumping Off the Diet Treadmill

Presenter: Lisa Kaufmann, MD, Department of Medicine, Upstate Medical University/University Hospital

This highly popular, non-traditional approach to weight loss was developed and is taught by Lisa Kaufmann, MD, internist at University Hospital. Participants will learn how to manage their weight without dieting or succumbing to fads and gimmicks, while understanding what triggers their eating, the difference between physical and non-physical hunger and how to deal with both in a healthy way.

Dr. John Tooker to discuss access to health care March 20

Dr. John Tooker will present the Alpha Omega Alpha Lecture “Is It time For a National Health Plan?” at Medical Grand Rounds Thursday, March 20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. His lecture will address access to health care and issues associated with those who are uninsured.

Dr. Tooker is executive vice president and chief executive officer of the American College of Physicians and the American Society of Internal Medicine (ACP-ASIM).
March 13 is deadline for Little Gifts for Life reservations

The deadline to make your reservation for the Seventh Annual Little Gifts for Life Auction and Celebration is Thursday, March 13. Proceeds from the event benefit the Center for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders. The event will be held Saturday, March 29 at the Oncenter. Call 464-4416 for more information.

Participants needed for 2003 Community Giving Campaign publicity materials

SUNY Upstate employees are needed to appear in print and video publicity materials for SUNY Upstate’s 2003 Community Giving Campaign. Participants must be willing to share their personal experience with an agency that benefits from campaign funds or spotlight an agency that they support and/or serve as a volunteer.

To volunteer to appear in the publicity materials or for more information, contact Zanette Howe at 464-4263 (howez@upstate.edu) by Friday, March 28.
in the news

The SUNY Upstate Office of Public and Media Relations arranges interviews among Upstate staff and members of the local and national media. Here are examples.

The Post-Standard highlighted SUNY Upstate's student involvement in the LinkAges program and featured comments from SUNY Upstate's Jeanne Bishop, M.D., of the Department of Medicine and several medical students.

Jesse Aronowitz, M.D., of Radiation Oncology was interviewed on WAER radio regarding prostate cancer treatments.

Floyd Brown of Research Administration was interviewed on WIXT-TV 9 regarding prostate screening for African American men.

Margaret Turk, M.D., of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation was quoted in a Post-Standard article about effective treatments for ALS.

A study regarding the temperatures of drug storage in ambulances by Lawrence Brown, M.D., of Emergency Medicine appeared on the Associated Press wire.

Dillip Kittur, M.D., of Surgery and Doreen Heer of Radiation Oncology were featured in a WIXT news story about transplants.

Susan Keeter of Marketing and University Communications and Eric Luft, Ph.D., of the Health Sciences Library were quoted in a SUNY Upstate's osteoporosis study focusing on women with disabilities.

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Floyd Brown

Margaret Turk, MD

Susan Keeter

Lawrence Brown, MD

Post-Standard feature story on Sarah Logen Fraser, the first African American woman to graduate from Syracuse College of Medicine, now SUNY Upstate.

Contributions needed for Employee Recognition Day

SUNY Upstate's Employee Recognition Day committee is seeking contributions from local businesses and SUNY Upstate departments to be used as door prizes at this year's Employee Recognition Day event. All donations must be received by April 11 for mention in the Employee Recognition Day program booklet.

To make a contribution or for more information, contact Christine Thomason at 464-8040 or e-mail thomasoc@upstate.edu.

SUNY Upstate's Employee Recognition Day will be held Thursday, June 5.

Peace Notes

Peace Notes is provided by SUNY Upstate's Office of Spiritual Care Services.

“Little things seem like nothing, but they give peace, like those meadow flowers which individually seem odorless but all together perfume the air.”

—Georges Bernanos
In the spotlight

Marianne Murphy Sullivan joins UMAS

Marianne Murphy Sullivan has joined University Medical Associates of Syracuse Inc. (UMAS) as contracts manager/financial analyst. She is responsible for developing and analyzing fee schedules and negotiations with insurance payors on contractual arrangements. Additionally, she will prepare financial and operational reviews of contracts and assist in the development of fee schedules for the group practice.

