Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Beth Jamme

The Department of Pediatrics warmly welcomes our new hospitalist, Beth Jamme, M.D. Dr. Jamme comes to us from CHOP where she was a hospitalist as well as a participant in the integrative care program and the sedation service there. She went to Temple University for her medical school and trained at St. Christopher’s Hospital for Children in Philadelphia (where she was a resident with Trish Taveres and Alicia Pekarsky). In addition to being our new hospitalist, Dr. Jamme will also be working with Drs. Welch and Blatt in the development of the program for medically complex children.

Dr. Jamme tells the Crier, “my significant others are two cats named Chloe and Darby and a lovely man named Steve who teaches microbiology at Cornell. (Luckily he doesn't bring his experiments home with him). I was an occupational therapist before embarking on a medical career. I've lived in Germany, eat anchovies on my pizza and enjoy hiking, biking and photography. I also knit hats, scarves and sweaters with uneven sleeves in my spare time and enjoy cooking for willing victims.” We are delighted to have her join us.

3rd Annual Peds GI Conference

Prita Mohanty

This year, another successful GI Conference was held on October 24 at the Cavalry Club in Manlius NY. New friendships were made and old ones renewed as gastroenterologists, primary care physicians, residents and nursing staff from Upstate NY met for this year’s conference. (See full article online)

The Grand Opening, Continues

Editor’s Note: We are pleased to present yet another article about our new Children’s Hospital:

Pediatric SWAT

Bonnie Miner, MS, RN

Just before moving to the new Children’s Hospital the Pediatric Transport nurses added a new role, Pediatric SWAT. Improving the quality of care to our patients is their primary goal. The position covers hospital transport, first responders to pediatric codes and Pediatric Rapid Response calls. They also will be educating the staff skills related to resuscitation and advanced patient assessment.

Each SWAT nurse approaches their day a variety of ways. Asking one of them to tell me about their routine, Sharon Luke stated that it depends on the day. She usually tries to attend report in the PICU so she has a general idea of the patients in the unit and the possible patients that may require extra help with the care. The SWAT nurse from the night before gives her a report and identifies any trouble spots she should be aware of as she begins her day.

One of the first places she stops to check is the transport equipment to be sure it is ready for when she needs to rock and roll! Equipment needs to be checked to see if it’s all ready. Her morning usually includes a tour of the units to check any concerns and to note the patient’s level of PEWS (Pediatric Early Warning Score). She may stop to talk to the nurse of a patient whose PEWS score is in the yellow or orange zone to see if anything needs to be done, it may even include a quick assessment so she has baseline if problems occur later.

She checks with the charge nurse on 12F (PICU) to be sure there isn’t something the unit needs. Depending on what she encounters on her rounds she may even give a heads up to the PICU resident team so they are aware of any worrisome patients.

Throughout the day the staff from the units may call the SWAT for changes in patient’s condition, validation of concerns, hard IV sticks or lab draws, or general consultations related to care of the patient.

The SWAT nurse lives up to their name using their own Special Weapons And Tactics in the care of the pediatric patient.

Meeting the Newbies

The fourth annual new faculty reception was held on October 22 at the Delavan Art Gallery. Dr. Welch had the pleasure of welcoming and introducing the following new pediatric providers:

Vipin Bansal, MD
Amy Y. DiFabio, MD
Elizabeth A. Jamme, MD
Karol H. Kerr, MD
William G. Kerr, Ph.D.
Satish Krishnamurthy, MD
Lauren E. Lipinski, MD
Allison McCrone, MD.
Henry S. Roane, Ph.D.
Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, MD

Once again, we are delighted to welcome each of our new faculty members.

Upstate Faces Features Dr. Ann Botash

Our own Dr. Ann Botash was the October employee-of-the-month featured on the Upstate Faces website: http://www.upstate.edu/hr/about/faces/faces_oct09.php

The feature ended with the following: “Dr. Botash, our thanks go out to you for your commitment and dedication to Upstate Medical University and for all your efforts to help children who are victims of abuse. Your expertise in this field is essential.”

