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Our New Leadership Fellow

Congratulations to Dr. Manika Suryadevara who has been selected as a Leadership Fellow in the highly competitive Health Foundation for Western and Central New York leadership development program. It is an intensive 18 month program which includes four two- to three-day residential sessions on topics including personal leadership, leading change, communicating as a leader and results-based leadership and collaboration. Ongoing learning happens between sessions, where fellows work together on an inter-organizational project in small teams. Each fellow also gets executive coaching and access to the program's learning materials. Graduates of the program continue their collaborative work as members of the Fellows Action Network. More than 200 leaders in western and central New York have graduated from Health Leadership Fellows since the program began.

Dr. Suryadevara tells the Crier, "The goal of this fellowship program is to provide selected participants with the training needed to drive change in healthcare, particularly for vulnerable populations. When I saw the announcement, I felt that this was the perfect opportunity for me to develop leadership and communication skills along with the collaborative network needed to move my vaccine advocacy program forward to achieve a larger sustained improvement in disease prevention among children living in poverty. This is an 18 month program that takes place while I am still a full-time attending here! There are several conferences (didactic teaching component) that take place around central New York and a project that I will need to complete as part of a team over the 18 months. I am looking forward to this opportunity!!

We are all very proud of Manika and look forward to having her using her new expertise here at Upstate in the future.

Pediatric Educator Excellence

Our very own Dr. Jennifer Nead was recently named a member of the 2018 cohort of the American Academy of Pediatrics' "Advancing Pediatric Educator Excellence Teaching Program." In an exclusive Crier interview, Dr. Nead shared the following:

The AAP APEX (Advancing Pediatric Educator Excellence) Teaching Program provides pediatric hospitalists with the knowledge and skills to be successful clinical educators. The national program encourages both junior and senior hospitalists to apply and I was selected to be part of the 2018 Educator Class (that includes 23 other hospitalists from around the country). As part of the program, I will attend workshops at the 2017 and 2018 Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conferences and participate in a web-based curriculum, learning educational theory and specific skills. I will apply learned skills here at Upstate Medical University under the direct observation of my local mentor, Dr. Ann Botash. At program conclusion, I will participate in leading a national conference workshop with other class participants. I am excited and very grateful for this opportunity!

In April, I presented one of our innovative pediatric clerkship projects called the OPT (oral presentation tool). Project objectives were to establish expectations for interval patient presentations on hospitalist rounds and to increase student comfort and skill level with presentations. Ann Botash (senior author) and Rosemarie Mastropolo (fourth year medical student) were also authors. The project was designed with input from hospitalists, residents, and medical students. Christopher Delaney, Beth Krieger, Nour Sahraoui, Melissa Schafer, Madeline Owczarak (Melissa's daughter), and Cassie Becker made notable contributions to the project. The poster generated great interest from the audience!



This picture was taken at the Council on Medical Student Education in Pediatrics (COMSEP) Conference in March, in Portland, OR. (Note that Ann Botash's name was also on this poster).

Promotions

Congratulations to three of our Peds doctors, Marcus Rivera, Manika Suryadevara, and, when not busy cooking up recipes in his kitchen, Prateek Wali. All three were recently promoted to Associate Professor!

CoverDoc

In case you haven't already gotten your own copy, our very own Chairman, Dr. Tom Welch, was the cover story on the latest issue of **55 Plus** entitled, "CNY's Top Pediatrician" (not the other cover article about the 'Ladies' on Dinglehole Road). The article starting on page 30 is entitled, "Still at the Helm". It is a great article and even those who know Dr. Welch well may learn a thing or two about him and some of his other-than-peds interests.

https://issuu.com/55plus-cny/docs/55_plus_cny_issue_68_april_may

Upstate Health Goes Peds

Speaking of being in the news, the latest issue of Upstate Health was filled with some of the best and brightest from our Department. In addition to articles featuring several peds patients, stories included Zafar Soultan, Maria Fazzini, Beth Nelsen, Travis Hobart, Gourmet Chef Prateek Wali, and an ad for the cancer center featuring Gloria Kennedy. You can view the whole issue online at: <https://issuu.com/upstate/docs/springuptatehealth>

