

Elan W. Salzhauer, of Skaneateles, NY, finished his urology residency in NYC and has joined Syracuse Urology Associates.

Ashish P. Shah, of Dover, DE, married **Candice Panarello** in June of 2004. They have one child, Sonya. Ashish is in private practice in gastroenterology and Candice is on maternity leave from family practice.

2004

Seth J. Isaacs, of Manlius, NY, and wife, Caroline, welcomed their first child, David Jay Isaacs, to the world on July 8.

Christopher C. Medina, of Syracuse, NY, and Janice announce the birth of daughter, Quinn Trella Medina, born on February 10.

2005

Daniel S. Dickinson, of Coram, NY, is enjoying his second year of emergency medicine residency at SUNY Stony Brook and misses Syracuse very much.

House Staff

- **Mark T. Bloomstine, MD, HS**, of Erie, PA, presented "Oh, These Aching Joints", at Chautauqua Institution's Smith Wilkes Hall in August. Dr. Bloomstine discussed new technology and techniques in orthopedic surgery in addition to balancing the hype and the facts. Bloomstine is an orthopedic surgeon at Saint Vincent Health Center and Orthopedic Surgeons Inc. in Erie, PA. After completing his residency in internal medicine at Upstate he completed his internships in both general and orthopedic surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.
- **Serdar H. Ural, MD, HS '97**, is doubled boarded in OB/GYN and MFM. He currently is the director of the perinatology clinic at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He now has a daughter, Seda, who is 6 months old.

Ophthalmology

Chair: John A. Hoepner, MD

- **Peter D. Calvert, PhD**, has been named assistant professor of ophthalmology at Upstate. Dr. Calvert's research interest is in retinal neural cell biology. He is investigating the mechanism of protein localization to the specific domains within eye cells, how signals lead to changes in this localization and how genetic mutations cause proteins to mislocalize, leading to retinal disease or dysfunction. Calvert uses a specialized multi-photon microscope that employs a high power infrared laser to detect proteins in living cells. The laser light is invisible, allowing specific molecules to be followed in four dimensions: laterally, horizontally, vertically and over time without stimulating the photoreceptors.
- **Takehito Saito, PhD**, has been named a research professor in the Upstate Department of Ophthalmology. Saito, one of the world's foremost investigators of the neural properties of the eye, has made germinal discoveries into the first steps of seeing and how nerve cells in the back of the eye relay visual information to one another before sending the information to the brain.

Orthopedic Surgery

Chair: Stephen Albanese, MD, HS '85

- **Andrew W. Grose, MD**, was named assistant professor orthopedic surgery at Upstate. Dr. Grose is involved in research that focuses on the basic science of bone formation and fracture healing. His clinical interests include polytraumatized patients, complex fractures including pelvic and acetabular fractures, as well as hip joint preservation surgery and total joint replacement of the hip and knee.
- **Richard A. Tallarico, MD '00**, has been named assistant professor of orthopedic surgery at Upstate. Dr. Tallarico specializes in spine surgery with a clinical interest in complex spinal disorders and is trained in minimally invasive techniques. He completed research in the areas of spondylolisthesis and spine injuries in athletes. His current research interests focus on spinal motion preservation.

Radiology

Chair: David Feiglin, MD

- The Department of Radiology has recently created a Visualization Lab, where images acquired in CT, MRI, and Nuclear Medicine

scanners are sent for post-processing to create three dimensional visualizations and for image analysis. The lab also supports the visualization needs of other specialists, such as neurosurgeons and the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program at University Hospital. For more information see http://www.upstate.edu/uh/radiology/services/imaging_sci.php.

- **Nikolaus M. Szeverenyi, PhD**, is on the faculty in radiology and is scientific director of the MRI core research facility at SUNY Upstate Medical University. His training is in magnetic resonance imaging with research interests including functional brain imaging, applications of diffusion tensor imaging (DTI), and safety testing of biomedical products.

Urology

Chair: Gabriel Haas, MD

- The Department of Urology, under the direction of **Dr. Gabriel Haas**, president of the Northeastern Section of the AUA, had the honor of organizing this year's meeting, held in Ottawa, Canada, from September 6 through September 10. **Imad Nsouli, MD, HS '83**, program committee chair, coordinated an outstanding scientific program. Dr. Gabriel Haas, Dr. Steve Landas, Dr. Robert Lai, Dr. Ali Moinzadeh, Dr. Bashar Omarbasah, Dr. Jyoti Upadhyay and Dr. Ching Wang moderated and/or presented at podium and/or poster sessions. **Zahi Makhuli, MD, HS '66**, who is the historian for the northeastern section of the AUA, continues to fulfill his role in a distinguished manner.

Urology residents, **Oleg Shapiro, MD '02** and Greg Spana, MD, moderated and presented at the podium and poster sessions.

This meeting has the distinction of being the first joint meeting with the Northeastern Section of the Society of Urologic Nurses and Associates and the Urology Nurses of Canada. Urology Department Nurses helped to launch this new program.

Amy LoPresti, SUNA Syracuse Chapter President and Nursing Program Chair, coordinated an impressive nursing scientific program, and Maryellen Sheridan presented Pediatric Urology at a panel discussion. More than 200 members attended the meeting and plans are underway to continue this forum at next years meeting in Rochester, NY.