Congratulations, Dr. Botash!

Hail to the Chiefs!

Not necessarily the first to break the news, the Crier is nevertheless pleased to welcome Akaber ElKharmra and Derek Gorski as our 2010-2011 chief residents. Both have agreed to stay next year and we know they will make a great team.

Wally and Molly Visit GCH

Beth Nelsen

Editor’s Note: Just when we thought we had achieved every conceivable goal
worth fighting for, with the opening of the GCH, our chief resident takes us new heights when she won us a personal guest appearance of "Wally and Molly," the two stuffed Red Sox mascots who are currently on a "nationwide tour". You kind of have to know Beth to grasp the full meaning of this honor. The Post interviewed Beth the day before their arrival. http://blog.syracuse.com/cny/2009/10/pediatrician_brings_red_sox_nation_mascots_molly_and_wally_to_golisano_childrens_hospital.html

But the Crier got an exclusive post-visit interview with chief resident Red Sox fan, Beth Nelsen (our apology in advance to any Yankees fans out there):

I was fortunate enough to be the first stop on the "Where's Wally?" tour. Wally the Green Monster and Molly (his girlfriend) are undertaking a nationwide voyage to see Red Sox fans all over the country. I got this opportunity by e-mailing Jerry Remy, former Red Sox second baseman-turned-TV commentator, who was sponsoring the contest. Wally normally sits next to Jerry during the Red Sox games but rather than have him sit around Boston during another cold, New England winter, he decided to send him on a whirlwind tour of the US.

I got Wally and Molly on a Monday afternoon, and although I was out sick for a day I was still able to bring the two of them around town. It was a fun and unique experience and I can't wait to see what trouble he'll get into on the rest of his tour.

Resident Notes
Since Teaching Day and the opening of the Children's Hospital, the Crier has received all kinds of notes and pictures from former residents. We thought you might enjoy them, as much as we did.

First, we received the following picture from Janani Tuladhar taken at the Teaching Day.

Pictured left to right are Janani, Zahi Kassas, Coleen Cunningham, Muhammad Djafari, and John Andrake.

We received the following picture from Sonli Mehta of her and her now three year old daughter Arya:

And the following birth announcement from Angelle and Larry Creswell:

Dani Mouawad sent the following:

"Four Lovely Monkeys"
I am glad to hear your news. I think often about everyone of you. I am still in Louisiana. I am hoping by next year to move to chapel hill NC. Work is good and family life is wonderful. Below you will find my 4 lovely monkeys. From the oldest to the youngest; Dalia 8 yrs, Rania, 6 yrs, Michael 4 yrs and last, Raphael 2 yrs. I hope everyone is doing well. I keep thinking of visiting the area soon. But with four of them, it may take some planning. Please make sure to say hello to everyone and feel free to share this picture with the department. Dani Mouawad

In a short note from Aarati Rao, we found out she is getting married in November. Stay tuned for details and pictures.

Myla DeJesus sent the following picture of Carlos and Miguel:

And finally, our October 28th Grand Rounds Speaker and former resident Carey Qualia shared a picture of 3 yo Katherine and 6 yo Natalie

The 5th Annual Looking at our Stars Fashion Show
(see online for photos)

Baby Jay
Dr. Andrake submitted the following news tip: "I got rare footage of Jay as a youngster playing hockey."

http://bruins.nhl.tv/team/embed.jsp?catid=977&amp;id=48542

An anonymous source responded by commenting that seeing Jay’s early role as a goalie explains a lot about him today.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
11/1 Irene Cherrick
11/8 Joe Domachowske, Manika Suryadevara
11/9 Regina McConnell
11/13 Sarah Finocchiaro
11/15 Jay Peacock
11/20 Mirza Beg
11/21 Peter Chmiel
11/25 Rana El Feghaly
11/28 Prita Mohanty
11/29 Akaber ElKhamra