Welcome, Dr Bob Newmyer
The Crier is pleased to introduce our
new PICU attending, Dr. Bob 
Newmyer, to you. The second of three
new faculty to join the Division of
Pediatric Critical Care, Bob Newmyer
started in July as our newest PICU
attending. Bob was Philadelphia-
trained (undergraduate at La Salle and
medical school at Drexel) prior to
seeking the food of Michael Simon and
the near-daily snow of Cleveland, Ohio,
as a pediatric resident at Rainba
Babies & Children’s Hospital. Now
having completed his fellowship in
pediatric critical care medicine at
Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, he
comes to us looking forward to teaching
and working in the areas of
neurocritical care and trauma,
interfacility transport, institutional
response to patient deterioration, and
being a part of quality initiatives in the
unit. After taking boards in November 2016, he will pursue graduate studies at
SU’s Maxwell School.
During his time as a resident, Bob
won resident teacher of the year and
clinic productivity awards. As a fellow,
Bob presented research at national
conferences regarding the interfacility
transport of neurocritically ill patients,
receiving the 2014 Society of Critical
Care Medicine In-Training Travel Grant
for his work. Quality improvement
work focused on the implementation of
bedside ultrasound, co-writing a grant
funding the purchase of additional
equipment and the introduction and
implementation of formalized curricula
in critical care ultrasound. His review
article regarding the use of targeted
temperature management in pediatric
neurologic diagnoses was just published
in January and he is currently working
to publish his findings regarding the
epidemiology and outcomes of a large
cohort of transported children with
neurologic diagnoses.
On a personal note, Bob has been
learning everything he missed as a
pediatric resident from his son, now 2-
month-old Thomas. Bob and his
partner, Ismeldy, a pediatric cardiac
intensive care nurse (yes they met working
together in Pittsburgh!), have just moved
in to the Pike Block
apartments downtown. He
is hoping to start crossing a few things off of
a growing bucket list including a desire to
learn how to cross country and downhill ski
(his prior experience on the slopes has been
limited to snow tubing), getting back to
reading some good fiction, and buying a new
bicycle. Bob is a former lifeguard, swim
coach, and swim instructor and he is hoping
to be back in the pool to stay in shape this
winter!
Bob’s office is in the back hallway of Suite
5400 next to Federico’s! He hopes that you’ll
stop by to say hi at any time. His first time
on service in the PICU will be in August!

The GCH has a new Administrator!
Pediatrics warmly
welcomes our new GHC
Administrator, Jennifer
Speicher. Jennifer is a
graduate of Maxwell
School at Syracuse
University where she obtained a master's
degree in Public Administration with
Advanced Certificate in Health Systems
Management and Policy.

In an exclusive interview, Jennifer tells the
Crier "I am absolutely thrilled to be joining
the Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital and
Pediatric Services family and look forward to
getting to know everyone in the coming
months!
I spent the last several years working for
The Advisory Board Company as a
healthcare consultant, leading hospitals and
health systems around the country in revenue
cycle improvement projects, ICD-10
implementation planning, clinical
documentation and physician engagement
initiatives. While I was able to see much of
the country and gain invaluable experience in
a variety of hospitals and health systems, I
was really looking for the right opportunity to
make meaningful impact in the health of my
community a little closer to home. I cannot
think of a more appropriate or exciting
organization to do that with and I am
proud to be a part of such great work.
Outside of work, I love to travel, read,
boat and downhill ski, as well as enjoy
great food, wine and live music with friends. I live in Syracuse with my twin
boys, Payne and Cael, who will enter
seventh grade in the fall.
Please feel free to reach out to me
any time with questions, concerns or
innovative ideas to make Upstate
Golisano Children’s Hospital the Very
Best we can be. Be Well, Jenn”

Remember the Hospitalists
The Crier received several photos from the
Pediatric Hospital Medicine
Conference in San Antonio in July.
Drs. Andrake, Ajagbe, Nead, Schafer,
and Tarolli represented Upstate in the
poster sessions and at the Alamo.

TuTu Tuesdays
Jaclyn Sisskind
There is a new holiday at Upstate Peds- TuTu Tuesday! Rochelle Ratliff, our nurse manager, found an article
about a children's hospital in Florida
where the staff started wearing tutus
every Tuesday. It began as a simple
request from a patient- she asked if her
nurse would wear a tutu before she went
in for her surgery. The nurse complied,
and a picture of him in his rainbow tutu
got viral online. Before long, the
nurses, doctors, and other hospital staff
were all wearing tutus once a week,
making every Tuesday a celebration.
We had our first tuTu Tuesday on
June 30. Everyone was in a fantastic
mood all day, and the patients loved it!
One girl said “I was feeling really sick
today, but all the tutus made me feel
better” and a parent said he loved the
tutus "because it shows the fun, caring
spirit of this office”. We even had a
patient getting into the act, and she
wore her tutu to her weight check
appointment!
Exploring Your World Exhibit
The GCH has been host of a very special art exhibit in the 12th Floor Gallery throughout the month of July. The art was custom made for us by the young artists from Access CNY’s preschool, Exploring Your World (www.accesscny.org/services/exploring-your-world). Mary Laverty explains: “The young artists made seaweed paintings and shiny fish inspired by our fish tank. Our space designs for the 12th floor inspired collages of glittering nebulas and scenes of planets and stars against black backgrounds. The blue sky, bugs and flowers designs on the 11th floor inspired bright spin art and found object stamped flowers.”
Associate Executive Director Education Services Jean Lynch, Annette Sheedy EYM art teacher and the young artists worked on this exhibit for several months in preparation for the event.

MedQuest 2015
Two dozen 11th and 12th graders from across CNY spent four days (and three nights) attending Upstate’s MedQuest camp from July 13-16. The experience of course includes a tour of the GCH for all of the potential pediatricians in the group. Of special note this year is that our own Chris Kuehne’s daughter Emily was included in the group. This is the 11th year for the program, which began in 2004 and is co-sponsored by Upstate and CNY Area Health Education Center. http://www.upstate.edu/news/article.php?title=8502

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS
8/1 Eric Keil
8/8 Tara Wilhoit
8/9 Ann Sveen, Caitlin Gsgralat
8/10 Mark Claus, Jody Sima
8/15 Melissa Schafer
8/17 Craig Byrum
8/22 Beth Nelsen

Pediatric Fine Arts
This month we feature a few stunning photos taken by the Crier’s nature photographer, Lisa Blystone while on their family vacation in July at Yosemite National Park. (See online)