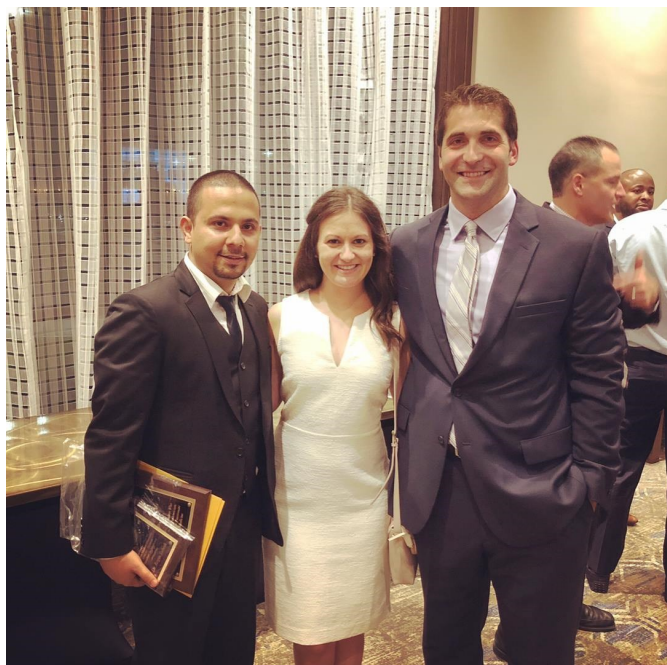
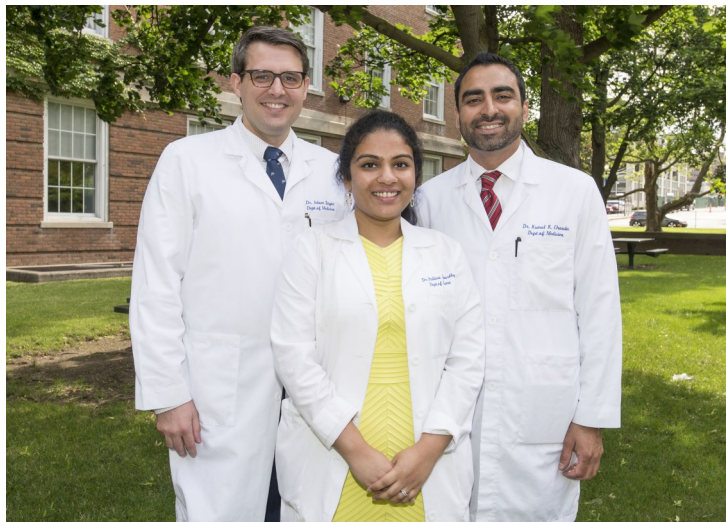


Department of Medicine

Another Year ends.. It's been real!! 😭😭😭

Our 2017-18 Core Chiefs (to the right): Dr. Adam Zayac, Dr. Pallavi Kopparchy and Dr. Kunal Chawla. Good luck in the next chapter in your life!



Our 2018-19 Core Chiefs (to the left): Dr. Rogin Subedi, Dr. Jill Yeager and Dr. Ryan Dean. Congratulations and Welcome to the New Year!



2018 Recognition Dinner

This years Recognition Dinner was held at The Embassy Suites and took place on June 1st, 2018.

Picnic

The Department of Medicine Picnic was held on June 27, 2018 at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING WHO ARE COMPLETING TRAINING!

Abdelghany, Mahmoud
 Ahmed, Rashid
 Akhtar, Komal
 Akhter, Sana
 Alam, Syed
 Anand, Ankit
 Aswath, Ganesh
 Ash, Mark
 Baek, Ji Yoon
 Basnet, Alina
 Bartaula, Rajiv
 Ben Gabr, Jihad
 Bhatti, Zabeer
 Butala Steve
 Chan, Vivian
 Chaudhary, Arbind
 Chaudhary, Omair
 Chawla, Kunal
 Coelho, Marlon
 Dean, Ryan
 Devoka, Kriti
 Doobay, Ravi
 Dutta, Sakshi
 Egbuonu, Ifeoma
 Fahimi, Golshan
 Gandy, Matthew
 George, Geny
 Gill, Dalvir
 Gilman, Christy
 Goel, Atin
 Goyes Ruiz, Vanessa
 Grandstaff, Melanie
 Haider Imam, Syed
 Harmon, Matthew
 Howland, Jeffery
 Jaffari, Farheen
 Jami, Bhavana
 Jones, Zachary
 Joshi, Sumendra
 Kalet, Joseph
 Kamal, Faisal
 Kang, HeeRakKhan, Ah-
 san UllahKhan, Babar
 Khan, RashadKlumpp,
 Matthew
 Kobrossi, Semaan
 Koppaarthi, PallaviFL
 Korets, Jonathan
 Krowl, Lauren
 Laxton, Kimberly
 Li, William
 Liu, Eric