Prior to joining UMAS, she was marketing director for a private physician practice, contracts manager for the Health Alliance PHO/PO/IPA and community representative for Crouse Hospital’s Chemical Dependency Treatment Services.

Sullivan holds a master’s degree from New School University and a bachelor’s degree from Ithaca College.

UMAS Inc. represents the faculty practice plan of Upstate Medical University College of Medicine physician practices.

Matthew Allen, VetMB, PhD, awarded $100,000 grant

The Orthopaedic Research and Education Foundation has awarded a two-year, basic science grant of $100,000 to Matthew Allen, VetMB, PhD, to further his study on the cellular and molecular effects of radiation therapy for osteolytic bone metastases.

Dr. Allen is an assistant professor of orthopaedic surgery at SUNY Upstate. He is collaborating on the project with Timothy Damron, M.D., an orthopaedic oncologist in SUNY Upstate’s Department of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Technology Alliance of Central New York will host its Fifth Annual Celebration of Technology awards program Thursday, March 20 at the Holiday Inn, 7th North St. and Electronics Parkway, Liverpool.

Michael Burton is the former executive deputy commissioner for the New York City Department of Design and Construction. He supervised the largest peacetime mobilization of construction forces at the World Trade Center after the 9/11 attack. His keynote address will describe this massive operation.

Also serving as a keynote speaker is Russell Bessette, M.D., executive director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR). Dr. Bessette will describe NYSTAR’s mission and activities, including those in Central New York.

The Technology Alliance is aligned with more than 30 engineering, scientific, and technical societies in Central New York. It is dedicated to enhancing the development, growth and advancement of education, awareness and historical appreciation of technology within the Central New York community.

Tickets are $30 for members; $20 for students and $35 for all others.

For more information, call 434-1242 or email bbusher@inficon.com.

Race for the Cure: Save the Date

SUNY Upstate will again participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure Saturday, May 10 at the New York State Fairgrounds, Cole M. Hughes Court.

Look for information about on-site registrations in future issues of Upstate Update or call Janice Todeschini, SUNY Upstate’s Race for the Cure coordinator at 464-6276 or e-mail todeschj@upstate.edu.
Medical Alumni Association Phonathon

Volunteers needed April 8

The Medical Alumni Association is holding its annual phonathon to raise funds for medical student scholarships. Students, faculty and staff are invited to help by volunteering to make calls to alumni Tuesday, April 8. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the third floor lobby of the Campus Activities Building. Calling will follow from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 464-4361 to volunteer or for more information.

Weight Watchers at Work Program begins April 1

Registration for SUNY Upstate’s “Weight Watchers-at-Work” program will be held Tuesday, April 1 from noon to 1 p.m. in the University Hospital 4B Conference Room. The fee for the 16-week program is $159 per person. For more information call 464-5760 or 432-1612, extension 227.

April 1 is deadline for President’s Awards nominations

Tuesday, April 1 is the deadline to nominate individuals for the 2003 President’s Awards in the following categories: Advancement of Affirmative Action, Excellence in Library Science, Excellence in Professional Service, Excellence in Faculty Service, Excellence and Leadership in Research, Excellence in Basic Research by a Young Investigator, Excellence in Clinical Research by a Young Investigator, Excellence in Teaching, and Outstanding Voluntary Faculty.

Guidelines and nomination forms are available in SUNY Upstate’s Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, 216 Weiskotten Hall. For more information, call 464-4520.

2003 On My Own Time Art Show is May 19-30

Upstate Medical University employees, students, volunteers and retirees are invited to enter their works of art in SUNY Upstate’s annual On My Own Time Art Show, to be held Monday, May 19 through Friday, May 30 in the Health Sciences Library. The entry deadline is Friday, May 9.

On My Own Time, sponsored by the Cultural Resources Council and the Everson Museum of Art, is a community arts program that makes visible the creative and artistic skills of persons employed in local business and industry. Registration forms are available by calling Show Coordinator Brenda Bolliver at 464-6548 or by e-mailing Bolliveb.