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November 2002:

Wed., Nov. 13
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Wed., Nov. 20

Jyoti Upadhyay, MD,
assistant professor,
departments of Urology
and Pediatrics, SUNY
Upstate Medical
University College of
Medicine "What's New
in Vesico-Ureteral Reflux"

Wed., Nov. 27

Thanksgiving holiday—
no Grand Rounds

December 2002:

Wed., Dec. 4

Michael Miller, MD,
Professor and Chair,
Department of
Neuroscience and
Physiology, SUNY Upstate
Medical University
College of Medicine,
"Mechanisms of Fetal
Alcohol Induced Defects"

A Newsletter for Physicians Interested in Children's Health

Calendar

Pediatric Grand Rounds

9:15 a.m., Room 6500
University Hospital,
Syracuse

September 2002:

Wed., Sept. 18

Marie Lynd Murphy, MD
Elmwood Pediatric Group
clinical instructor
Department of Pediatrics
University of Rochester
School of Medicine
"PANDAs in Primary
Care Practice"

Wed., Sept. 25

Nancy Roizen, MD
Professor of Pediatrics
vice-chair for Education
Director, Division of
Pediatric Neuroscience
and Joe Hoo, MD
professor of Pediatrics,
section head, Pediatric
Genetics, Department of
Pediatrics, SUNY Upstate
Medical University College
of Medicine, "What to do
When the Hearing Screen
is Failed"

October 2002:

Wed., Oct. 2

Frank A. Oski Visiting
Professor: William F.
Balistreri, MD, Dorothy
M.M. Kersten Professor
of Pediatric Gastro-
enterology, University of
Cincinnati, Cincinnati
Children's Hospital,
"Hepatitis C—The Tip of
the Iceberg"

New Name, New Look, New Focus

Shortly after I began in Syracuse last summer, we initiated a newsletter for our referring physicians, *The Outcrier*. This was well received, and seemed to fill a real need in the community. We are now ready to take this concept to the next level.

This is the inaugural edition of *KidStuff*, a quarterly publication from the Department of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University. It is produced and distributed in collaboration with the University & Marketing Communications Department at Upstate Medical University.

KidStuff will focus predominantly on educational and clinical programs which will be of interest to pediatric practitioners in

our region. We also expect to introduce some new ideas in diagnosis and treatment which can be applied in the office setting.

We thank you for your interest in the Department of Pediatrics, and are always anxious to have your feedback on our programs and services. Please feel free to contact me any time I may be of help: welcht@upstate.edu.

If you know anyone else who might like to be on the mailing list for *KidStuff*, please contact Sherri Clarry at 315-464-5451 or clarryc@upstate.edu.

Thomas R. Welch, MD
Professor and Chair
Department of Pediatrics

Three Outstanding Visiting Professors

The Department of Pediatrics has three prestigious visiting lectureships, all of which should be of great interest.

The Frank A. Oski Visiting Professorship was established in 1986 to honor the memory of Upstate's most well known former chair. The mission of the Professorship is purely educational with the lecturer heavily programmed during a three-day stay with presentations to students, residents, faculty, and practitioners.

This year's Oski Professor is William F. Balistreri, MD, the Dorothy M.M. Kersten professor of Pediatric Gastroenterology at the University of Cincinnati and Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Bill, a long-time friend

of Dr. Oski, is internationally known both as a pediatric gastroenterologist and as a pediatric educator. He is currently editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Pediatrics*, and is past-president of the American Liver Society.

Bill will be in Syracuse from September 29 to October 2. He will be presenting several talks and programs during his visit. Mark your calendars for two of these:

- Onondaga County Pediatric Society: "What's Hot in Pediatric GI—An Editor's Perspective," October 1, 2002, 6:30 p.m., Marley Center, 765 Irving Ave., Syracuse
- University Hospital Pediatric Grand Rounds: "Hepatitis C—The Tip of the Iceberg," October 2, Room 6500, University Hospital

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Questions? Comments?