Marantz, Alon
 Masood, Umair
 Masuta, Pardeep
 Matli, Vinod
 Migliore, Max
 Nepal, AnshuNorsworthy,
 Jessica
 Nsouli, Tamara
 Nwoye, Ekene
 Orenberg, Andrew
 Pandita, Aakriti
 Pacniciuc, Maria
 Patel, Kinner
 Patel, Milan
 Pattar, Sundeep
 Pavelock, Natalie
 Pruthi, Sonal
 Rachun, Michael
 Rahman, Abdul
 Reed, Ryan
 Saad, Nibal
 Shah, Amish
 Shah, Siddarth
 Shah, Syed
 Shah Nawaz, Zainab
 Shlimun, Audesho
 Sitaula, Subhas
 Siraj, Irene
 Soltanpour, Kristine
 Srivastav, Priyanka
 Subedi, Rogin
 Suryadevara, Neil
 Thachen-Cary, Ryan
 Ukwuoma, Emeka
 Vallabhaneni, Deepak
 Virk, Jaswinder
 Vitkus, Alisa
 Wladecki, Trisha
 Yang, Qi
 Yeager, Jill
 Zayac, Adam



Congratulations

2018 Employee Recognition Day



Five Years:

Colleen Reilly - Internal Medicine/Harrison
 Rebekah Baranco – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Sheri Albro – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Deven Dinot – Cardiology
 Dr. Harvir Singh Gambhir – General Internal Medicine
 Dr. Ali Khan – General Internal Medicine
 Carol Lorenzo – Hematology/Oncology
 Dr. Amitpal Nat – General Internal Medicine
 Donald Penree – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Shramika Pokharel – Hematology/Oncology
 Nicole Reith – Cardiology
 Dr. Zachary Shepherd – General Internal Medicine
 Brenden Kirkpatrick – Cardiac Cath Lab
 Kianna Broome – Hematology/Oncology Cancer Center
 Stephanie Eastman – Hematology

Ten Years:

Dr. Sam Benjamin – Hematology/Oncology
 Oleg Chepurny – Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
 Dr. Amit Dhamoon – General Internal Medicine
 Dr. George Holz – Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
 Gail Mead – Palliative Care
 Lisa Oliver – MSIII Clerkship Office
 Dr. Manju Paul – Pulmonary
 Ralf Bernecker – Ambulatory Medicine
 Donna Gibbs – Ambulatory Medicine
 Tonya McNeal – Ambulatory Medicine
 Jacqueline Flint – Cardiac Cath Lab
 Robert Voelker – Stress/Echo Lab

Twenty Years:

Kelley Flood – Immune Health Services
 Kathleen Trousdale – Immune Health Services
 Carol Hubbard – Hematology/Oncology
 Marie Morley – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Dr. Luna Bhatta – Cardiology
 Paula Campion – Educational Programs Office
 Matthew Hutz – Medicine Administration
 Dr. Stephen Knohl – Nephrology
 Dr. John Leggat, Jr. – Nephrology
 Barbara Murphy – Medicine Administration
 Linda Spillet – Infectious Diseases
 Dr. Ruth Weinstock – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Betsy Holden – Ambulatory Medicine
 Kristin Iglesias – Cardiac Cath Lab
 Gonzalo Lozano, Jr. – Cardiac Cath Lab

Twenty-Five Years:

Lisa McArdell – Internal Medicine/Harrison
 Cassandra Bradford – Joslin Diabetes Center
 Esther DiCosta – Gastroenterology
 Donette Allen – Ambulatory Medicine
 Helen Thompson – Cardiac Cath Lab

Thirty Years:

Lynn Abbott – Hematology/Oncology
 Patricia Benz – Hematology/Oncology
 Mark Chilton - Cardiology
 Sharon Sterriker - Hematology/Oncology Cancer Center

Thirty-Five Years:

Beth Labulis – Internal Medicine/Harrison
 Dr. William Elliott – Nephrology

Forty Years:

Sally Melton – Educational Programs Office
 Dr. Bernard Poiesz – Hematology/Oncology
 Margaret McPhillips - Hematology/Oncology Cancer Center



The Graduate Medical Education Awards Ceremony was held May 30, 2018 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.



