

Upstate departments and current and former residents are invited to submit news for this section.

Anesthesiology

Chair: Enrico Camporesi, MD

- **Hilda Derzakharian-Heller, MD, HS '81**, has taken early retirement from practicing. She writes: "my two teenage sons, 17 and 14, keep me on my toes. Raising boys in California makes residency look like a tea party. They motocross, surf, etc. I am constantly running an in-house ER."

Medicine

Chair: David Duggan, MD '79

- **Karen Heitzman, MD '83**, was promoted to professor of medicine in the clinician/educator track.
- **William A. Tuffiash, MD, HS '73**, is past president of the Philadelphia Allergy Society and Pennsylvania Allergy and Asthma Association and former chief of the Allergy Department at the Lehigh Valley Hospital. He is currently the assistant clinical professor of medicine at the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine at Hershey. He and his wife, Rae, have three children, Michael, Scott and Marisa.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Chair: Shawky Badawy, MD, HS '73

- **Brian W. Thompson, MD '91**, has joined the department as clinical assistant professor.
- **Serder Ural, MD, HS '97**, achieved double-boarded status in OB/GYN and maternal fetal medicine. He is currently assistant professor and director of the high risk obstetrics clinics and conferences at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

Orthopedic Surgery

Chair: Steve Albanese, MD, HS '85

- **Jeffrey A. Greenberg, MD, HS '91**, has been appointed director of the post-graduate fellowship program for hand and upper extremity surgery at the Indiana Hand Center.

Psychiatry

Chair: Mantosh Dewan, MD, HS '79

- **Adekola Alao, MD, HS '98**, was promoted to associate professor with tenure at Upstate.

- **George Blakeslee, CSW**, received the 2004 Upstate Medical University President's Award for Advancement of Affirmative Action.
- **Stephen Faraone, PhD**, joined the Upstate Department of Psychiatry in August as director of medical genetics research and professor and head of child and adolescent psychiatry research. He is also senior scientific advisor to the research program pediatric psychopharmacology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Dr. Faraone is principal investigator on six- and co-investigator on eight other-National Institute of Health funded grants studying the nature and causes of mental disorders in childhood. He is one of the world's leading authorities on the genetics of psychiatric disorders and has also made substantial contributions to research in psychopharmacology and research methodology. An author on more than 400 journal articles, editorials, chapters and books, he was the eighth highest producer of high impact papers in psychiatry from 1990 to 1999 as determined by the Institute for Scientific Information.
- **Arun Kunwar, MD**, a second-year fellow in child psychiatry, received the prestigious Chester Pierce Award, given by the National Medical Association for best psychiatry paper. He also received the AACAP Outstanding Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Resident Award for 2003 by the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry.
- **Usha Satish, MD**, was appointed a visiting associate professor at Stanford University.
- **Thomas Szasz, MD**, Upstate professor emeritus, remains delightfully active in his work. *Szasz Under Fire: The Psychiatric Abolitionist Faces His Critics* was published by Open Court Publishing Co. The editor, Jeffrey Schaler, writes that "readers can study the intelligent and knowledgeable criticisms of Szasz in the present volume, followed by response from Szasz."
- **Ronald Saletsky, PhD, (PI)** and **Paula Trief, MD, (co-PI)**, received a NIH/NIDDK grant: Parent-Child Conflict and Diabetes Self-Care in Adolescents with Type 2 Diabetes.
- **Paula Trief, MD**, was promoted to full professor. Dr. Trief and **Roger Greenberg, MD, (co-investigators)** received a four year NIH/NIACM grant for Expressive Writing: Complementary Treatment for Diabetes.

Radiology

Interim Chair: David Feiglin, MD

- **Walter Huda, MD**, was recently awarded an \$823,446 National Institute for Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering research grant. The grant, entitled, Dose and Image quality in Adult and Pediatric CT, utilizes Upstate's advanced multi-detector CT technology to maximize CT scan image quality, while minimizing patient radiation exposure. **Ernest Scalzetti, MD**, and **Kent Ogden, MD**, serve as co-investigators, along with Ehsan Samei, MD, from Duke University.

Surgery

Chair: Paul Cunningham, MD

- **George W. Boll, MD, HS '64**, recently drove from Seattle, WA, to Anchorage, AK. George writes: "I had many scary and interesting experiences, but I survived and am happy to be home in Chillicothe, OH."

Urology

Chair: Gabriel Haas, MD

- **John Bak, MD, HS '05**, authored papers on the characterization of prostate cancers missed by conventional biopsy techniques and another on technical aspects of minimally invasive surgery.
- **Randy Fagin, MD, HS '03**, had presentations and publications on animal studies and clinical advancements in laparoscopic surgery while an Upstate resident.
- **J. C. Trussell, MD, HS '02**, was first author on a paper evaluating the role of ultrasonography confirming testicular varicoceles while an Upstate resident.
- **Gaurang Shah, MD, HS '07**, participated in a publication evaluating post-operative renal function following hilar clamping during laparoscopic partial nephrectomies.
- **Amar Singh, MD, HS '06**, has conducted epidemiological research on bladder and prostate cancer and reviewed current trends in urological trauma for the August 2004 *AUA News*.