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October 2002:

Wed., Oct. 9

Bruce Lanphear, MD, MPH, Sloan Professor of Children's Environmental Health, Children's Hospital Medical Center, University of Cincinnati, "*Evolution of a Disease: The Science of Childhood Lead Exposure and Prevention*"

Wed., Oct. 16

Ann Botash, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Director, Child Abuse Referral and Evaluation Clinic, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine and **Loren Cunningham**, Coalition Co-Coordinator Vera House, "*Family Harmony/Violence in Maternal/Child Health*"

Wed., Oct. 23

George S. Husson-Marie S. Blackman Lecture: Stephen Lipschultz, MD, Professor of Pediatrics and Oncology, University of Rochester School of Medicine, Chief, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, University of Rochester Medical Center and **Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong**, "*Cardiomyopathies in Children-Etiologies, Course, Outcome and Therapies*"

Wed., Oct. 30

John Treanor, MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology, University of Rochester School of Medicine, "*The Potential Role of Influenza Vaccine in Young Children*"

November 2002:

Wed., Nov. 6

Craig Byrum, MD, associate professor, Division of Pediatric Cardiology, Department of Pediatrics, SUNY Upstate Medical University College of Medicine

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The invited speaker for this year's annual **George S. Husson-Marie S. Blackman Lecture** will be **Dr. Stephen Lipschultz**, chief of the Division of Pediatric Cardiology at the University of Rochester School of Medicine. Steven is a distinguished pediatric cardiologist with research interests that include pediatric cardiomyopathies, particularly adriamycin-induced cardiomyopathy and HIV-related cardiomyopathy. Dr. Lipschultz's presentation will be at our regularly scheduled Grand Rounds on **Wednesday, October 23**, at 9:15 a.m. in Room 6500, University Hospital.

The oldest named lectureship at Upstate Medical University is the **Silverman Memorial Lectureship**, honoring the memory of A. Clement and Hilda Silverman, distinguished advocates for public health in Onondaga County and New York State. We are very excited that this year's Silverman

Lecturer will be the noted science author **Laurie Garrett**. Ms. Garrett is one of the most vocal spokespersons for worldwide public health issues. She has written extensively about the deterioration of the public health infrastructure in the United States. One of her books, *The Coming Plague*, was a best seller and is a compelling narrative on the possible future of infectious diseases.

To accommodate Ms. Garrett's very busy schedule, we have altered the usual time and place of the Silverman Lecture. This year, it will be held jointly with medical grand rounds on **Thursday, April 24, 2003** at 8:30 a.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium, Weiskotten Hall. *Please note this change from the Department's usual grand rounds schedule.*

We hope you will be able to attend one or more of these programs as well as our usual grand rounds. The grand rounds schedule for the next three months is listed in this issue of *KidStuff*. ■

Advances in Interventional Cardiac Catheterization

For those of us in pediatric cardiology who have subspecialized in the area of cardiac catheterization, the past 20 years have been exciting. The old days of cardiac catheterization as a purely diagnostic tool (in fact the gold standard of diagnosis) are far behind us as the modern day catheterization lab has become a place where children's congenital heart conditions are treated without the need for open heart surgery. Advanced Doppler echocardiography and MR imaging now provide diagnosis information, and the cath lab is replete with tools used to treat the heart.

Plugging Septal Defects

The latest development in interventional catheterization has been our ability to close mid atrial septal defects with a "plug" called an Amplatzer Septal Occluder delivered through the femoral vein. The occluder device comes in a variety of sizes. The patient can go home the next morning and is followed for a modest period of time similar to the follow-up for surgically repaired atrial defects. The big difference is that there is no scar and a prompt return to normal activity.

Transvascular Closure of Lesions

We are also able to offer transvascular closure of most persistent patent ductus arteriosus lesions in the cath lab with a small coil that is inserted across the ductus and induces thrombotic

occlusion of the duct. Patients treated in this manner are those typically six months of age or older. Coils also can be used to close old shunts or extra collateral blood vessels.

Balloon Dilation

An exciting extension of balloon dilation for stenotic valves is its application in pulmonic or aortic stenosis with associated heart failure. Recovery has been dramatic in many cases.

