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New Faculty Reception

The Annual Reception for New Pediatric Faculty was held on October 24th at the CNY Biotech Accelerator. Faculty recognized included Drs. Aisha Baig (Pulm), Chiagozie Fawole (Anesth), Aamer Imdad (GI), Jessica Latzman (Anesth), Anand Majmudar (Rad), Matt Mittiga (Hospitalist), Phil Monteleone (Heme/Onc), Lu' Ay Nubani (Anesth), Heidi Ochs (Hospitalist), Megan Pinnamaneni (Gen Peds), and Andi Shaw (Gen Peds and Global Health).



Pictured: Drs. Pinnamaneni, Mittiga, Imdad, Majmudar, Welch, Ochs, Nubani, and Shaw.

Upstate In Haiti

The 9/28 issue of Upstate Online featured an article about Upstate's collaboration with Haiti to build a sustainable village. <http://upstateonline.info/static/Sept28-Oct52017/blog/story-1/index.html>

As exciting as that is, the Crier has gone one better with an exclusive interview with Dr. Jan Bach:

"When I returned to Upstate last year I dreamed of becoming part of Upstate's growing global health presence. This year I'm very grateful to be seeing that dream come true with two trips to Haiti in support of Upstate's Pediatric Dept and The Center for Global Health and Translational Science. Both trips were wonderful experiences that began to build relationships and knowledge that will lend themselves to exciting opportunities.

One project I am working on is developing a resident rotation at University Hospital at Mirebalais, which is part of Zanmi Lasante, the Haitian sister organization to Boston-based Partners in Health. The goal is for Upstate to send a resident and attending team for a month long rotation in which we will teach

Pediatrics to Haitian Pediatric residents and medical students. This will also offer our residents an opportunity to have a global health experience and gain insight into the challenges of health care in an underserved environment while working to develop medical resources within Haiti and aid in capacity building. I was very grateful to be able to spend time at the hospital and meet with the Pediatric Chairman and the Pediatric Residency Director, who both look forward to working with Upstate in a long term collaboration.



(Haitian Medical Students)

Another exciting project that Upstate is involved with is a joint venture among multiple SUNY campuses, the Kellogg Foundation, and a number of other not-for-profits to develop a "Sustainable Village & Learning Community" or "SVLC" on a 40 acre site along the Haitian coast. The SVLC has many integrated sectors, all of which share the goal of learning through development and building capacity on many levels. For Upstate, our contribution is within the "Health and Wellness working group". This group is working to develop a clinic within the SVLC in which Haitian medical providers would promote quality care and wellness with support through SUNY educational resources. At the same time the SVLC would also work with local health care facilities to provide training and build resources throughout the region.



The Playroom at Univ Hosp Mirebalais

While both of these endeavors may seem to be off in the distance, I know they will bring wonderful opportunities for Upstate and our Pediatric Dept to both further resident growth and serve others. Is there a better combination? I'm confident 2018 will see our first resident rotation to Haiti, a country with a rich and dynamic history defined not just by poverty, natural disaster, and lack of resources. These days I can bend an ear for quite a while on the topic of our projects and the awesome people I've met so far. Feel free to grab me anytime if you want to learn more!"



(Jan and the Prime Minister of Haiti)

Deputy Editor Dr. D.



The Crier recently learned that our very own Dr. Joe Domachowske has been appointed as the Deputy Editor to the PREP® Infectious Diseases Editorial

Board. His appointment begins January 1, 2018 and runs through December 31, 2020. As David M. Jaffe, MD, FAAP, Sr. Vice President, Department of Education puts it, "As a member of the PREP® Infectious Diseases Editorial Board, you play a very important role in the development and success of this Subspecialty Self-Assessment. We thank you for your willingness to serve the Academy in this capacity and look forward to your ongoing participation and contributions to this educational program." Congratulations, Joe, on this impressive appointment!

