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## Calendar

### Pediatric Grand Rounds

Wednesdays, 9:15 to  
 10:30 a.m., Room 6500,  
 University Hospital, Syracuse

#### March 1

Robert Izquierdo, MD,  
 Associate Professor of  
 Medicine and Pediatrics,  
 Section Head, Pediatric  
 Diabetes and Endocrine,  
 Department of Pediatrics,  
 SUNY Upstate Medical  
 University, "Type 1 Diabetes  
 Mellitus: Update 2006"

#### March 8

Robert Hingre, MD,  
 Assistant Professor, Division  
 of Pediatric Pulmonary  
 Medicine and Newborn  
 Services, Department of  
 Pediatrics, "Understanding  
 the Latest AAP Guidelines  
 for Management of  
 Hyperbilirubinemia in the  
 Newborn"

#### March 15

David Sandberg, Ph.D.  
 Women and Children's  
 Hospital, Department of  
 Pediatric Psychiatry, Buffalo,  
 NY, "Short Stature"

#### March 22

Steven Blatt, MD, Associate  
 Professor of Pediatrics,  
 Director, ENHANCE Clinic,  
 Interim Director, Division of  
 General Pediatrics, SUNY  
 Upstate Medical University

#### March 29

Manoochehr Karjoo, MD,  
 Professor of Pediatrics,  
 Director, Section of Pediatric  
 Gastroenterology, SUNY  
 Upstate Medical University

SUNY Upstate Medical University  
 President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD,  
 holds a \$2 million check presented by  
 benefactor B. Thomas Golisano (right)  
 during the Upstate Gala Dec. 9. The  
 check represents the first installment of  
 Golisano's \$6 million pledge to the  
 Golisano Children's Hospital at  
 University Hospital. At left is Mary Ann  
 Shaw, chair of the Children's Hospital  
 Campaign Committee. Nearly 1,000  
 people attended the event which  
 brought in \$330,000 for the children's  
 hospital and for scholarships for  
 students in SUNY Upstate's colleges of  
 Medicine, Nursing, Health Professions  
 and Graduate Studies.



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A Newsletter for Physicians and other Health Care Providers  
 Interested in Children's Health

### FROM THE CHAIR

The holiday season got off to a good start for us. At the annual Upstate Gala in December, the success of the Children's Hospital Campaign was celebrated in a big way. Tom Golisano, the well-known philanthropist with a great interest in children and in health care, announced his \$6 million gift to the campaign, and made a "down payment" on it. It was this incredibly generous gift which put our campaign well over the top.

As you read this, the construction diagrams are out for bidding. Construction should be underway later this year.

While the Children's Hospital, with the associated expansion of the rest of the hospital, is the major construction project on tap for the coming years, there are actually more. Construction has already begun on the Setnor Academic Building.

This five-story structure will provide state-of-the-art teaching facilities for our medical students and residents. We are also in the early stages of planning for a new ambulatory building. This facility, which will house all of Upstate's outpatient activity, will be located across the street from University Hospital. If all goes well, construction should be starting on this building as we are winding down construction of the Children's Hospital.

As always, however, we are not standing still awaiting construction. The department continues to grow, and add to its services for children. Several of these are featured in this edition of *KidStuff*.

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

### Pediatric AIDS Center

Since 1990 University Hospital at SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse has served as Central New York's Pediatric Designated Aids Center. In that time over 400 children from 17 counties have been evaluated and/or treated for HIV. In addition, their families have benefited from specialized counseling and training designed to help them and their children cope with the disease, its complications and its implications. The Center also conducts a



**The Pediatric Designated AIDS Center Team:**  
 Front: Wendy Holz, NP; Kathie Contello, NP;  
 Leonard Weiner, MD; Betty Kovar, Data Manager.  
 Middle: Kara Judd-Litera, Child Life Specialist; Nuala  
 Wheat, Family Therapist; Joy Tompkins, Project Manager.  
 Back: Joe Domachowske, MD; Tracey Gilgallon, CSW

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Annual Pediatric  
 Teaching Day

Wednesday June 7, 2006

Onondaga County  
 Convention Center at  
 OnCenter  
 Syracuse, NY

Infectious Diseases

Hot Topics: Advice from  
 the Experts

Margaret B. Rennels, MD  
 Larry K. Pickering, MD  
 Cynthia Morrow, MD  
 Joseph Domachowski, MD

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 AMA Physician's Recognition Award. Each  
 physician should claim only those credits that  
 he/she actually spent in the activity.

