

Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital Opens

After decades of planning and fundraising, the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital opened to patients on September 23.

"The facility we have here I would hold up to any children's hospital in the United States," says Thomas Welch, MD, chairman of the Upstate Medical University Pediatrics Department.

The two-story, 71-bed children's hospital crowns the top of University Hospital's new \$150 million East Tower addition and is named for Rochester-area businessman B. Thomas Golisano, who donated \$6 million to build it. The facility was designed after visits to 15 of the most modern children's hospitals in the United States and is chock-full

of enhanced patient and family amenities, most notably spacious patient rooms with private baths and furniture designed to give parents and family members a comfortable night's sleep without leaving their child's side. The private rooms are more than 250-square-foot larger than the hospital's existing pediatric rooms, which are double rooms. The entire two-story children's hospital increases the amount of space dedicated to pediatric

University Hospital's East Tower crowned by the new Golisano Children's Hospital. The ribbon-cutting at the hospital opening festivities.



Sharon Bauer, RN, BA, nurse manager at Upstate's Waters Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders, with a patient at the opening of the Golisano Children's Hospital in September.

care five-fold, from 18,000 square feet to more than 87,000. Floors also contain numerous age-appropriate playrooms, and family lounges where parents and others can prepare meals and relax.

Perhaps the most eye-catching element of the facility is the large two-story "tree house" space located on the east side of the building more than 100 feet in the air. The tree house serves as the entrance to the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and also includes a café, solarium, chapel, and exhibit space.

The hospital within a hospital occupies the 11th and 12th floors of University Hospital's new East Tower. Among its many features are:

- **Pediatric Intensive Care** Fifteen single-patient rooms with the latest medical technology plus sliding glass doors for maximum visibility.
- **Center for Children's Surgery** Twenty-three single rooms designed for seamless connection with the Pediatric Surgery Center.
- **Hematology Oncology** Twelve single patient rooms customized for patients with cancer and blood disorders.
- **Epilepsy Rooms** Six strategically placed patient rooms, wired to monitor seizure activity.
- **Schoolroom** Staffed by a full-time tutor and wired for face-to-face interaction between patients and their classmates.





Class of 2013 White Coat Ceremony, left to right: Dean Steven J. Scheinman, MD, Alumni Association Executive Director Vince Kuss, Omosede Ighile '13, Luke Janson '13, Tiffani Cherry '13, Alumni Association President Charles J. Ryan, MD '82, Jacqueline Aliotta '13, and Excellus BlueCross BlueShield Regional President Arthur P. Vercillo, MD '82.



Upstate Medical University welcomed 177 new students and their families to campus on August 19 with a full schedule of orientation activities that included the White Coat Ceremony, campus tours, academic and informational sessions and social events, including the popular "College of Medicine Dinner with a Doctor." New students also received copies of *Netter's Anatomy*. Above, left to right: Charles J. Ryan, MD '82, Joshua Jeanty '13, Natalie Mora '13, Zachary Oaks '13, and Vince Kuss.

John McCabe, MD '79, Named CEO of University Hospital

John McCabe, MD '79, who has served in various key leadership positions at Upstate Medical University during his 22-year association with the university, was named chief executive officer of University Hospital and senior vice president for hospital affairs. Dr. McCabe had served as interim chief executive officer since June 1.

"John has been an outstanding leader at Upstate Medical University and has brought distinction to all the areas he has guided at the university," says David Smith, MD, president of Upstate Medical University. "The multifaceted leadership he brings to this position with his outstanding knowledge of clinical issues, academic medicine, hospital finances, our role in the SUNY system and throughout the region, will serve University Hospital and the public well as we move forward on many issues."

"John's success as a leader and his ability to articulate a vision and build successful teams to implement that vision is a chief skill of his that will benefit this institution greatly," adds Dr. Smith.

Fall Faculty Convocation Honors Excellence

The following individuals were among those recognized for distinguished service at 2009 Fall Faculty Convocation:

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Mantosh J. Dewan, MD, HS '79, Psychiatry

President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Sharon A. Brangman, MD '81, Medicine

SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Mantosh J. Dewan, MD, HS '79, Psychiatry

President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching

College of Medicine, Clinical Department:

Thomas L. Schwartz, MD '95, Psychiatry

College of Medicine, Clinical Department:

Zahi N. Makhuli, MD, HS '66, Urology

President's Awards for Outstanding Voluntary Faculty

College of Medicine: Timothy J. Ryan, MD, HS '79, Lifecare, Waterloo



John McCabe, MD '79



Thomas L. Schwartz, MD '95



Robert Cooney, MD

**Robert Cooney, MD,
Named Chair of Surgery**

Robert Cooney, MD, the Charlene J. Smith Professor of Surgery and Cellular & Molecular Physiology, and chief of the Division of Surgery at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, has been named professor and chair of the Department of Surgery at Upstate Medical University. The appointment, effective Nov. 1, was announced by Steven Scheinman, MD, senior vice president and dean of the College of Medicine.

Dr. Cooney comes to Upstate after a 17-year affiliation with Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, which began in 1992, during which time he held key positions, including surgical director of clinical care (1992-2005), chief of bariatric surgery (1999-2005), Trauma Program medical director (1998-2002), chief of the Section of Trauma and Critical Care (2000-2004), vice chair for research, and co-director of the Penn State Institute for Diabetes and Obesity, two of his most recent assignments.

“Dr. Cooney is an accomplished academic surgeon with a breadth of achievement spanning clinical care, education, research, and administration,” Dr. Scheinman said. “Upstate is fortunate to have him joining us in this important clinical leadership position.”

Upstate’s Department of Surgery includes some of the institution’s highest profile services, including the Clark Burn Center, the area’s only Level-1 trauma center, the Olivia Pietrafesa Center for Children’s Surgery, and breast and bariatric surgery centers, which were recently recognized for outstanding care by the American College of Surgeons.

**Upstate Collaborates to Form
Global Research Institute**

Upstate Medical University has partnered with the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel, and National Cheng Kung University in Tainan City, Taiwan, to create the International Institute of Biomedical Sciences and Technology to facilitate the collaboration of research across three continents and accelerate the development of novel bioengineering, diagnostic and biomedical products for the treatment and cure of disease.

Presidents of the three institutions signed a wide-ranging agreement that describes how each institution will support the global research initiative and how it will conduct business. The areas highlighted for research collaboration are expected to include cancer; infectious diseases; diabetes; cardiovascular disease; and disorders of the nervous system.

Upstate President David R. Smith, MD, hails the creation of the institute as a new era of research collaboration worldwide. “Three distinct institutions worlds away will now join forces to expedite new discoveries and breakthroughs in medical science,” he says. “The relationship opens our laboratories to greater participation from the world’s premier scientists across the globe.”

Upstate’s Steven Goodman, PhD, vice president for research and dean of the College of Graduate Studies, will serve as the institute’s executive director and be responsible for the daily activities of the institute.



Medical students sign a petition opposing New York Governor David Paterson’s proposed \$90-million reduction in funds to the State University of New York, which will translate into a predicted \$10 million cut to the Upstate Medical University system.