



### New Faculty: The Return of Dr. O'Malley

"Hello everyone! I am so excited to be joining you all! My name is Jenica (Harmon) O'Malley, and I have joined the faculty at UPAC. I am a CNY native – my husband John and I both grew up in East Syracuse where we met in high school. After high school I went on to Nazareth College of Rochester, spent a couple of years working various jobs at camps and as a nanny while fulfilling my wanderlust : )

I eventually got my act together and made it to medical school at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in Biddeford, Maine. During my last year of medical school I was blessed (and surprised!) with my first son Eddie, and shortly after his birth started residency here at SUNY Upstate. During my last year of residency, my family continued to grow as we welcomed our second son, Johnny, to the world. I spent the last year in private practice in Watertown, NY but I just missed Upstate too much and decided to come back – and driving an hour each way most days was not easy!

My family and I live on the west side of Syracuse in the fittingly Irish neighborhood of Tipperary Hill, where we have the only stop light in the world with the green light on top! My husband works as a corporate pilot and our two boys are now 4 years and 19 months old. In our free time we love enjoying our great city and surrounding areas – we especially love traveling far and wide to play mini golf. I am so excited to be part of the Upstate team - I look forward to meeting everyone and catching up with old friends soon!"



### The AAP Report

*Moshe Roberts*

Editor's Note: *Dr. Roberts is one of our AAP resident reps. He represented us well at the 2016 Conference in October and shares the following report:*

The national AAP conference is a yearly event where thousands of pediatricians and trainees including residents, fellows and students gather to discuss relevant topics in pediatrics, learn updated guidelines and hear about cutting edge research and innovations in the field through 5 days of lectures, workshops and plenary sessions. One aspect of the convention is the section on trainees, where residents get together with their districts to discuss and vote on issues and resolutions relevant to their individual regions and programs. District 2 (New York State) discussed addressing poverty, literacy, and cyber bullying in NYS. The AAP president, Dr. Benard Dreyer spoke passionately about advocating for all children, regardless of citizenship, race, religion, sexual preference or gender. Some points that he focused on that really stuck with me based on our population at Upstate are that immigrants and refugees (regardless of legal status in the US) are children too and it is our duty to care for them and act in their best interest at all times, not just once they are naturalized and become "our" patients. He also reiterated that for transgender youth, pediatricians should not be their first bully. What he meant for that is that vulnerable teens and younger children questioning their gender identity need to feel supported, ideally by their family, but at the very least, by their doctor, and I feel this is something we excel at in our institution.

Throughout the conference, we were encouraged to question stereotypes. A story was told where a father and son are in a car accident and the father is tragically killed on the spot. The son, badly injured, is taken to the hospital. In the emergency room, the surgeon consulted looks at the boy and says "I cannot operate on this boy. He is my son!" to which the question was posed, who is the surgeon? Audience members fumbled offering that perhaps there were two dads or the surgeon meant "son" figuratively or spiritually when in reality, the surgeon was the boy's mother- the simplest answer, yet one many fail to consider initially despite the

innumerable female surgeons at their individual institutions.

Saturday night there was a poster presentation at the San Francisco Exploratorium where trainees could speak about interesting cases at their respective hospitals followed by an evening of discovery at one of the most innovative and long-standing science museums in the country. Lastly, we focused on ways to get out the vote- and vote with children in mind. Although children make up roughly 20-25% of our population, they compose 100% of our future, and many candidates have wildly different stances on what is best for them. From vaccines to contraceptives to adoption, whatever your stance, not voting is not an option, and the AAP section on trainees implored residents to ask their programs for time to vote on election day. I met pediatricians from over 10 countries and discussed current events and recommendations from resident representatives from a dozen different programs.



### New CHAMP!

*Dr. Ann Botash*

Please welcome JoAnne Race! JoAnne is the new manager for the CHAMP program and other grant funded child abuse prevention and treatment educational initiatives and will also be assisting in my academic work. Please include a copy to JoAnne in your emails to me for schedule requests.

JoAnne Race rejoined SUNY Upstate from Syracuse University, where she was a Program Administrator in the Office of Vice President for Sustainability Initiatives. In this role, JoAnne co-created and implemented initiatives and special events for faculty and students related to current trends in national and global environmental

issues. She also managed two federal awards from the National Endowment for Humanities and the Environmental Protection Agency. JoAnne was a key member of the proposal development team for Syracuse University's submission to NYSEDA Energy to Lead REV Campus Challenge \$1M competition in spring 2016. She provided support to the University's Academic Strategic Planning Working Group on Innovation and Change.

From 1996-2011, at SUNY Upstate, JoAnne was a project manager in basic science and clinical research programs in pediatric and adult nephrology. She performed research and data analysis, collaborated with university departments, and trained medical residents in research techniques. The CARE team and I are looking forward to working with JoAnne! – Dr. Botash

The Crier asked JoAnne to reintroduce herself to us since it has been a while since she worked in the department. She shared the following: "I am very excited to return to Pediatrics as a Senior Education Specialist and CHAMP program manager. I feel especially fortunate to join Dr. Ann Botash's wonderful CARE team, and I am passionate about being an advocate for kids. I am a lifelong resident of Central New York and am actively involved in the Cazenovia community, where I live with my husband Bruce and our three children ages 9, 12 and 15. I like to read, participate in any outdoor activities including swimming, skiing, and watching youth sports. I also enjoy cooking with fresh eggs from our small flock of chickens and veggies from Bruce's garden.



Again, we all warmly welcome JoAnne back to the Department.

