Honors and Awards

**Honors & Awards – Congratulations to:**

**Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics**
American Society of Clinical Hypnosis Presidential Award, 2008.
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Distinguished Service Award, 2008.
Richard H Aubry, MD, MPH, Obstetrics and Gynecology, presented with a special Lifetime Service Award form the Central New York Chapter of the National Foundation March Of Dimes at their annual dinner on 10/20/08

Steven Blatt, MD, Pediatrics, received one of the "Peacemaker" awards of Peace Action of CNY. “The decision to honor Steve is further acknowledgement that many of Steve's projects, such as the Family Advocacy Program and ENHANCE have grown to be community treasures”, said Dr. Tom Welch.

Irene Cherrick, MD, Pediatrics, has received the 2008 Anita Award for Excellence in the Care of Patients with Life-Threatening Illnesses from Hospice of CNY. Dr. Cherrick is one of the first pediatricians to obtain board certification in this specialty and started a pediatric palliative care program here at Upstate. This is also a significant accomplishment as it is a field that is typically populated by adult practitioners.

Peter Cronkright MD, Medicine, received the 2008 Award for Service to Medicine and the Community, Onondaga County Medical Society, Oct., 2008.

Carol Gavan, EdD, RN, College of Nursing, was honored with the prestigious Nursing Excellence Award by the Central Counties Professional Nurses Association, which is part of the New York State Nursing Association.

Tarakad Ramachandran, MD, Neurology, accepted the American Stroke Association's Bronze Performance Achievement Award for the team he directs at Upstate's Stroke Center. The award recognizes University Hospital for its commitment and success by ensuring that stroke patients receive treatment according to nationally accepted standards.

Service
National Leadership

Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, American Society of Clinical Hypnosis: 2008-2009 Member-at-Large, Medicine

Eric Deshaies, MD, Neurosurgery, was recently promoted by the American Association of Neurological Surgeons to Division Coordinator of Communications of the Young Neurosurgeons Committee.

Sheldon Isaacson, MD, Anesthesiology, was appointed as an adjunct member of the American Society of Anesthesiology (ASA) Committee on Regional Anesthesia for the 2008-2009 year.

Robert L Sunheimer, MS, MT(ASCP)SC, SLS, Clinical Laboratory Science, was appointed by the American Society of Clinical Pathology to the Laboratory Management & Safety Examination Committee of the Board of Registry, October, 2008 until September,2011.
Grants Awarded

Gino Cingolani, PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, PI, “Architecture of Viral DNA Delivery Machinery”, a High Priority, NIH Short Term Project Award, 9/15/08-8/31/09, $250,000 (direct costs).

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI, “Genetic and Immunological Impact of the HRES-1/Rab4 Locus in SLE”, NIH, 8/1/08-7/31/09, $275,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI, “Treatment of SLE with N-acetylcysteine”, NIH, RO1, 9/30/2008-6/30/2012, $1,000,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI, “Role of reactive intermediates in lupus nephritis”, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC; Investigator(s): Gary Gilkeson, MD and James Oates, MD (Co PIs) 7/1/08-6/30/13; Subcontract: “Metabolic studies in lupus-prone mice”, $150,000

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, PI, “Role of the mTOR Pathway in T cell Dysfunction in SLE”, NIH, Mentor for pre-doctoral grant to David Fernandez; 8/29/2008-8/28/2011; $36,252

Publications


Anbar RD. Perspectives of a physician parent. In: *Center for Spiritual Care at University Hospital (ed), A Second Set of Hands*. Syracuse, NY: SUNY Upstate Medical University, 2008; 18-25.


Jones, LR., Tatum SA. Pearls for aesthetic reconstruction of cleft lip and nose defects. *Facial Plast Surg* 2008 January. 24 (1) 146-151.


**Book Chapter**

Published Abstracts


Posters


Margulies BS, **Spadaro JA.** Brief pulsing electromagnetic field exposure differentially affects cell cycle in proliferating and confluent osteoblasts. Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) in Montreal, Quebec, Sept. 12-16, 2008


Presentations

International

Robert B Barlow, PhD, *Ophthalmology*, was invited to present "Metabolism and Age-related Macular Degeneration" at NeuLatam1, Buzios, Brazil, September, 2008.

Robert B Barlow, PhD, *Ophthalmology*, was invited to present "Macular Degeneration and the Metabolic Demands for Vision" by the Department of Ophthalmology, West China Medical School, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China, September, 2008.


Timothy De Ver Dye, PhD, *Public Health & Preventive Medicine*, presented “Improving Global Maternal and Child Health through Immunization Registries” and “Evaluating Regionalized Perinatal Care in Developing Countries” at the National Collaborative Perinatal Neonatal Network 10th Anniversary Meeting, Beirut, Lebanon, November 21-22.