Dr. Mahmoud Abdelghany (Cardiology) received the award for research



Heather O'Hearn , was named Program Administrator of the Year (Hematology/Oncology)



Dr. Rogin Subedi received the teamwork award

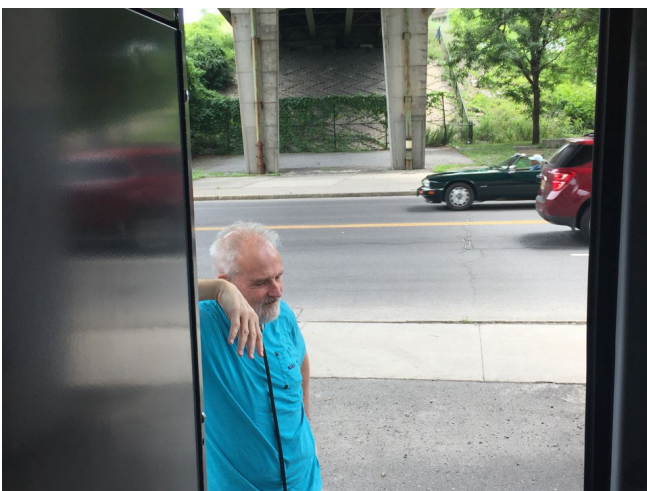
Upstate Internal Medicine faculty, residents and medical students volunteer for a Cardiovascular Risk Screening booth every Saturday morning at the Regional Mar-



On May 5, they served over 50 visitors along with BP measures, BMI assessment, and OSA screening and educated them about tobacco cessation, exercise, and DASH diets. This CV screening project was the brainchild of Chief Resident Dr. Kunal Chawla and is overseen by faculty member Dr. Amit Dhamoon. It was most rewarding, and organic!

Dr. David Lehmann sees patients under bridges, in hidden camps

To read more about it, here is the link! https://www.syracuse.com/news/index.ssf/2018/07/a_syracuse_doctor_pays_house_calls_to_the_homeless_under_bridges_and_in_hidden_c.html#incart_m-rpt-1

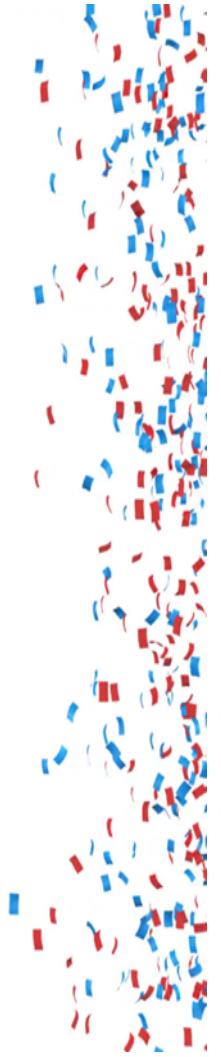


And a New Year begins!

Our New 2018-19 Residents!

Achufusi, Ted George
 Alam, Syed Hammad
 Ashok Kumar, Prashanth
 Aung, Thu Thu
 B K, Anupama
 Bakrukov, Dmitriy
 Bernshteyn, Michelle
 Bhatti, Harneet
 Bilal, Hiba
 Byrnes, Sean
 Chahal, Japjot
 Chin, Joseph
 Chowdhry, Amit
 Cortese, Alyssa
 Cuello Oderiz, Carolina
 Dawod, Enad
 Fredrickson, Jared
 Ganesan, Devjani
 Godasi, Raja
 Goodman, Alexandra
 Grewal, Simarvir
 Gupta, Alka
 Habib, Gaston
 Harne, Prateek
 Howil, Ashoor
 Huang, Natalie
 Huda, Syed
 Ibeche, Bashir
 Jafroodifar, Abtin
 Jin, Seokhyun
 Kanagalingam, Gowthami
 Klawonn, Meghan
 Kudaravalli, Pujitha
 Malik, Muhammad
 Mangat, Jodhvir
 Riaz, Sana
 Mertz, David
 Mian, Sundus
 Michael, Mina
 Mucha, Clayton
 Mukherjee, Samiran
 Niesvizky-Kogan, Hamar
 Pandit, Raju
 Paulraj, Shweta
 Pfaff, Lee
 Pillittere, Julie

