



Welcome, New Faculty!

After the new faculty reception last month, the Crier has been feverishly trying to catch up on introducing a few of those who we had previously missed. This month we are pleased to welcome Dr. Jessica Latzman and Dr. Chiagozie Fawole both who are our new Pediatric Anesthesiologists.

Jessica Latzman



"I grew up in Westchester County, New York and went to college just down the road at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York (where I met my husband and took an 800 person intro to wines class). I then moved to New York City for eight years, where I completed the majority of my medical education and training. I went to Mount Sinai for both medical school and residency. After graduating residency in 2016, I went to the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh to complete my fellowship in pediatric anesthesia.

I enjoy spending my free time with my dog (a male Pug-Shih Tzu mix named Eli) and my husband. I love a good glass of white wine (especially if it's a riesling!), and have spent a fair amount of time visiting and procuring wines from the nearby wineries (favorites so far are Hermann J. Weimer and Konstantin Frank). While we're glad to be back in New York State, we do enjoy spending our vacation time traveling. I particularly enjoy spending my vacation time relaxing on the beach, but I can be coerced into the water, and do enjoy snorkeling and scuba diving. Favorite locations have been Hawaii, Cost Rica, Puerto Rico, and Mexico, among others. I am currently learning to ski and am dreaming of our next ski vacation. I've skied in Aspen, Telluride, and Jackson Hole and am open to any suggestions for my next skiing adventure this January!"



Chiagozie Fawole



"I was born and raised in Nigeria, but moved to the United States with my family. I started college at Howard University and then continued up the East Coast with medical school at Johns Hopkins; Internship at Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore; Residency at SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn. I never thought I would live in Upstate New York, but a fellowship position at the University of Rochester in Pediatric Anesthesia did the trick. After one year of not having to look for a parking spot, smiling at neighbors and receiving a smile in return, and having everywhere that mattered within a 20-minute driving distance, I decided to stay upstate! (The cost of rental properties around here played a role too.)

My husband and I have two beautiful girls (aged 3 years, and 6 weeks), and we have come to call Jamesville home. In my spare time I can be caught sifting through Zillow listings looking for that diamond-in-the-rough.



Report from NASPGHAN

Once again this year, Upstate and its faculty, former residents, students and even observers were all active participants in the 2017 NASPGHAN. Dr. Beg shared the following report:

"The North American Society for Pediatric, Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition Conference 2017 was held from the 1st through 4th of November in Las Vegas, NV, drawing a large number of Paediatric Gastroenterologists from all over the country. Upstate NY was very well represented. Drs. Karjoo, Beg, Rivera and Wali attended the conference.

A very unusual case of "Vulvar Crohn's Disease in Very Early Onset Inflammatory Bowel Disease (VEO-IBD)" seen in our GI clinic was presented as a poster by former observer Fiza Laheji, who has also been following this case since its referral to Boston Children's Hospital, under the guidance of Dr. Beg. This poster was very well received and was viewed by a large number of physicians, curious about the future treatment plan and prognosis of the patient. Another poster was about "the etiology of mysterious halitosis and constipation" presented by two undergraduate students Attia Ahmad and Nazish Baig under the supervision of former chief resident and community pediatrician Dr. Farrukh Anwar. Former Upstate residents Drs. Kawatu, Fawaz, Absah, Gutierrez and Mohanty were also present in the conference with their research posters."

Congratulations to all of our Upstate representatives!

Holiday Donation Opportunity

It started with Lisa Blystone (Peds Labs) knitting a bunch of lovely winter caps and donating them to Dr. Andi Shaw for the refugee clinic. Once we saw some of the pictures of the happy kids and families (pictured below) in their warm wooly caps, everything else came together for us, as a department, to "adopt" the refugee clinic as our holiday "family" this year.



If you would like to help put a smile on a child's face, feel free to make a donation. Here are the details:

"With the holidays fast approaching, it has been suggested that we 'adopt' the Refugee Clinic at UHCC for some holiday giving. These families come here with very little personal possessions of even the basics and are especially ill prepared for our cold winters. Dr. Andrea Shaw came up with some suggestions of things that are especially helpful for the families but you are certainly free to use your imagination if you can think of other items, i.e. warm socks, gift cards, fleece jackets, pajamas, etc.

The age range for our kids is usually age 2 to 18 (occasionally a 1 y/o).

- Winter hats, mittens, scarves .
- Sizes for underwear are most commonly the grade school kids (ie. age 5-12)
- Petroleum jelly (Vaseline). Lots of dry skin the first winter in this dry climate

We would like to wrap this up (no pun intended) by **December 15th**. Items can be dropped off in the main office, 5th floor, Suite 5400 or Dr. Shaw will also accept donations at her office at UHCC. Thank you in advance for your generosity."

Ottothon Update

The all-night SU dance marathon once again raised an astronomical amount of money for the GCH with over \$156,000 of donations. We are so thankful to these generous students for caring about about our kids.



Peds ID on the Run!



As reported by Dr. Domachowske (notably, from 4000 miles away) four more members (or family members) of the Peds ID team completed the half marathon that took place in

Syracuse on 11/12. Congratulations to Kathie Contello, Cindy Bonville, and Marybeth and Elizabeth Domachowske. Pictured are Kathie and Cindy.

Baby Krieger

Congratulations to former resident Beth Krieger on the arrival of their beautiful baby boy Isaac Henry. Isaac arrived on Nov 8th weighing in at 8lbs even and 20 in long.



Pediatric Trolls

It appears that trolls were on the loose on October 31st in several of the pediatric outpatient areas.



Note that at least three of those trolls were also celebrating Tutu-Tuesday.

In the News: 40 Under 40 Reception

As mentioned in the October issue, Manika Suryadevara was the recipient of a 2017 CNY 40 Under Forty awards. Manika was honored at a reception on November 16th at the SRC Arena and Events Center in Syracuse where over 450 attended. As described on their website, the "40 Under Forty award recognizes 40 ambitious, hard-working, civic-minded individuals, who are under the age of 40. ...they thrive on active community involvement and appreciate the importance of their role in advancing public good. They are our next leaders who will be making decisions for their businesses."



2017 Upstate Curling Invitational

Our department was well represented at the Upstate Curling Invitational on November 11, when 48 novices from the Upstate community took over the ice for the night at the Utica Curling Club to raise money for the Upstate "Kids with Cancer" Fund. Pictured are the "Sweeping Beauties" (Gloria Kennedy, Meghan Jacobs, Robyn Borsuk, and Brooke Fraser) along with their competitors and coaches. While they did not win on the ice, they clearly would have won, had there been a prize for best dressed curler girls.



December Dates to Remember:

- Pediatrics Annual Holiday Party on Wednesday, December 13, 1-3 p.m. in the Kinney Performance Center
- Housestaff/Faculty Holiday Luncheon, Thurs, December 21, at Noon in the Kinney Center

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Gloria Kennedy
- 12/9 Meghan Jacobs
- 12/11 Mike Bowler
- 12/16 Kathie Contello
- 12/23 Robert Lebel
- 12/24 Linda McAleer
- 12/26 Tom Welch, Sunny Kainth
- 12/27 Melissa Jones
- 12/28 Jennifer Nead
- 12/31 Nadya Dillon