Gabriel Haas, MD, *Urology*, was the invited keynote speaker at the Pan African Urological Surgeons Association in Dakar, Senegal in October, 2008.


Ying Huang, MD, PhD, *Pharmacology*, presented, "DOC45 is a Novel DNA Damage-Regulated gene that is Overexpressed in Multiple Human Tumors" at the International Conference on Radiation Biology and Translational Research in Radiation Oncology. Jaipur, India. Nov 10-12, 2008.


Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, presented “Regulation of Viral Immunity and Autoimmunity by the HRES-1/Rab4 Locus” at the National Institute of Public Health, Department of Virology, Budapest, Hungary, 8/16/2008

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine, presented “Biomarkers and Treatment Targets in SLE” at the 80th Annual Meeting of the Hungarian Society for Rheumatology, Budapest, Hungary, September 17-23, 2008

M. Saeed Sheikh, MD, PhD, Pharmacology, chaired a symposium, "Experimental Therapeutics: Apoptosis, Genotoxicity & Cytotoxicity" and "p53 and DNA Damage-regulated Gene (PDRG) is a Novel Marker of Genotoxic Stress Response" at the International Conference on Radiation Biology and Translational Research in Radiation Oncology, Jaipur, India. Nov 10-12, 2008.

Frances Shue, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology, presented “Repeated Failure of IVF” at the IVF Laboratory Quality Control and Quality Assurance International Seminar, at Guang Zou China, July 25-27, 2008.

Sherard Tatum, MD, Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, presented “Biomechanics, Patterns, and Diagnosis of Mandible Fractures”, “Complications of Mandible Fractures”, and, “Reduction and Fixation of Le Fort Fractures” at the AO Principles Course, Margarita Island, Venezuela May-June 2008

Sherard Tatum, MD, Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences, presented “Role of Orthognathic Surgery in Management of Sleep Apnea”, at the AONA, Quebec City, Quebec September 2008, Orthognathic Surgery Linyi, China October 2008, and Craniofacial Surgery Linyi, China October 2008

Paula M. Trief, PhD, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, presented "Diabetes Management Assisted by Telemedicine: Patient Perspectives" on a podcast produced by the International Program for Psycho-social Health Research of the Central Queensland University, Brisbane, Australia.

National

Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented “Hypnosis for Childhood Respiratory Disorders”, at Case Western Reserve University Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital Grand Rounds Cleveland, OH, and, West Virginia University Charleston Division Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, 2008.

Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented “Update on Newborn Screening for Cystic Fibrosis”, at Case Western Reserve University Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, Cleveland, OH, 2008.

Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented “Quality Improvement for Cystic Fibrosis Centers”, at West Virginia University Charleston Division Cystic Fibrosis Center, Charleston, WV, 2008.


Walter A Hall, MD, MBA, *Neurosurgery*, presented “High Field MRI for Neurosurgical Guidance” at the 7th Annual Symposium on Clinical High Field MRI of the Department of Radiology of Stanford University School of Medicine, October 17-18, 2008, Las Vegas.


Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Metabolic Control of Systemic Autoimmunity” at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Lerner College of Medicine, Department of Immunology Seminar, 1/6/2008, Cleveland, OH.
Andras Perl, MD, PhD, *Medicine*, presented “Mitochondrial Hyperpolarization: A Biomarker and Target for Treatment in SLE” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Rheumatology Grand Rounds, 2/8/2008, Pittsburgh, PA.

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, presented “Metabolic Control of T-cell Activation and Death Signaling in Lupus” at the Immunology Program, Harvard Institutes of Medicine, 4/17/2008, Boston, MA.


Carol Recker-Hughes, PT, PhD, *Physical Therapy*, presented "Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy Students’ Perspectives on the Use of an Integrated Standardized Patient Examination" at the APTA Educational Conference, Phoenix, AZ, Oct 2008

Sherard Tatum, MD, *Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences*, presented “Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery” at the Grand Rounds, Oregon Health Science Univ, Portland, Oregon, February 2008


Sherard Tatum, MD, *Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences*, was a Co-Chair of “Distraction in the Neonatal Airway”, AONA, Paoli, PA September 2008

Sherard Tatum, MD, *Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences*, was a panel moderator of “Modern Management of Craniofacial Disorders”, and taught an Instructional Course in Comprehensive Cleft Care at AAPFPRS, Chicago, Il. September 2008

Sherard Tatum, MD, *Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences*, presented “Two Stage Lip Repair Multidisciplinary Instit. Perspective on Cleft Lip” at AAOHNS, Chicago, IL. September 2008

Sherard Tatum, MD, *Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences*, presented “Cleft and Craniofacial Surgery” at University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN, June 2008
Teaching Contributions

Meega Wells, PhD, RN, FNP, College of Nursing, presented “Opportunities for Assessing Resilience in an Aging Population” at The Gerontological Society of America 61st Annual Scientific Meeting: Resilience in an Aging Society: Risk and Opportunities, in National Harbor, Maryland; November 21-25, 2008

State

Ran D. Anbar, MD, Pediatrics, presented “Integrating Hypnosis into the Care of Children with Chronic Disease” at a Basic Hypnosis Workshop Syracuse, NY.