Our Sepsis Hero

Upstate Online recently reported what most of us already knew. Our very own



Dr. Melissa Schafer is a "Sepsis Hero" and has been recognized by the Sepsis Alliance for its part in The Children's Hospital Association Improving Pediatric Sepsis Outcomes Collaborative, a group dedicated to preventing hospital-onset severe sepsis and sepsis deaths through timely and reliable implementation of evidence-based diagnostic and care processes across the hospital. You can read the full story at Upstate Online. <http://upstateonline.info/static/Oct5-Oct122017/blog/story-3/index.html>

Lifetime Achievement



Congratulations to Dr. Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, who was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the Excellence in

Healthcare Awards in October. Upstate Online reported that "Upstate Medical University pediatric neurosurgeon Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, MD, tops the list of winners of this year's Excellence in Healthcare Awards to be presented Oct. 26 at the Oncenter. Tovar-Spinoza, internationally known for her pioneering work in laser ablation surgery to treat brain tumor and epilepsy in children, will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award."

<http://upstateonline.info/static/Oct12-Oct192017/blog/story-2/index.html>

Ten-Year Class Reunion

The Grand Rounds on October 4th ended up being a small class reunion. Pictured, from the Class of 2007, are Prateek Wali, Mike Eckrich, Manika Suryadevara, Erin Hanley, and two photo bombers.



Baby Andrew

Congratulations to Marie Jose Moubarak on the arrival of baby Andrew El Mouallem on Sept 28th. He was He was 7 lb 12oz. Mom, dad, and Andrew are all doing great!



March for Babies, November 12th

Michelle Jeski shares the following: "I have agreed to be the Team Captain to represent Pediatrics for the 2017 March for Babies through March of Dimes. Our team name is Team Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. The March for Babies is Sunday November 12th at the SRC Arena at OCC. Registration begins at 10am, Upstate team photo at 1040; 3 mile walk begins at 11am. We are hoping for a high turn out from Upstate this year since Danielle Laroque-Arena is the Chair Person for the March. This is a great cause for pediatric staff to come together to support our smallest kiddos who we take care of every day. We need people on our team to represent all of Pediatrics! Here is the link to join and/or donate."

<https://www.marchforbabies.org/jeskim>

In the News:

Our very own Jana Shaw, MD, was a recent guest on HealthLink on Air. HealthLink on Air is a radio show and podcast produced by Marketing and University Communications and is available on iTunes and WRVO Public Media Sundays at 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. Complete shows and individual interviews are available at www.healthlinkonair.org.

Thruway Pediatric Heme/Onc Conf.

As many of us are aware, the Upstate Peds Cancer Center hosted the first annual Thruway Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Collaboration conference on 10/27. But the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Pedro de Alarcon (who did his Peds Heme/Onc fellowship here at Upstate), took some time prior to the conference to visit with the department and give a lecture to the Peds Residents. He was also reminiscing his time here with Dr. Frank Oski who was Chair of Peds at the time. You can read more about the conference on Upstate Online

<http://upstateonline.info/static/Oct26-Nov22017/blog/story-2/index.html>

The Annual GCH Pumpkin Contest

The annual pumpkin decorating contest was held at the GCH on Friday, October 27th. As always, the competition was fierce and the talent was amazing. But in the end, three winners were selected: The individual submission award went to Michaela Ennis for "Mickey Mouse". Group submission went to 11G for "Donut fear, 11G loves you a latte!" And finally, the Patient's Choice award went to 12F for "Poppin PICU".



Photos courtesy of Kathleen Paice Froio

Dr. Ramaswami

Dr. Mirza Beg sent us a picture of an announcement he came across about one of our former residents who has completed her fellowship and is now working as a Peds Gastroenterologist at the Atlanta GI practice in Georgia.

<https://www.agapediatrics.com/en/providers/>



Somewhere Over the Rainbow

Thanks to Chris Maierhofer for this breathtaking view of UPAC from the Kinney Center on October 26th.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/1 Irene Cherrick
11/3 Max Shenberger
11/7 Valerie Ho
11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
11/9 Regina McConnell
11/15 Jay Peacock
11/16 Dave Swaby
11/20 Mirza Beg
11/22 Hassan El Chebib
11/26 Betsy Paulsen
11/30 Sashi Goteti