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“Community”

Celebrating Women in Medicine & Science
Pictured from Left to Right: Caitlin Sgarlata, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics; Victoria Meguid, MD, Associate Professor, Pediatrics and Associate Director of Foster Care Services (ENHANCE); Elizabeth Nelsen, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics; Leslie Kohman, MD, Distinguished Service Professor, Surgery and Medical Director of Upstate Cancer Center; Melissa Schaefer, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics; Wendy Stockwin BS MT (ASCP) SBB, Instructor, CHP – Clinical Laboratory Science and Margaret Maimone, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology of Upstate's Women in Medicine and Science group, at a reception held at the Everson Museum of Art, to welcome new members and celebrate members' accomplishments, May 2012.
Honors & Awards ~ Congratulations to:

Joseph Domachowske, MD, *Pediatrics*, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, and Manika Suryadevara, MD, an infectious disease fellow at Upstate, received the ASPIRE Award in Pediatric Vaccine Research in recognition of their work to provide free flu shots and pneumonia vaccinations at the Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau distribution held last December. In addition to vaccinating 460 people, from ages six months to 94 years, Upstate enrolled 1,533 children who will be studied over the next year by researchers for a study assessing new paths to reducing barriers to childhood immunizations. The award and the research were sponsored by Pfizer.

Teresa Hargrave, MD, MPH, *Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences*, received a National Doctors’ Day Award at Upstate University Hospital, March 30, 2012.

Paul E. Phillips, MD, *Medicine*, is being honored by the American Medical Association (AMA) for his 50-year anniversary of graduation from medical school.

“The AMA congratulates Dr. Phillips on 50 years of dedication to the medical profession,” said James L. Madara, MD, Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the AMA. “Dr. Phillips has seen many changes in medicine in the last 50 years. We sincerely thank him for his commitment to this great profession.” Dr. Phillips is a member of the AMA’s Senior Physicians Group which includes 55,000 physicians who are 65 years and beyond. It is the largest organization of senior physicians in the country. The AMA is committed to recognizing individual physicians who have dedicated their lives to treating patients and serving the medical profession.

David R. Smith, MD, President, SUNY Upstate Medical University, received the Individual Community Trustee Award from Leadership Greater Syracuse during the organization’s Annual Leadership Awards luncheon, held April 25 at the Genesee Grande Hotel.

Paula M. Trief, PhD, *Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences*, won 2nd place in the Adult category for the 2012 Yom Hashoah Essay Contest of the Jewish Federation of Central New York. Yom Hashoah is the Holocaust Day of Remembrance. The required essay was titled "What Does It Mean to Escape?"

Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, has been appointed Distinguished Service Professor by the SUNY Board of Trustees. Quotes from the 5/10/12 press release: “Through her efforts founding the Joslin Diabetes Center at SUNY Upstate’s University Hospital, Dr. Weinstock has transformed diabetes care in New York State. At the same time, her work with the Veteran’s Administration (VA) Hospital has become a model for diabetes care that the VA system has adopted nationwide. Complementing her clinical accomplishments, Dr. Weinstock has consistently demonstrated excellence in research. She is presently funded by five NIH grants and the Helmsley Charitable Trust, and is the site principal investigator on several industry trials.”
Leadership

Leadership in Service

International Leadership

**Dale Avers, DPT, PhD, Physical Therapy Education-CHP,** traveled to The Gambia in western Africa to educate young girls about health issues with Starfish International, an organization that empowers young women through values-based education.

**Richard Cantor, MD, Emergency Medicine,** was appointed to serve as a Session Coordinator for the 2nd International Pediatric Emergency Medicine Conference. March 10 – 17, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

National Leadership

**Dale Avers, DPT, PhD, Physical Therapy Education-CHP,** was named Chair of the new section of the American Geriatric Society, Physical Therapist and Rehabilitation Professionals, at the Seattle-based Annual Meeting in May.

**Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology,** became a voting member of the Society of Urologic Oncology-Clinical Trials Consortium (SUO-CTC).

**Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Urology,** was elected to the Board of Directors and Renal Organ Site Committee, Schaumburg, IL.

