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PREPping for PREP
The Crier recently learned that our own Dr. Domachowske has been selected to be a member of the Editorial Board of the American Academy of Pediatrics PREP ID. He will be responsible, as a new writer, for writing some of the questions that will appear in the PREP ID publications. Dr. D was asked to participate in a new writer training session given by Dr. Roger Berkow in his role as Editor-in-Chief of PREP Self-Assessment. After completing his training he was assigned three questions (and critiques) for the AAP spring meeting. This is a great honor for Dr. D and for our department! Congratulations, Joe!

Matched!
Congratulations to Nellie Sadaghiani and Chris Malabanon who both matched for their fellowships on 11/20. Chris will be going to St. Christopher’s in Philadelphia for Peds ED and Nellie will be going to Phoenix Children’s for Peds Critical Care. We are very very proud of them both!

There She Is! Emily & Miss America
Just about everyone in Central New York heard about the the welcome home celebration for Miss America Nina Davuluri, held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m. at the Oncenter, and that the GCH shared in the proceeds from the event. However, not everyone got to have their picture taken with her in person. But Emily Nelsen did. Emily (and her mom, Beth) just happened to be in the GCH when Miss America stopped by.

http://www.9wsyr.com/news/local/story/Miss-America-comes-home-to-Central-New-York/zqdyQzVBt0SrTHtoX1SmXg.cspx
Nina Davuluri, of Fayetteville, was crowned Miss America on Sept. 15. Earlier this year, as Miss Syracuse, Nina visited patients at the GCH. The Miss America organization is a partner with Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals organization, of which the GCH is a member. You can see more of Ms. Davuluri’s visit to the GCH (and Emily) at:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGdyPSoXJk

Leadership Academy
Leola Rogers
Attached are pictures I took of our very own Andi Valente, UPAC Team Leader and Dina Mawson, Manager, Pediatric Outpatient Administrative Services at the hospital's Leadership Academy reception. They were being recognized as graduates of the new Upstate Leadership Academy. Their projects were on the Access to Care and Pediatric Trauma Team, respectively. Dr. Ahmed and Dr. Spinoza both graduated as well from the Leadership Academy but had to leave for the OR before their pictures could be taken.

Mr Pink!
In case you didn’t hear the news, he won! Our very own Chris Malabanon took first place in the Crossfit Syracuse gym’s Mr. Pink contest held on November 10th. Mr. Pink was a Male Pageant held to benefit Breast Cancer. Chris was one of eight finalists who are all members of the Crossfit Gym. To win, Chris needed to compete in a swimsuit competition, talent portion, and a “final question.” It was a tough competition with eight outstanding athletes fighting for the title (as well as for a very important cause). The guys raised a lot of money, had a lot of fun, and at the end of the day, it was Chris who claimed the title. Though, perhaps we should call him “Mr. Pink!”

Mr. and Miss
Interestingly, Mr. Pink and Miss America got together for a post-pageant pose at the fund-raiser celebration at the OnCenter. We can only imagine what an honor this must have been for Miss America to pose with our very own Mr. Pink.

Christmas Gifts for El Salvador
Caitlin Stiglmeier
Hi everyone! Need any gift ideas for the upcoming holidays? I got you covered! Aunt Mildred would probably love... lotions for lice or scabies that I can donate to the people of El Salvador! Lil cousin Jimmy would probably love pencils, markers and notebooks I can donate to the children of El Salvador!
Ghana for Good
Lauri Rupracht, RN

I am an RN at Upstate and am organizing another mobile medical mission trip to Ghana, Africa from Feb. 25, 2014 through March 9, 2014. We travel to remote villages in Ghana and set up temporary medical posts to see and treat people who have very limited access to healthcare. I partner with a non-profit organization in Ghana who arranges in-country transportation, housing, meals, project sites and a safari. Total cost of the trip including round trip airfare is $2500. We expect to serve 800 people during our 10 day stay as well as doing some cultural events/sightseeing.

Our team currently consists of RN's, Dental Hygienist, Respiratory Therapists, Audiologist and a few others who are not in the medical field. I am looking to recruit a physician and/or nurse practitioner to join us so that we can expand the care we are able to give.

More info about the trip and a video of our last trip can be seen at www.americansservingabroad.com. If you truly want to put your skills to work to make a difference in the world, please consider joining our team for an extremely rewarding experience. If interested, please contact me at ruprachl@upstate.edu.

The Long Awaited Baby Nimeh

We are pleased to present the long awaited picture of Dorothy Helen Nimeh. Dorothy was born on October 15th, 2013. Dad tells the Crier, “She is named for two of her beloved great grandmothers and weighed in at a mere 7lb 5oz (compared to her nearly 10 pound brother!!). Mom, dad, brother, and baby are all doing extremely well;) We are looking forward to introducing her to her Upstate family!!”

Pediatric Star-of-the-Month
By Lisa Blystone

The Pediatric Star-of-the-Month goes to the 4A staff. As explained by Dr. Kerr, the entire team pulled together to provide excellent care to a sick child. The child arrived at 8AM as a walk-in and quickly decompensated. Everyone pulled together and within an hour not only was the child stable but arrangements were made with several teams (PICU, surgical and Phoresis). The entire 4A team mobilized forces with everyone pitching in knowing exactly what to do. I know its our job to take care of kids but today the best of everyone came out and I am proud to work with this great group of people. Dr. Kerr, please check in with Patty or Lisa to pick out the really cool Stars prize of your choice for the team.

Mark the Dates!
The Department Holiday Party – Wed, 1/2/18, in the Kinney Center from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Housetaff Holiday Luncheon–Thur, 1/2/19 at Noon in 11405 following AM Conf

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS
12/1 Gloria Kennedy
12/5 Jeremy Steele
12/11 Christopher Delaney
12/12 Emily Smith
12/14 Vicki Meguid
12/16 Kathie Contello, Christie Hall
12/23 Robert Lebel
12/24 Linda McAleer
12/26 Tom Welch, Allison Martin