



Donna Bacchi, MD

Upstate and SU Collaborate on Joint MPH Program

Beginning in the fall 2009, Upstate Medical University hopes to launch a master of public health program in collaboration with Syracuse University.

Pending approval by the SUNY Board of Trustees and New York State Department of Education, the Upstate/SU MPH will be the only true public-private partnership MPH program in the nation and builds on the strength of both institutions: Upstate's role as a leading health educator through its Colleges of Medicine and Health Professions and SU's reputation as the premier public administration school in the country.

"Many MPH programs provide students with training in public health theory and then send them off to careers that require application of what they learned," says Donna Bacchi, MPH, MD, director of the new program. "We're in a unique position to prepare students in both realms."

In addition to providing students the opportunity to learn general public health principles, the 42-credit MPH program complements an existing 12-credit certificate in Health Management and Policy offered through SU's master of public administration program. Those interested in public health administration will take classes at both Upstate and SU's Maxwell School and will complete the program in one-to-two years, depending on whether they attend full or part time.

"We're able to offer a much greater variety of courses by partnering with Syracuse," says Dr. Bacchi. "They have a law school, a human ecology school. We're able to bring the best of both universities and faculties together to create a program to meet the needs of the widest variety of people in Central New York."

Discussion is underway for options to incorporate the program into the Upstate curriculum to allow the widest interested audience—medical students, residents, and area physicians—to broaden their view of health.

"We think this will improve our ability to recruit students and residents to Syracuse," says Tom Dennison, PhD, Maxwell professor of public affairs and assistant director of the MPH program.

Iannuzzi Joins Upstate as Chair of Medicine

Michael C. Iannuzzi, MD, MBA, formerly chief of the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep at Mount Sinai Medical Center has been named chair of the Department of Medicine at Upstate Medical University.

A pulmonary critical care specialist, Dr. Iannuzzi is widely known for his discovery of the cystic fibrosis gene in 1989. During the last decade, he has been an internationally known expert in sarcoidosis. His most recent research, funded by the NIH, is in the genetic epidemiology of sarcoidosis. Last November, he was the lead author of a sarcoidosis progress report published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Prior to his Mount Sinai post, Iannuzzi was a tenured professor at Case Western Reserve University and practiced at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He succeeds David B. Duggan, MD '79, who took on new duties as associate dean and associate vice president for Clinical Initiatives on July 1.

Greenwald Named VP of NYS Academy of Family Physicians

James Greenwald, MD '78, Upstate associate professor of family medicine, has been elected to a one-year term as vice president of the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP). Dr. Greenwald has been a longtime member of the NYSAFP, holding numerous leadership positions, including as chairman and treasurer of its board of directors.

Greenwald has been recognized for his teaching and leadership in family medicine, having received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence, the SUNY Upstate's President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Onondaga County Medical Society Award for Community Service. He was the NYSAFP Educator of the Year in 1998 and was a finalist for the Walter Kemp Award for best article of the year in *American Family Physician* in 1994.

Upstate Student Named International Clinical Research Scholar

College of Medicine student Rajitha Devadoss '09 was selected an NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholar for the 2008-09 academic year.

The NIH/Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars program pairs U.S. graduate students with international students in the health sciences, creating strong partnerships and an international community of global health research scholars. These paired scholars receive one year of mentored clinical research training at an NIH-funded advanced research center in a developing country.

Devadoss' fellowship will take place at YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research Education (YRG CARE) in Chennai, India, in partnership with The Miriam Hospital, Brown University.

Scholars participate in ongoing research at their international field sites, including research on HIV/AIDS and related infections, malaria, sexually transmitted and other chronic diseases, and neurological and dietary issues. These opportunities provide new insights for tomorrow's clinical global health leaders, both in the United States and abroad.

The FICRS program is administered through the Support Center at Vanderbilt University's Institute for Global Health, the Association of American Medical Colleges, and the Association of Schools of Public Health.

Upstate Pediatrician Elected to American Academy of Pediatrics Panel

Irene Sills, MD, HS '78, professor of pediatrics at SUNY Upstate Medical University, has been elected to the executive committee of the Endocrine Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Sills will serve a six-year term through 2014.

Sills' election to the executive committee recognizes her as one of the leading pediatric endocrinologists in the nation. As a member of the executive committee, Sills will review documents and policies from health organizations seeking AAP approval and endorsement.

Sills specializes in pediatric endocrinology and treats children, adolescents and young adults at the Joslin Diabetes Center. Her clinical interests include short stature/growth failure, Turner syndrome, pediatric gynecology, congenital adrenal hyperplasia, and transsexual adolescents and children.



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NEW HOME FOR UPSTATE MED STUDENTS IN BINGHAMTON.

Lenore Boris, associate dean of SUNY Upstate's Binghamton Campus, and Daniel Hurley, SUNY Upstate assistant vice president for government and community relations, discuss renovation plans for the Binghamton castle (seen in the background). The state has allocated \$12.45 million to begin renovation of the aging structure, which dates back to 1858. The investment recognizes a long and mutually-beneficial collaboration between Upstate's College of Medicine and Binghamton-area hospitals and physicians. Since 1979, more than 2,260 Upstate medical students have completed their third- and fourth-year clinical training under volunteer physicians in the Binghamton region. The renovated "castle" will provide a more visible presence for what has essentially been a "medical school without walls." SUNY Upstate also plans to offer a new physician assistant degree program at the campus/castle.