St. Baldricks Review

The 2017 St. Baldrick's head-shaving event on April 2nd was another huge success thanks, in part, to those of you who either got cut, or sponsored a cut-ee. The event began as a challenge between businessmen and has grown from one event in 2000 to over 1,200 events in 2016, raising critical funds for childhood cancer research. Events take place in pubs, restaurants, schools, churches, parks, malls, military bases, firehouses and any other place you can imagine. Of course our local event takes place at Kitty Hoynes Irish Pub & Restaurant. Last we checked, it had raised almost \$475,000 placing it at the third highest total for any St. Baldrick's fundraiser this year in the United States, according to the foundation's website. <https://www.stbaldricks.org/top-of-the-charts>

Our very own Lori Grabowski was one of the participants again this year and shared the following:

Thanks to everyone that contributed to my St. Baldricks campaign. Kitty Hoynes came in 3rd in the nation for amount of money raised! My team raised \$65,000! To break that down, our team members raised \$25,000 and was matched another \$25,000 by Griffins Guardians and an anonymous donor then said he/she would match what we raised up to \$15,000. Griffins Guardians is a foundation that was started by Erin and Adam Engle, parents to Griffin who died from a brain tumor 2 years ago. They sought out a physician that was specifically researching the type of tumor that affected Griffin. St. Baldricks allows teams to decide where the money they raise should go. Adam and Erin designate the money that we raised go to this specific research team in Michigan. How cool is that?! So, if you are one of those people that think that your donation won't matter much, think again.



This pic is of my sisters, Tess and Lisa, myself and nephew Josh. This was my 4th year shaving. :)

Toothpick World

If you haven't seen it yet, it is not too late. The 12th floor gallery in the GCH is hosting an amazing display of art, all done in toothpicks, through June 30th. Toothpick World, LLC is a traveling exhibit created by Stan Munro of North Syracuse. He has been creating toothpick structures since he was in the 5th grade. In 2005, he displayed his Toothpick City (40 buildings from around the world) at the NYS Fair. The entire exhibit was sold to a museum in Spain. He currently has exhibits at the Ripley's Believe-it-or-Not Museum in Baltimore, MD and at the MOST here in Syracuse. He holds two Guinness World records – Tallest Toothpick Structure (16-feet) and Largest Display (101 pieces) at the MOST. But for the rest of the month, you can see some pretty impressive structures right here at the GCH.

<http://www.toothpickworld.com/>



Gearing Up for OttoTHON

Lorie Riedl sent the following OttoTHON selfie taken by Dr. Bob Newmyer at a recent OttoTHON meeting. Rachel Hannon was also there, representing CLS. You can't tell from the picture, but he WAS wearing orange.



Baby Imdad

Congratulations to former resident Aamer Imdad on the birth of baby girl Zarmeen Ali who was born on April 2 at 7 lb 10 oz. Iman wrote, "this is to share with great happiness that we are blessed with a baby girl last night. Both baby and mom are doing well."



Spring Has Sprung

The Crier discovered that Spring has sprung in the Nephrology/Rheumatology clinic as is evidenced by this adorable spring bulletin board. Look carefully at who is going to bat!



Hospitalists are Super Heros

April 27th was Super Hero Day at the GCH. We spotted at least one Super Hero Hospitalist who paused long enough for a power pose.



MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Iram Ashraf
5/7 Sue Stred, Khalia Grant
5/8 Asalim Thabet
5/10 Tim Hatch, Karen White
5/11 Chris Lopez,
5/12 Sherri Clarry,
5/14 Zafer Soutan,
5/15 Dave Sadowitz
5/18 Debby Carlson
5/20 Lou Pellegrino
5/23 Jasmin Moradi
5/25 Bob Newmyer
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