**Jayne R Charlamb, MD, FACP, IBCLC, Surgery,** was elected a Fellow of the American College of Physicians in March 2012.

**Christopher Neville, PhD, PT, Physical Therapy Education-CHP,** has been asked to chair a national task force to recommend elements of an entry-level physical therapy curriculum on foot and ankle care.

**Carol Recker-Hughes, PT, PhD, Physical Therapy Education-CHP,** has been appointed to serve on the American Physical Therapy Association Education Section Scholarship Committee.

**Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine,** served on the NIH (NIDDK) Special Emphasis Review Panel for the Extramural Loan Repayment Program (LRP) for Clinical Researchers (NOT-OD-05-58) and for Pediatric Researchers (NOT-OD-05-057), March 30, 2012.
Leadership in Education

Teresa Hargrave, MD, MPH, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, served as course mistress for this year’s Central New York REACH training from April 20-22. She with Wanda Fremont, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Melissa Arthur, PhD, Family Medicine, Mary DeGuardi, MD, Pediatrics, Binghamton Campus, Julie Aspenleiter, PsyD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Diane Ojugbeli, MD and Beth Smith, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences SUNY Buffalo, presented Dr. Peter Jensen’s innovative curriculum which seeks to empower primary care clinicians to better assess and manage mild to moderate mental health problems in children and adolescents in their practices. The training is part of the CAPPC (Child and Adolescent Psychiatry for Primary Care) initiative, administered by David Kaye, MD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Health SUNY Buffalo, funded by OMH, which is designed to serve 80% of New York state’s youth under the age of 22. 30 pediatricians, family practitioners and nurse practitioners from 10 Central New York counties participated, including faculty from 4 primary care training programs. The participants rated the overall quality of this year’s REACH training as 4.9 on a scale of 5!

Susan Jones, PhD, Pathology, has created a new elective course called “Leadership in Education”. It will be offered to second year medical students in the Spring 2013 semester.

Carol Recker-Hughes, PT, PhD and Jill Dungey, PT, DPT, GCS, Physical Therapy Education-CHP, created and delivered a multi-session professional development course for clinical educators that included participation in an extended Integrated Standardized Patient Examination for DPT students, March-April, 2012.

Grants Awarded

George G. Holz, PhD, Medicine, PI
Hill Collaboration On Environmental Medicine
Co-Investigator: Dr. Robert P. Doyle (Dept. of Chemistry, Syracuse University). B12 Conjugates of GLP-1 For Treatment of Diabetes 01-01-2012 to 12-31-2012 $20,000 Total Direct Costs

George G. Holz, PhD, Medicine, PI
Wrigley Corporation Sub-Award for Investigative Studies
Co-Investigator: Dr. Robert P. Doyle (Dept. of Chemistry, Syracuse University). Molecular Basis of Antidiabetogenic Hormone Action 07-01-12 to 06-30-13 $22,000 Total Direct Costs,

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Grants

Michael Iannuzzi, MD, MBA, Medicine, PI
National Institutes of Health
Co-Investigators: Courtney Montgomery, PhD (PI), Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation and Ben Rybicki, PhD, Henry Ford Health Systems
Comprehensive Genome Interrogation of African American Sarcoidosis Families
5 years (start date: TBD)
$4.4 million
The research is to identify the genes involved that confer risk for developing sarcoidosis. Sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that can involve any organ but most often the lungs. Dr. Iannuzzi has lead this team for 20 years.

Wendy R. Kates, PhD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, PI
National Institutes of Health, NIMH – National Institute of Mental Health
Biomarkers for Psychosis in Velocardiofacial Syndrome- Renewal
4/2012-4/2016
$2,695,055

Juntao Luo, PhD, Pharmacology, PI
Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Award
Smart Nanocarriers for Targeted Breast Cancer Therapy
$50,000

Frank Middleton, PhD, Neuroscience and Physiology PI and
Marina Worsley, PhD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, PI
National Institutes of Health / National Institute of Mental Health
Disruption of an epigenetic locus controlling EAAC1 expression in schizophrenia
2/2012- 1/2014
$ 438,625