Quraeshi, Sahir
 Ramsdell, Kathlin
 Sandhu, Jasmine
 Shergelashvili, Tea
 Shlimun, Andrew
 Siddique, Zaid
 Singh, Navjot
 Sohal, Raman
 Sous, Waseem
 Suhail, Fathima
 Syed, Baseer
 Tautiva, Nicolas
 Thompson, Ashley
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 Zhang, Han Ying

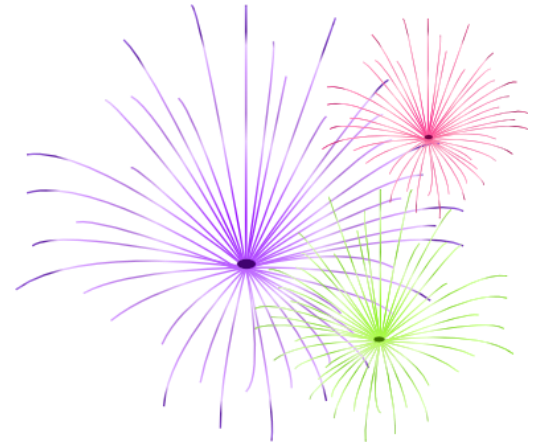


Lets kick off the new year with some exciting news!

Congrats! Congrats! Congrats!



Ashraya Karkee, MD



I am thrilled to announce the appointment of Dr. Ashraya Karkee to medical director of patient experience to the hospitalist group. Dr. Karkee completed her internal medicine residency program at Upstate University Hospital and she was well known then as one of the best residents with excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Ashraya joined our hospitalist group in 9/2017 and she has been recognized between her peers as a very strong patient advocate enhancing the culture of patient centered care. I am sure that Ashraya will improve our patient satisfaction and the process of excellent patient care delivery. As you all know, Dr. Amit Dhamoon has already built a strong foundation with many patient experience projects and Dr. Karkee will be working closely with him.

A big Welcome to our New Faculty Members!



Alina Basnet, MBBS
Hematology/Oncology
Assistant Professor



Ramya Bhargava, MBBS
Nephrology
Assistant Professor



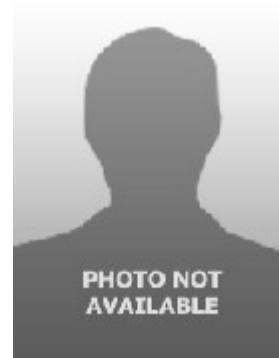
William DiFilippo, MD
Nephrology
Assistant Professor



Brian J Gallay, MD
Nephrology
Rank awaiting COM approval



Markus Gutsche, MD
Pulmonary and Critical Care
Assistant Professor



Elizabeth Harauscz, MD
Infectious Disease
Assistant Professor



Kriti Devkota, MBBS
Nephrology
Assistant Professor



Chairman rounds

Every 3rd Thursday of the month, we host Chairman rounds where an outside speaker from each division comes and presents. We just had our Annual Department of Medicine Meeting July 19th, where Dr. Sri Narsipur spoke and gave us information about the department within the year. In June, we had a speaker brought in by the Geriatrics division, Joe Selby MD, MPH, Executive director of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI), Washington, D.C. speak to us about “Introducing PCORI and Celebrating Community– Driven Research.” Thank you to everyone that came and we hope to see you again for the next chairman rounds next month so forth!



Aww.. Here come the tears 🥹🥹🥹🥹

An amazing, hard working, relying coworker of ours is.... RETIRING! After 40 years of being with the Department of Medicine!!! **Sally Melton**, in Educational Programs Office, is retiring and leaving us on July 31st. Wishing her nothing but an amazing retirement. *Congratulations Sally!!*



Housam Hegazy, MD, FACP Internal Medicine



Dr. Licinio has reviewed and approved the COM Appointments and Promotions Committee's recommendation that **Dr. Housam Hegazy** be promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.

And that's not all.. 🤔

Dr. Housam Hegazy is proud to announce that he has become a father for the 3rd time to a beautiful baby girl, Zaina! 🥰🥰🥰



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“For the last 20 years I have had a frequent dream. In this dream I travel with my teenage daughter all over the world and we explore different places. I get really happy the day this dream comes over. Earlier today at 5 am Nuha and I were blessed with a healthy 8 pounds baby girl and we named her Zaina. Today I feel the happiest person ever and I can not wait for Zaina to grow up and travel with me.”