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robust program of clinical trials which contribute significantly to the treatment, management and long-term care of children living with HIV.

The face of the pediatric HIV patient is changing. The current population of patients seen in the clinic are mostly perinatally infected versus behaviorally. However, national data show that adolescent females are the fastest growing, newly diagnosed pediatric HIV population. In addition, there is an increasing number of newly infected adolescent males.

University Hospital's Pediatric Designated Aids Center cares for patients from infancy through 21 years. These children include those who have been perinatally exposed and those who were exposed through risk behaviors (e.g. sexual activity, sexual assault, needle sticks). The Center also works with families of patients providing HIV testing and notification services as needed. The pediatric Designated Aids Center offers specialized HIV care. The Center provides comprehensive care which includes clinical management of HIV, case management, developmental testing, mental health assessment, medication adherence and nutritional counseling. The Center also facilitates the transition to adult HIV care.

The Pediatric Designated Aids Care Center team works to help their young patients with as normal life as possible while coping with chronic illness. Events such as family zoo day at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse, a holiday party and involvement in summer camp assists families and patients in creating a social support network.

The Pediatric Designated Aids Care Center team includes three pediatric HIV specialists, two pediatric nurse practitioners, social worker, dietician, family therapist, a

developmental psychologist, data managers, and a project administrator. An adult HIV specialist is also available to provide support and to work with adolescent patients as needed.

In 2003 the Pediatric Designated Aids Care Center received a \$1.2 million dollar grant from the Aids Institute of the New York State Department of Health. Along with this award, the Center received the

designation of "Center of Excellence in Pediatric and Adolescent HIV Care". This five-year award allowed us to further expand our services in the area of developmental psychological testing, family therapy, nutritional services and transition to adult HIV care.

Furthermore, and of great importance, this grant allows the Center to strengthen its links with community resources thus leading to improved use of programs that meet the daily needs of patients and families. The grant also provided for a new expanded facility within University Hospital

designed for the Center's adolescent patients. Improved communication with local and regional obstetrical and perinatal care providers have been strengthened as a result of this program.

The Pediatric Designated Aids Center Team provides 24-hour pediatric HIV physician coverage, outreach educational programs and coordination of the multidisciplinary provider teams necessary for the continuum of care for these complex patients.

To speak directly to a pediatric physician specialist or to refer a patient, call **315-464-6331**. Patients can also be referred to the Pediatric Designated Aids Center by contacting **MD Direct at 800-544-1605 or 315-464-4842**.

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## New Referral Service

For some time, we have heard from referring physicians that some type of electronic system for non-urgent medical questions would be a big time saver. We have been working on this for several months, and are about to roll out a very innovative program.

Basically, this will be a web-based system to which referring physicians can link from the Children's Hospital website. After initial registration, they will be assigned a username and password; this is to assure that the system is used only by health professionals, and not the general public. Once in the system, users can type in questions of a non-urgent nature. The questions are reviewed and triaged in the department offices, and sent on to the most appropriate faculty member for response. Our goal will be to respond within one working day.

At this point, the system is in a testing phase, to be sure that we have all the bugs out before it goes live. We hope to have it fully implemented within a few months.

## Growth in Neurodevelopmental Program

Our program in developmental pediatrics will have new leadership this summer; with this will come a new focus which should be very welcome in the community.

Greg Liptak, MD will be joining us from the University of Rochester as director of the division of neurodevelopmental pediatrics. Greg is a nationally known figure in the field of child development, and has a particular interest in autism.

One of Greg's tasks upon coming to Syracuse will be to work with a number of



Once we do, a more complete article in *KidStuff* will describe the system and how it can be accessed.

## Faculty Recognitions

**Ann Botash MD**, director of our CARE (Child Abuse Referral and Evaluation) program, has been elected to two prestigious national organizations: the American Pediatric Society and the Society for Pediatric Research. These societies accepted Ann into membership based on her long-standing national reputation in the field of child abuse. Ann will be inducted into both societies at their annual meetings in San Francisco this spring.

**Victoria Meguid MD** was recently selected as a member of the Helfer Society. This is another selective society which recognizes contributions to the field of child abuse.