Eric Wohlford, BA, Microbiology and Immunology, PI and
Rosemary Rochford, PhD, Microbiology and Immunology, Faculty Mentor
National Institutes of Health / National Cancer Institute
The interaction of Burkitt’s Lymphoma cofactors EBV and Plasmodium (F30 Research Fellowship Award)
9/2012 – 9/2016
$ 171,962

Christopher E. Turner, PhD, Cell and Developmental Biology, PI
NIH-National Cancer Institute RO1 CA163296-01.
Paxillin and Hic-5 in Coordination of Cancer Cell Invasion Mechanisms
5/2012-3/2017
$1,654,815

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI
Medtronic Inc.
Automation to Simulate Pancreatic Insulin Response: Pivotal in Home Study to Determine Safety and Efficacy of Low Glucose Suspend (LGS) Feature in Sensor-Augmented Pumps (ASPIRE Study)
2/2012 - 2/2013
$113,844
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Knight LD. Consistency vs. cognition in manner of death classification: “But that’s how I was trained!” Academic Forensic Pathology, 2012 Jun; 2(2)

Sundberg A, Knight LD. Presentation of HIV/AIDS to the medical examiner. American Society for Clinical Pathology Check Sample Series, 2012


Li Y, Xiao W, Xiao K, Lorenzo B, Luo, J* et al. Well-defined, reversible boronate crosslinked nanocarriers for targeted drug delivery in response to pH and cis-Diols, Angewandte Chemie International Edition, 2012; 51(12): 2864-2869. (*corresponding author). This work was highlighted as the Most Important Paper (MIP) in the inside back cover of the Week in Angewandte Chemie International Edition 2012, 51(12), 3027. This research was highlighted as a short news story in Therapeutic Delivery 2012, 3(3), 303-306


Neville C, Lemley F. Effect of ankle-foot orthotic devices on foot kinematics in stage II posterior tibial tendon dysfunction. Foot and Ankle International 2012, May; 33(5)


Falcomata TS, Roane HS, et al. Functional communication training and chained schedules of reinforcement to treat challenging behavior maintained by terminations of activity interruptions. Behavior Modification. Published Online First: 9 February 2012. DOI: 10.1177/0145445511433821


**Published Abstracts**


**Books and Book Chapters**


Posters


**Heyboer M, Wojcik SM, Hahn SS**, Faruqi MS, **Grant WD, Morgan M**. A comparison of surveys of radiation oncology and hyperbaric medicine regarding the use of HBOT for the prevention of ORN. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, Phoenix AZ, June 21-23, 2012

**Heyboer M**, Jennings S, **Morgan M**. Hyponatremia – relative contraindication requiring screening prior to start of hyperbaric oxygen therapy? UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, Phoenix AZ, June 21-23, 2012

**Holz, GG**. Gordon Research Conference Participant. Cyclic Nucleotide Phosphodiesterases. Ill Ciocco, Lucca (Barga), Italy, May, 2012

Hookano R, **Knight LD**, Brunelli R, **Stopacher R**. Application of social network services in medicolegal death investigation. Platform presentation (Hookano), Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Feb. 24, 2012

**Kadey HJ, Roane HS, Diaz JC**. Using a Nuk Brush to increase acceptance of drinks. 2nd annual conference of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts. Tampa FL, April 2012

Shirani K, **Mariani P, Heyboer M**. Fatal case of pneumocephalus – one decade after left chest stab wound. UHMS Annual Scientific Assembly, Phoenix AZ, June 21-23, 2012


Presentations

International


National


Christopher E. Turner, PhD, *Cell and Developmental Biology*, presented “Paxillin and Hic-5 Regulate Cell Invasion” at the Department of Cancer Biology, UMass Medical School, Worcester MA, March 2012.
State & Local

Gennady Bratslavsky, MD, Chair, Urology, presented at the University of Buffalo Urology Grand Rounds, Roswell Park Cancer Center, Buffalo NY, June 6-7, 2012.


Wanda Fremont, MD and Teresa Hargrave, MD, MPH, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, presented the CAPPC Program to the faculty at St. Elizabeth’s Family Practice Residency, Utica NY, Feb. 10, 2012.

