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Dancing with A Peds Star
Wendy Holz

On Tuesday, May 17th, Tayla Kelley, a 12-year-old Upstate Peds ID patient fulfilled one of her lifelong dreams when she appeared on the “Dancing with the Stars”. Wendy Holz, who has worked with Tayla, shared the following:

Imagine my surprise when I received a phone call several weeks ago from the producers of the popular reality television show Dancing with the Stars! They wanted to do a special segment about children who danced through adversity. One of our very own patients was going to be featured in this special segment. Although, Dancing with the Stars gave you a glimpse into Tayla’s life, I was somewhat disappointed that they did not show some of the other great things that Tayla and her mother have done for others with Primary Immunodeficiency Diseases (PID).

Our goals for our patients with any PID are to have them lead as normal a life as possible. We could not be happier that Tayla enjoys an active life, full of dance and all of the other things that young girls like to do. Tayla, however, realized that not many people understood or appreciated PID as much as they do other more common childhood ailments. With the help of her mother, Tayla has created the Primary Immunodeficiency Foundation of New York. Their initial goal was to raise awareness about PID and hope to some day raise some funds to help support families who have to deal with PID as they have. Among some of their other goals, they want to provide monetary support to those who may not have gas money to get to appointments, and hope to create a support group for those who are affected by PID. Tayla decided the best way to get the foundation going was through dance. She has created an annual event called “Burst the Bubble”. It is a dance recital, that Tayla and some other dancers participate in. Tayla shows everyone that although her life has certain challenges that she needs to deal with daily, that she does not let PID get in the way of her life.

I know that many of us in the Pediatric Infectious Disease Clinic are very proud of Tayla. She was very deserving of being on Dancing with the Stars! It was great to see her name up in lights and we know that she has such a bright future ahead of her!

The Match Quartet

Congratulations to our four PL-2’s who all got their first choice in the Pediatric Heme/Onc Fellowship Match on 5/4/11, for the 2012 year. Here are the exciting results:
- Saleh Bhar – Baylor, Houston
- Dany Curi – Child’s Mem., Chicago
- Ahmad Rayes – Cincinnati Children’s
- Rajoo Thapa – St. Jude’s, Memphis

We are very proud of all four of them.

LEAPPing into 3rd Place
Sarah Irish

The Society of Pediatric Nurses (SPN) Research and Clinical Practice Committees, has awarded the, "Look Before You LEAPP: An Evidence-Based Approach to Pediatric Procedural Management," as the 3rd place winner among 50 posters submitted at the 2011 SPN Annual Convention. Congratulations to the following team members who devoted their effort to this poster: Colleen Baish (child life), Dr. Nick Bennett, Dr. Ann S. Botash, Pam Haines, RN, Michelle Jeski, RN, Dr. Beth Nelsen, and Gina Lozito (child life).

LEAPP (Listen, Evaluate, Anticipate, Plan and Proceed) is an evidence-based, multi-disciplinary approach to providing care for both the patient and family that minimizes patient pain and distress and maximizes efficiency and safety. This procedural management protocol emphasizes collaboration between residents, nurses, child life specialists and families resulting in positive patient outcomes. Education for both physicians and nurses reminds healthcare providers to "Look Before you LEAPP".

The poster is currently on display on the 12th floor across from the gallery. Please stop by when you have an opportunity!
Excellence in Teaching
Congratulations to second year resident, Dr. Asalim Thabet for being the winner of this year’s Excellence in Teaching Award for a Resident/Fellow for academic year 2010-2011. Dr. Thabet was chosen from among all levels of residents hospital-wide for this award and she will be honored at a special luncheon on Monday, June 13th.

Bella the Ball
Thanks to at least one member of our department, the 2011 Bella Casa Celebrity Fashion Show was a huge success raising over $54,000 for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York. Included in the fashion lineup was our very own Dr. Michael Ratner, pictured with a former patient, Lindsey Larkin. (photo by Rick Policastro Photography).


PASing Through Denver
The annual Pediatric Academic Society meeting was help from April 30 – May 3rd in Denver, Colorado. Several faculty members were there along with quite a few former residents and students. Faculty included Drs. Nelsen, Welch, Olson, Sills & Sills, and Nimeh. Former resident sightings included: Aarati

A Night At the Symphony
An anonymous faculty member offered to buy four residents tickets to the Syracuse Symphony’s performance of Mahler’s Symphony #1 on May 9th. Allison Martin, Shelly-Ann Williams, Raya Safa, and Saadiya Khan were delighted to enjoy an evening at the Civic Center and are greatly appreciative to … someone for their thoughtfulness. Raya reported, “It was great! A piece of art!”

