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### The PICU (Finally) Welcomes Dr. Ramesh Sachdeva

This particular faculty welcome has been about a year in the making. Ramesh Sachdeva, MD, PhD, MBA, JD,



became the senior vice president for strategic affairs at Upstate Medical University back in July of 2016 but has also been a practicing physician in the areas of pediatric critical care and sleep medicine; with an interest in neurocritical care. It was the plan from the beginning to have him join our other Pediatric Critical Care faculty in the PICU and that has finally started happening in the past few weeks. Of note, Ramesh will be working alongside one of his former trainees in the PICU. Coincidentally, our very own Allison Fahy trained with him in Milwaukee. Hopefully, he will also spend some time working with Dr. Soultan in pediatric sleep medicine which is another area of interest for him. Dr. Sachdeva shared the following with the Crier: "It is great to join the Pediatric Department at Upstate. I moved to Syracuse from Milwaukee (and the Chicago area) where I was working at the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and also at the American Academy of Pediatrics. It is a real privilege to join the critical care team in the PICU and the pediatric sleep medicine team in pulmonary, at Upstate.

My son is in college at Vanderbilt and enjoys his visits to Syracuse. My daughter, a high school student in Connecticut, just got back to Syracuse after a community service trip to Ghana.

I am looking forward to getting to know and working with everyone in our department."

### The Hospitalist Medicine Conference

*Dr. Jennifer Nead*

In July, John, Mide, Melissa, Jen, and Avidah attended the AAP Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference in Nashville, TN. The division was well represented - Jen and Melissa presented

oral platform presentations (MS3 oral presentation tool project and inpatient discharge improvement process, respectively), Avidah (and John) presented a clinical conundrum poster, the SSTI collaboration that Jen belongs to presented 2 posters, and Nusrat (a hospitalist at Vanderbilt who will be joining the division) presented a workshop on opioid management. Jen participated in the AAP APEX program. The group got to catch up with colleagues from around the country including Jen's RI and Texas "PHM family", Melissa's Cincinnati QI colleagues, John's program director friends, and a future hospitalist applicant (Stephanie). They also enjoyed local favorites like hot chicken sandwiches.



### Relationships

As a part of this year's intern orientation, Caitlin Nye, MSN, RN-BC, Nurse Residency and Onboarding Coordinator at Upstate Medical University presented a 2-hour interprofessional communication skills workshop for our incoming pediatric interns and nurses. Dr. Ann Botash blogged about this very successful event:

<http://blogs.upstate.edu/pedspoints/2017/07/11/communication-the-foundation-of-relationships/>

### Welcome Adalynn!

Congratulations to Megan Campbell on the birth of Adalynn Marie! Megan tells the Crier, "Brian and I are excited to announce the arrival of Adalynn Marie. She was born Saturday July 8 at



6:40am, weighing in at 5lbs 12 ounces. We are home and everyone is doing great, although 'Addie' gets a kick out of staying up all night! I thought 24 hr shifts would prepare me for this sleep deprivation...but I was wrong! I have attached a photo of Addie."

### Welcome Jacob Pacey!

Congratulations to Jaclyn Sisskind on the birth of Boy #3! She shared the following with the Crier: "We have another boy! Our son, Jacob Pacey Gnacik was born July 7. He was 8 pounds, 20 inches. Ari and Eli are totally in love and Ben and I are over the moon."



### Best Wishes, Bill Grant!



Congratulations and best wishes to our Dean of Graduate Medical Education, Dr. Bill Grant, who is retiring from Upstate after 50 years of service, 30 of which were dedicated to being our Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education. Dr. Dewan wrote the following tribute to Dr. Grant that those of us who have worked with him can all attest to: "He

has served as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education twice- from 1997 to 2004 and since 2010- with a steady hand, exceptional wisdom and kindness. Particularly noteworthy and a true tribute to Dr Grant's excellent leadership is the fact that all residencies and fellowship programs are fully accredited. Dr Grant has compiled an impressive record since coming to Syracuse as a Research Associate Professor in Family Medicine in 1987. In that Department, he has served as Vice Chair (1991-94), Executive Vice Chair (1994-2005) and Founding Director of the Center for Evidence-based Practice (1997-2005). Dr Grant has received numerous grants and written well over 100 papers- and remarkably, worked with an even larger number of collaborators. He is currently Professor in both the departments of Family Medicine and Emergency Medicine. Please join us in thanking Bill for his exceptional service and wishing him the very best in his next chapter in Virginia.”

#### All Aboard for Ghana!

Lauri Ruprach, RN asked if the Crier would let people know about some upcoming service trips to Ghana: “ASAP (Americans Serving Abroad) has some upcoming service trips to Ghana Africa. November 10-21, 2017 will be a Community Development trip- no special skills required. We will go to schools to educate girls on reproductive health, do fluoride treatments on children, a literacy program, dementia awareness, and to start a soccer program. In March 2018 we will do a 2-week mobile healthcare clinic to remote villages in Ghana. Applications and more info is on the website at [www.asap.ngo](http://www.asap.ngo). Please spread the word- we would like to get some more doctors on board for the March trip! - Lauri Rupracht RN”



#### New Dean of GME



Even as we wish Dr. Grant the best, the Office of Graduate Medical Education is pleased to announce that our very own Danielle Katz, MD will be taking over as Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education as of July 31, 2017. Dr Katz is an Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery. She completed medical school and residency training here at Upstate where she received a Medical Alumni Association Merit Scholarship, the David G. Murray, MD Award for excellence in Orthopedic Surgery, the Medical Society of the State of New York Community Service Award, the Ronald Krizinofski, MD Award for extraordinary achievement in the art and science of medicine, and the American Medical Women's Association Janet M. Glasgow Memorial Achievement Citation. She then completed a Fellowship in Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery at Children's Hospital, Boston before returning to join the faculty here in 2003. She has been the Assistant Director of the Residency Program since 2010. At the national level, she has served on the Executive Committee for four years and Chaired the Resident and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons. We look forward to working with her as Dean of GME!

#### Endowment Tribute

Upstate has created an endowment as a tribute to Matthew Miller, PhD, a 2015 graduate of Upstate's College of Graduate Studies, who died unexpectedly on 7/4/17. The Matthew Miller, PhD, Memorial Travel Endowment is being created to provide money for the travel of graduate students to present their research at scientific meetings. Matt was a close friend of the Blystone family (Lisa works in Pediatrics). <http://upstateonline.info/static/July13-July202017/blog/story-2/index.html> Our thoughts and prayers are with all of those who knew and loved Matt.

#### Photo Caption Contest

It has been a while since the Crier has had a photo caption contest. But when the picture below was submitted, it seemed that it really needed an appropriate caption. Email your responses to the Crier by August 18<sup>th</sup> for the chance to win a fabulous prize package.



#### Chimes in the Park

And we end this issue of the Crier on a musical note with a lovely twilight chimes concert in the park somewhat spontaneously performed by Maestros Moradi and Khetty. Thanks to our embedded reporter, Meghan Jacobs for capturing the event on film.



<http://www.upstate.edu/gch/education/images/crieraug1.mov>

#### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Eric Keil  
8/9 Caitlin Deluca, Tara Wilhoit  
8/10 Audrey VanDeWall, Jody Sima  
8/13 Phil Mackewicz  
8/15 Melissa Schafer  
8/16 Kim Wells  
8/17 Craig Byrum  
8/22 Beth Nelsen