Richard H Aubry, MD, MPH, Obstetrics and Gynecology, presented his work on the "The Fetal/Infant Mortality/Morbidity Review/Registry" at the Grand Rounds of the Department of OB-GYN at the New York Medical College, on the occasion of his 50th year after graduation from the NYMC.


Harold Husovsky, MD, Medicine, presented “Transgender Care from a Primary Care Provider’s Perspective”, New York State College Health Association, Oct. 23, 2008.

Nancy A Nussmeier, MD, Anesthesiology, presented “Anesthetic Management of the Patient with Heart Failure”, Grand Rounds, Department of Anesthesiology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY, November, 2008.

Community

Robert B Barlow, PhD, Ophthalmology, was invited to lecture on "Vision" to selected High School students of Broward County School District, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.


Andras Perl, MD, PhD, Medicine. CNY LUPUS Foundation Patient Education: Diagnosis and treatment of SLE 9/27/08

Teaching Contributions

Nienke Dosa MD, MPH, Pediatrics, developed "Sport Opportunities and Activities for Children with Visual Impairments", an instructional DVD that promotes physical education, fitness, sports, and recreation for children who are visually impaired, blind and deafblind.

The DVD focuses on 4 children with various types of visual impairments. Topics include: 1) Types of visual impairment, 2) Specialists in the field of visual impairment, 3) Safety considerations, 4) Specific instructional techniques, such as for elementary aged children, 5) Rules for blind sports including goal ball, 6) Equipment and game modifications for volleyball, tennis, soccer, swimming, and basketball, among others,
and 7) Teaching strategies for children who are deafblind. The DVD is the result of ongoing collaboration among pediatricians at the Center for Development, Behavior, and Genetics at SUNY Upstate Medical University, and the Adapted Physical Education Departments at SUNY Brockport College and SUNY Cortland College. DVD production and distribution was funded by a grant from the Golisano Children's Hospital/Children's Miracle Network. DVDs are available free of charge. If you would like one for yourself or for your child's school, please contact Nienke Dosa at dosan@upstate.edu/

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**Promotions**

**James Dwyer, PhD, Bioethics & Humanities**, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, November 2008

**Anthony Mortelliti, MD, Otolaryngology**, was promoted to Associate Professor, November 2008

**Frank Middleton, PhD, Neuroscience & Physiology**, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure, November 2008

**Colleen O’Leary, MD, Anesthesiology**, was promoted to Professor (tenure previously granted), November 2008

**Steven L. Youngentob, PhD**, Professor and Vice-Chair of Neuroscience and Physiology, has been appointed to the position of Associate Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. Dr. Youngentob will work with Dr. Steven Goodman, Dean of the College of Graduate Studies, to strengthen all aspects of the graduate program including, recruitment, admission, curriculum and the tracking of graduates. “His strong commitment and insight into the graduate program and his experience in directing the college's MD/PhD program make him the ideal person to fill this new administrative role” said Dr. Goodman.

At the forefront of research into alcohol addiction, Dr. Youngentob is the lead author of a study, funded by the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, whose findings indicate that pre-natal alcohol exposure shapes sensory preference, upping the odds of later alcohol use and abuse. Published in the December 2007 issue of "Behavioral Neuroscience," the findings contribute a critical biological piece to the complex puzzle of why teens with a family history of drinking may drink more.

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**New Faculty**

**Timothy De Ver Dye, PhD**, Professor, Public Health & Preventive Medicine

Dr. De Ver Dye received his doctoral degree from SUNY Buffalo. He has been on the faculty here at Upstate and the University of Rochester and was Principal and Director of the Department of Research and Evaluation of Axios International. He joins SUNY Upstate as the Director of the Center for Research and Evaluation.
Megan Grosso, PT, DPT, RPA-C, Adjunct Instructor, College of Health Professions, Physical Therapy
Dr. Grosso received her doctoral degree in Physical Therapy from University of Buffalo, and also received her Physician’s Assistant certificate from LeMoyne. Dr. Grosso is currently on the staff at Upstate in the Department of Neurology as a licensed physician’s assistant.

Mark Hamill, MD, Assistant Professor, Surgery
Dr. Hamill received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University and completed his residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. He pursued additional training in Surgical Critical Care at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

Adonis Hijaz, MD, Associate Professor, Urology
Dr. Hijaz received his medical degree and completed his residency at American University of Beirut. He pursued additional training in Neurourology and Urodynamics at University of Toronto and in Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. He joins us from the faculty of Case Western Reserve University.