Wanda Fremont, MD, Teresa Hargrave, MD, MPH, and Julie Aspenleiter, PsyD, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, presented at Grand Rounds at Wilson Hospital’s Family Practice Residency Program in Johnson City about the CAPPC Program on March 29, 2012.

Laura D. Knight, MD, Pathology, was an invited speaker presenting “Child Neglect: Far More Common than Abuse” at the NY State Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners’ Spring Meeting, Buffalo NY, March 24, 2012.

Laura D. Knight, MD, Pathology, was an invited speaker presenting “Bedsharing and Other Unsafe Sleep Environments: An Update” and “American Academy of Pediatrics Expansion of Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment” at the Beyond Back to Sleep: Safe Sleep for a New Generation Conference, McMahon Ryan Child Advocacy Center, Syracuse, NY, Jan. 25, 2012.

Ruth S. Weinstock, MD, PhD, Medicine, presented “Overview of Diabetes As It Applies to Dentistry” for the Onondaga County Dental Society, Syracuse NY, March 13, 2012.

Community

Teresa Hargrave, MD, MPH, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, conducted a discussion during Parents’ Information Night sponsored by Seven Valleys Health Coalition, Cortland, NY, April 25, 2012.

Laura D. Knight, MD, Pathology, was an invited speaker presenting “Introduction to Forensic Pathology” and “Spontaneous Human Combustion: Fact or Fiction?” to the Central New York Chapter of Mensa, April 5, 2012.
**Department News**

Department of Ophthalmology faculty members Thomas Bersani, MD and Robert Weisenthal, MD and their CNY team of 18 participated in the Honduran Eye + Life Program (HELP) regional referral center for eye and general medical care that services La Cieba, Honduras, the northern coast and the remote, eastern Mosquito Coast from April 9-16, 2012.

In the city of La Ceiba, the team screened patients, treated medical and surgical eye diseases, and dispensed glasses donated by the Lions Club to patients from the north coast of Honduras.

The Bersani and Weisenthal team includes Upstate Dept of Ophthalmology faculty and Pediatric Ophthalmologist Dr. Wally Merriam, Dept of Anesthesia faculty Dr. Kevin Walsh, and Karen Michaels, COA, CST. Other health care professionals, family and friends from CNY rounded out the team. Their sponsors are numerous, including Welch Allyn, CNY Eye Bank, Alcon, Bausch and Lomb.

**Promotions**

Robert Corona, MD, Pathology, was promoted to Professor with Tenure and appointed Department Chair, May 2012

Timothy Endy, MD, Medicine, was promoted to Professor (previously tenured), May 2012

Reza Gorji, MD, Anesthesiology, was promoted to Professor, May 2012

Donna-Ann Thomas, MD, Anesthesiology, was promoted to Associate Professor, May 201

**New Faculty**

Christopher Fortner, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Dr. Fortner received his medical and doctoral degrees from the University of Cincinnati and completed his residency at Duke University. He pursued additional training in Pediatric Pulmonology also at Duke University. He joins us from the faculty of Duke University.
Kristen Gruis, MD, Associate Professor with tenure, Neurology
Dr. Gruis received her medical degree from the University of Iowa and completed her residency at the University of Michigan. She pursued additional training in Neuromuscular Diseases at the University of Michigan. She joins us from the faculty of the University of Michigan.

David Monsour, MD, Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology
Dr. Monsour received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, the University of Rochester. He has been on staff of The Genesee Hospital, Harrison Center and Adirondack Medical Center. He has been on the faculty of University of Massachusetts and here at Upstate.

Prashant Nadkarni, MD, Assistant Professor, Medicine
Dr. Nadkarni received his medical degree from the University of Bombay, India, and completed his residency at the B.Y.L. Nair Hospital – University of Bombay and Lincoln Hospital – New York Medical College. He pursued additional training in Endocrinology and Metabolism at the Baylor College of Medicine and New England Medical Center. He has been on the faculty of the Baylor College of Medicine and Temple University.

Lawrence Shoemaker, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Dr. Shoemaker received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University and completed his residency the University of Louisville. He pursued additional training in Nephrology at the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. He has been on the faculty of the Uniformed Services University and University of Louisville.