Catheter Ablation

We are now in our tenth year of ablative therapy with a success rate of over 90 percent. Our patients leave with completely normal hearts and no traces that we were ever there!

The future for interventional catheterization is as exciting! We are now looking forward to placing a pulmonary valve in position by transvascular route. Research in this area is very promising.

Our efforts in interventional catheterization represent a long and productive collaboration between heart catheterization specialists **Craig J. Byrum, MD** and **Daniel A. Kveselis, MD** ■

— Craig J. Byrum, MD

For a consultation with an Upstate pediatric cardiologist, call 877-404-5868.

Center for Children's Kidney Disease Opens

In the coming year, the Department plans to unveil at least four new "centers." Each of these will address major child health issues which require a multidisciplinary (often multi-departmental) approach, and in which we have a solid record of excellence.

The first of these is the new Center for Children's Kidney Disease, located on the fourth floor at University Hospital. This center brings together physicians and other providers from three departments in the medical center. All have internationally recognized expertise in the full range of childhood urinary tract disorders.

Staff in this center handle problems ranging from major urinary tract malformations and chronic renal failure requiring dialysis or transplantation to more common disorders such as recurrent urinary tract infections, voiding dysfunction, hypertension, and glomerulonephritis. The physicians also have considerable experience in the management of metabolic bone disease and disorders of mineral metabolism, such as rickets.

The medical director is **Scott Schurman, MD**, vice chair for Clinical Affairs in the Department of Pediatrics. Scott joined Upstate Medical University last September, coming to Syracuse from All Children's Hospital in Tampa, Florida. He completed his pediatric nephrology fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Hospital, and is nationally known for his work in dialysis and the management of children with mineral metabolism disorders. Scott joined **Jim Listman, MD**, a pediatric nephrologist trained at Boston Children's Hospital, who has been in Syracuse since 1998, and **Sri Narsipur, MD**, a nephrologist with both internal medicine and pediatric board certification, who began in Syracuse in 1996. **Tom Welch, MD**, the chair of Pediatrics, also sees patients regularly in the center. Tom, a pediatric nephrologist, is included in *Best Doctors in America*, and is known for his clinical and research work in glomerulonephritis.



Kidney transplantation services are provided through the center by Upstate's Department of Surgery, Division of Transplantation. **Dilip Kittur, MD**, the Division's

director, completed his surgical transplantation fellowship at the University of Cincinnati in 1983 and was a transplant surgeon at Johns Hopkins University until he came to Syracuse in 1999. He joined **Frank Szmalc, MD**, the division's other transplantation surgeon.

The newest member of the center's physician team is **Jyoti Upadhyay, MD**, who joined Upstate Medical University's Department of Urology this month. Jyoti completed her fellowship in pediatric urology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, one of the major North American centers for child urology. She is assistant professor in both the department of Urology and of Pediatrics, and has already made herself known to local pediatricians as a valued consultant.

The physicians in the center are joined by an experienced team of other providers and support personnel. **Sue Sheffield, PNP**, is a nurse practitioner with extensive experience both in pediatric nephrology and urology. **Ellen Parker, RN** and **Janis Philpot, RN** are dialysis nurses who provide training and support services to our pediatric home dialysis program at University Dialysis Center.

With the opening of the Center for Children's Kidney Disease, Upstate now offers an array of pediatric nephrologic, urologic, and kidney transplant services that is equal to those anywhere in New York State. ■

Clockwise from top left: Jim Listman MD, Dilip Kittur MD, Tom Welch MD, Scott Schurman MD, Sue Sheffield PNP, Sri Narsipur MD *Inset:* Jyoti Upadhyay MD, Frank Szmalc MD

“...Upstate now offers...services equal to those anywhere in New York State.”

Referrals to the center may be made by calling MD Direct at 866-543-KIDS. In most cases, the initial referral would be to one of the nephrologists. For a direct appointment with a transplant physician, call 315-464-6297. Appointments with Dr. Upadhyay can be made by calling MD Direct at 866-543-KIDS.