Pediatric Mountain Goats
The Department of Pediatrics was well represented at the 33rd Annual 10-mile Mountain Goat Run on May 1st. Runners included Steve Blatt, Joe Domachowske, Derek Gorski, Kathleen Paice, and Anne Sveen. You can read all about it in the Syracuse Post Standard (with pictures). http://blog.syracuse.com/sports/2011/05/oregon_man_is_ king_of_the_moun tain.html

You can also find a list of results. Check out which of our runners was at the top of the Peds list. http://blog.syracuse.com/sports/2011/05/oregon_man_wins_10- mile_mountain.html

Coming this month, Paige’s Butterfly Run on Saturday, June 4th

Keeping Close Thai’s
The Crier received the following note and picture from former resident Poomiporn Katanyuwong who is now working in Thailand:

“I always feel that Syracuse is my second home and everyone in the department is my family. Although my time spent with all of my friends in Syracuse was so short, my memory about all of them will last forever!! Once in a while I have to update myself by sneaking into your department website to see how things going. Anyway, my family and I are doing well. I work at Bangkok hospital (same place as Nithi), Interestingly Tossaporn and his wife [Mimi] also used to work here before moving to the US. My son is now 7 years old. He will be in 1st grade this upcoming June. Sara also works as an acupuncturist and enjoys her works as well.”

Westward, Ho!
As most of you have heard, our faculty member and hospitalist, Charlie Bergstrom has decided to pursue fellowship training in critical care. Having also decided that they wanted to move back to the west coast, Charlie interviewed and matched at Seattle Children’s Hospital and will begin his training on July 1st with research focus in medical education. In his farewell letter to the department Charlie wrote, “I will always look back with fondness particularly on the strong inpatient teams and excellent focus on student and resident teaching in the department. Pediatrics is a small world, so I hope to stay in touch and see many of you in meetings moving forward.”

We wish Charlie and his family the very best!

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Rao, Caitlin Sgarlat, Hazar Kobayaa, Rana El Feghaly and Randa Khairallah, as well as Upstate students Matt Thornton and Stacy Cooper.
Stand Tall with Stan Tall
Sarah Irish

National Nurses Day is always celebrated on May 6th and opens National Nurses Week. National Nurses Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, the birth date of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing. The following brief history of Nursing Week was taken from the American Nursing Association’s Web Site: (LINK)
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NationalNursesWeek/NNWHistory.as
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In 1953, Dorothy Sutherland of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare sent a proposal to President Eisenhower to proclaim a "Nurse Day" in October of the following year. The proclamation was never made but National Nurse Week was observed from October 11 – 16, 1954. The year of the observance marked the 100th anniversary of Florence Nightingale's mission to Crimea. In 1974, President Nixon proclaimed a "National Nurse Week." In 1981, a resolution was initiated by nurses in New Mexico to have May 6th declared "National Recognition Day for Nurses." In 1982, the ANA, with a joint resolution, the United States Congress designated May 6th to be "National Recognition Day for Nurses." The proposal was signed by President Reagan, making May 6 the official "National Recognition Day for Nurses." It was expanded in 1990 by the ANA to a week-long celebration (May 6-12) known as "National Nurses Week."

As a part of Nursing Week, Upstate hosted a Stan Tall (cousin of Flat Stanley) contest that was held on May 6 in the GCH Performance Center.

http://www.aacn.org/WD/NTI/NTI20
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Here are the pediatric submissions. Each unit started out with a plain, white cardboard cutout to decorate as they wanted. Congratulations to the 11G team (center) who took first place and to 11E (upper left) who took second and third place out of all the entries hospital wide!

June Events
Paige’s Butterfly Run 6/4
PL-3 Faculty/Resident Lunch 6/10
Housestaff Appreciation 6/16
PL-3 Retreat 6/17
New Intern picnic at the Zoo 6/22

Pediatric Excellence
The April and May 2011 issues of the Upstate Engaging Excellence newsletter have featured a number of Pediatric Faculty, staff, and residents who were recognized in the March/April Press Ganey Surveys. Way to go, Peds!

http://www.upstate.edu/gch/images/ed
ucation/eenewsletter4-11.pdf
(link to the newsletter – page 4 lists peds residents, faculty, and staff)

Pediatric Star-of-the-Month
By Lisa Blystone
The Pediatric All-Star for the month is Tri Nguyen for taking so many backup calls recently, without complaining, to cover for fellow residents. Tri has been an example to us all. He is a star! Please contact Lisa Blystone to pick out your prize from the stars treasure chest.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS
6/10 Kristel Holmblad
6/11 Joan Pellegrino
6/13 Shelly-Ann Williams
6/14 Jean Szkotak
6/16 Sue Delaney
6/21 Scott Schurman, Joe Nimeh
6/23 Neal Seidberg
6/23 Tim Harris
6/24 Prateek Wali
6/29 Tracy Gilgallon
6/30 Bill Hannan