Daniel Tubbs, DO, Assistant Professor, Radiology
Dr. Tubbs received his degree in osteopathic medicine from the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed his residency at Hartford Hospital. He pursued additional training in Musculoskeletal Radiology at Strong Memorial Hospital and Body Imaging at George Washington University Hospital. He has been on staff of several private imaging centers.

Howard Weinstein, MD, Professor, Obstetrics & Gynecology
Dr. Weinstein received his medical degree from, and completed his residency at, New York University. He has served in the United States Air Force, has been on staff of Community General Hospital and a member of our voluntary faculty.

Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

Please RSVP to Michele Henderson at (hendermi@upstate.edu) or telephone (315-464-1681) if you are interested in attending any of the following events.
Faculty Development - Upcoming Events

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Medical Education Journal Club - **Monday June 25, 2012**
12-1pm
Doust Board Room (9299 WHA)


Ellen Goldman, EdD and W. Scott Schroth, MD, MPH

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*Hosted by Tom Poole, PhD, Associate Professor, Cell & Developmental Biology*

~ Lunch will be provided ~

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Faculty Educator Development - **Tuesday June 19, 2012**
6 - 9 pm

“Annual Workshop/Dinner @ the Crowne Plaza Hotel”

For Upstate Faculty members who attended at least one Medical Education Journal Club or Faculty Educator Development Seminar during the 2011-2012 academic year.

**Workshop Discussion Topic:**

"Learning in Action: How to Put Active-Learning Strategies Into Lectures"

Leaders: Jennifer Moffat, PhD and Paula Trief, PhD

*Hosts: Joe Stein, PhD, Department of Pharmacology*

*Faculty Educator Development Committee Chair*

*Paula Trief, PhD, Senior Associate Dean*
*Office of Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development*

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SAVE THE DATE!

New Faculty Orientation - Friday September 28, 2012

Doust Board Room (9299 WHA) and the 9th Floor Cafeteria – Weiskotten Hall Addition

This is a chance to be welcomed by the leadership of the university, and to learn more about the resources that are available to new faculty as you begin your Upstate career. Feedback from past participants has been great, they especially appreciated the opportunity to meet colleagues from other departments and colleges. So, please save the date, more information will follow.

What: Interactive sessions with Upstate leaders in research, education and clinical service
When: Friday September 28th from 2-5 PM
Where: 9th floor of Weiskotten
Why: To get a great start
What else: A wine and cheese reception will follow at 5PM, with chairs and other members of the faculty invited

Faculty Development - Website Calendar

~ For more information on all upcoming events, please visit the Faculty Affairs Website “Events Calendar”

Be Sure to Visit our “Events Calendar” on the Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development Website

To access the calendar, simply go to the home page of "faculty affairs and faculty development" http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/ and then click on the "Events Calendar" in dark blue (on the left side of our home page). Once you have accessed the calendar, you will see various events posted that might be of interest to you and/or members of your department. To obtain more information, simply click on the event. You will see titles, presenters, times, locations, contact information, etc.

Please Note: these events have been copied to Upstate's main website calendar as well. (Accessed from the top of the Upstate home page.)
In Memoriam

**Robert H. Eich, MD. Emeritus Professor of Medicine, Cardiology Division.**
October 4, 1923-March 28, 2012. Dr Eich is survived by his wife, Virginia, and three daughters and a son and their spouses, and numerous grand children. Dr Eich worked at Upstate from 1951-2010, attaining rank of Professor of Medicine, and serving as Director of the Coronary Care Unit (1968-1987), Chief of the cardiology division (1971-1982) and Director of the Cardiovascular Training Program (1987-2010). Dr Eich was devoted to his family and to his patients, as well as to the medical students, residents and fellows who trained under him at Upstate. He will be missed!

Notes & Corrections:

Please Note:

1. In an effort to keep the Faculty Commons manageable, we will be concentrating on external presentations and service.

2. Please remember – we do not include any publications, books, book chapters, etc. that are currently “in press”. Please wait until you have publication information before you include these submissions.

Useful Website Links:

Promotion and Tenure Information
http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/promotion.php

Faculty Affairs & Faculty Development
http://www.upstate.edu/facultydev/

Faculty Governance
http://www.upstate.edu/facgov/

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