### Dancing For the Kids

Once again, the students at SU and Cornell will be dancing their nights away to raise money for the GCH. Big Red THON, Cornell's dance marathon, will hold its second marathon Saturday,

Nov. 5. More than 600 people attended the first Big Red Thon, raising \$42,000.

The dance marathon at Syracuse University, OttoTHON, will host its third dance marathon on Sunday, Nov. 6. The first two OttoTHON events raised \$152,000 to support pediatric care at Upstate. We are so appreciative of these dedicated dancers, as are all the kids of CNY. For information on how you can support OttoTHON or Big Red THON, please contact the Upstate Foundation at 315-464-4416.



### The Maureen O'Hara Award Winner



Congratulations to our very own Wendy Holz who was the recipient of the Maureen O'Hara award for excellence as a nurse practitioner. It was awarded through the

nurse practitioner professional organization. Wendy was nominated for the award by Sue Mahar who tells the Crier that the Maureen T. O'Hara Excellence in Pediatric Nursing Award was built around Maureen's "advocacy, and her compassion for children" and "is now given each year to an Upstate Golisano nurse who epitomizes those standards".

### High Society

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Jana Shaw who was just named to two committees of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society.

Jana tells the Crier, "I wanted to share exciting news with you. I was appointed to serve three-year term on two committees of the Pediatric Infectious Disease Society: the International Affairs and Communication Committees. The International Affairs Committee will foster interactions with other international pediatric infectious diseases societies to increase visibility of diseases in developing countries, e.g. through co-sponsorship at meetings; establish a clearinghouse to facilitate training experiences in international locations; consider developing a fellowship for training in developing countries.

The Communications Committee oversees, coordinates and enhances communications within and by the Society, and has primary responsibility for the website and PIDSNews. The Committee also evaluates publications of the Society, as well as other potential communication vehicles in

meeting the needs of the membership; conducts negotiations for publications, as needed; and develops recommendations for future means of communication.

This is a great opportunity for me to grow and contribute to a professional society of people with similar interests and goals.

### The Chill Spot

The Family Behavior Analysis Clinic announced the official opening of its new multi-sensory room also known as the "Chill Spot". The Chill Spot, which was funded by the Green Family Foundation, features a superactive LED bubble tube with color controller, calming projection, superactive fiber optic lights with color controller, gel tiles, infinity mirror, sensory bins, soft play tunnel with LED lights, soft play blocks, padded wall mirrors, crash pad, and wall mounted TV for movies, videos and X-Box Games. We are all invited to stop by and take a peek!



### GI World

Thanks to Dr. Beg for sharing pictures from the World Congress of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition which was held in October in Montreal. As Dr. Beg tells the Crier, "Upstate was well represented as we had two posters:

1. A physician's nightmare: Fever of unknown origin (Sana Ahmad Din, Farrukh Anwer, Mirza Beg)
  2. Single center experience with Fructose malabsorption. (Helena Gutierrez, Mirza Beg, et al)
- Dr. Imad Absah was spotted in conference and my son Wahhaj Beg took pic with Imad. "



### Housestaff at a Glance

On a lovely October morning, the housestaff all opted to head outside for



their annual housestaff photo. As a reminder, all of the housestaff photos back to the 1960s are available in a folder in the Chiefs' office, now including this one.



### Just Married

Congratulations to Bonnie Miner and her new hubby, Kurt Seitz. Bonnie tells the Crier, "We met here at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Both of us work here; Kurt is an electrician with Physical Plant and Bonnie is the CNS for UGCH". They were married on October 1<sup>st</sup> at the Eastwood Baptist Church. They honeymooned in Arizona and California, and will be living in Auburn NY in the 1893 farmhouse they renovating. We wish them the very best!



### Welcome, Baby Rohlfling

Congratulations to Amanda on the arrival of Joshua Andrew Rohlfling. Joshua was born on October 14, 2016, weighing in at 7lbs 14oz. Amanda tells us, "We are so happy to finally meet him!"



### Engaged, Eh?

Congratulations to Sashi Goteti and his fiancé, Nidhi Pandya, who celebrated their engagement on Oct 8 in Ajax, Ontario.



### In the News:

The fall issue of Upstate Health featured our Pediatric Residency Coordinator and some of her nature photography. See page 21. <https://issuu.com/upstate/docs/magazine-fall16fnlr>

### Interview Season – Tidbits

Resident interviews start on November 1<sup>st</sup>. We have 14 interview days scheduled between November 1<sup>st</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup>, and will be interviewing approximately 140 outstanding applicants for our 15 intern positions. We have received over 1300 applications for these 15 positions and are looking forward to an exciting season, and hopefully a match as good as our last three. Residents and faculty, please feel free to stop in to the Family Resource Center at 8 AM or Noon Report to introduce yourself to our applicants.

### Pumpkin Contest Winners

The annual GCH pumpkin decorating contest took place in the Kinney Center on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Once again, the talent of each participant, individual and group, was unparalleled. Prizes went to the best group pumpkin, best individual pumpkin, and patients' choice as follows:

Best Individual Pumpkin  
Snowman—Shantel Henry, Radiology



Best Group Pumpkin  
How Sweet It Is—Peds Heme/Onc



Patients' Choice Award  
Madeline—Family Resource Center



Congratulations to all three of our winners!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Irene Cherrick  
11/3 Max Shenberger  
11/8 Joe D., Manika S.  
11/9 Regina McConnell  
11/10 Beth Krieger  
11/15 Jay Peacock  
11/16 Dave Swaby  
11/20 Mirza Beg  
11/26 Betsy Paulsen  
11/30 Sashi Goteti