Brian Howell, PhD, Assistant Professor, Neuroscience & Physiology
Dr. Howell received his doctoral degree from McGill University and completed his post-doctoral fellowship at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He joins us from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

Cecilia Leonard, MD, Assistant Professor, Psychiatry
Dr. Leonard received her medical degree from the University of Leipzig, Germany and completed her residency at Maimonides Medical Center. She pursued additional training in Psychiatry and the Law and in Forensic Psychiatry here at Upstate. She joins us from the staff of Hutchings Psychiatric Center.

Lauren Lipeski, MD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics
Dr. Lipeski received her medical degree from Southern Illinois University and completed her residency at Rhode Island Hospital. She pursued additional training in Neonatology at the Women and Infant’s Hospital of Rhode Island and in Pediatric Endocrinology from Rhode Island Hospital. She has been on the faculty and staff of Albany Medical Center and St. Barnabas Health Care System. She joins us from St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center in Paterson, NJ.

Jay Reeder, PhD, Assistant Professor, Urology
Dr. Reeder received his doctoral degree from the University of Rochester. He joins us from the faculty of University of Rochester.

Michael Sharak, Clinical Instructor, College of Health Professions, Physician Assistant Studies
Mr. Sharak received his bachelor’s of science degree from SUNY Brockport. He has been on the staff at Upstate since 1990 and Chief Physician Assistant since 1994 where his responsibilities include direct patient care and teaching.
Zhanna Spektor, MD, Assistant Professor, Pathology
Dr. Spektor received her medical degree from the State Medical and Pharmaceutical University of Moldova. She completed an Internal Medicine residency at City Hospital #3, Chisinau, Moldova and a Pathology residency at SUNY Stony Brook. She pursued additional training in Hematopathology and in Transfusion Medicine and Blood Bank here at Upstate.

Thomas Wolff, MD, Distinguished Teaching Professor, College of Health Professions - Physician Assistant Studies
Dr. Wolff has been on the faculty of the College of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine since 1973, fulfilling multiple roles in the department including chair for 12 years. He has been involved in all aspects of education, curriculum design, administration, teaching and grant writing. Dr. Wolff received his medical degree from Albany Medical College and completed a Family Practice residency at St. Joseph’s Hospital, Syracuse.

In Memoriam

Robert J. Bloom Sr.
Robert Bloom retired after 36 years as a Biochemist at SUNY Upstate Medical Center. He was born in Syracuse and lived in the area all his life. He was a graduate of Syracuse University, a decorated WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps and a POW in Germany. Robert was a member of Grace Episcopal Church, Baldwinsville. He was an avid gardener, woodworker and was a former church organist.
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Robert B. King, MD

ROBERT B. KING died recently at the age of 86. He received his early education at the University of Pittsburgh, the University of Michigan, and the University of Rochester School of Medicine (M.D., cum laude, 1946). He interned in Surgery (1946-1947) and was a Fellow in Neurosurgery (1947-1949) at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri.

As a Captain in the Medical Corps he served as Assistant Chief of Neurosurgery at Walter Reed Army Hospital for two years and then joined the faculty of Washington University as a Markle Scholar in Medical Science (1951-1956).

In 1957 as Professor of Surgery at the SUNY Upstate Medical Center he developed the Department of Neurosurgery and established a residency training program committed to an intensive seven year neurosurgery-neuroscience experience in research and patient care. He stepped aside as Department Chairman in 1988.

He was then appointed Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education for the College of Medicine, Chairman of the Medical Board and Medical Director of University Hospital, served three rotations on Project Hope, was appointed to Neurology A Study Section of NIH, and the National Advisory Council on Health Professions Education.
and was principal investigator for research and training program grants.

He was active in educational program development as President of the American Board of Medical Specialties, and the Executive Council of the ACGME and served as President of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the American Academy of Neurological Surgeons and the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He was Founding Chairman of the Research Foundation of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons.

He received many awards including the Cushing Medal from the American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Distinguished Service Medal from American Academy of Neurological Surgeons, and the Medal of Merit from the University of Alagoas, Brazil.

He was appointed the Chancellor's Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus. The endowed Robert B. and Molly G. King Professorship was established in his honor. Although "retired" in 1996, he continued seeing patients, writing, teaching and expanding his activities in community service organizations.

[prepared by Dan Hurley]

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**Faculty Development - Upcoming Events**

Watch for information about The Faculty Toolbox: a faculty development workshop series.

The 3 workshops for this year include:  
Scientific Writing (February 2009)  
Manuscript Preparation (March 2009)  
and  
Grant-Writing (April 2009)

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**Useful Links**

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

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