Congratulations to Dr. Housam Hegazy and his wife on their precious little Zaina!

Oh.. Another baby!! 🥰



Dr. Sam Benjamin is proud to announce that he has become a father for the 3rd time as well! Welcome baby girl, Eleanor Grace Benjamin



“Happy to announce that Eleanor Grace Benjamin was born at 11:15 am on 6/6/18. She is 22 inches long and weighed in at 9 pounds and 14 ounces! By God's grace both mom and baby are doing well and her older siblings Isabelle and Nathanael are proud as can be :) Not to mention her dad too :) Appreciate all your best wishes and prayers.”

Congratulations to Dr. Benjamin on his adorable little Eleanor!





Kudos

Adult Medicine

“overall good. the ER is a different story.” “Very good reminded of importance of timed appointments for my future care and respect of others appt. time care.” “Overall, very good healthcare and people to deal with in all areas.” “The shuffling of dermatology patients from one side of the building and back and forth to register and check out is very inconvenient for people with disabilities.” I have been treated at University hospital since I had my childhood shots, I have received the best of care, and I am very grateful for the whole staff, even when I didn't have money someone worked out my problem immediately, I thank you very much.” “Always good. Make you feel like your a friend.” “*Dr. Dean listened to me and answered questions.” “All very well concerns.” “All look good”

University Cardiology

“I like Dr. Chaudhuri. He takes my health concerns seriously!” “wonderful group” “Dr. Chaudhuri is absolutely wonderful. He is very kind and takes time to answer questions and explain things.” “ekg tech was very friendly and very knowledgeable and took me in right away, then nurse came in very quickly as well but after that I waited 40 minutes for the Dr to come in which to me is ridiculous especially because they called me at 8:40am to see if I could come in at 9:30 instead of 11:00. I got there at 9:30, it was 10:48 when the Dr came in.” “ Schedule is usually very full and appts. are scheduled weeks/months out.” “Always great.” “good” “I have the greatest respect for and confidence in Dr. Singh. I am grateful to have him as my cardiologist.” “Dr. Chaudhuri did not assume that because I was a practicing RN that I understood everything he was talking about (which has happened in the past), and picking up on my nervousness, with a calm, reassuring manner, listened to my clinical concerns, taking the time to explain everything to me. As a healthcare provider, it is wonderful to see a physician take the time to listen to and respond appropriately to expressed and unexpressed (body language) concerns of the patient as Dr. Chaudhuri has done. I think he is a wonderful asset to your practice.”

University Geriatricians

“All staff was very friendly and courteous.” “Upstate and Dr. Berg's office have been helpful and caring, guiding us through Noreen's Alzheimer's” “Everyone in the office - Receptionist, nurses *Dr. Bishop treat Peggy with the utmost respect & compassion. They practice with an exceptional standard of care.” “ We don't live in Syracuse so it's hard to get to your office for everyday needs. I make sure we are able to see Dr Berg twice a year and would make extra trips for important issues.” “Great visit - everyone was GREAT!!” “The appointment as a whole was a good experience, however we had to wait for 25 minutes before we saw our provider.”

University Internists

“It might look like I just went through and checked all good boxes, but I assure you every box was considered. I was apprehensive at first with a female Dr. But Dr. Wani and the staff make you feel very comfortable and I feel the care is exceptional.” “I've been going here for yrs. Everyone there is great they all know me.” “have been with dr frechette for 20 years and i am pleased he is my doctor” “excellent service” “dr.garg and staff were attentive and courteous” “Excellent experience in all aspects. I am very happy with all aspects and feel secure and confident in my care with these folks.” “very good” “Dr. Dana was very professional and conversational during the entire encounter, which made me feel like I was in competent caring hands.” “I changed to Dr Gluz in January 2018 after being with the same provider for over 25 years so I don't have much history with Gluz yet but I'm hopeful that we will develop a good relationship. He has been very accommodating so far and I appreciate his efforts.” “I like Dr. Swarnkar.” “Always good”

Jaslin Center for Diabetes

“Dr Izquierdo always takes the time to answer all of my questions and is always very helpful and polite.” “My present medical staff seems to stay on top of things, which my wife & I appreciate. Reception desk personnel have always been good.” “My PCP set up appointment in November. Could not get into your office until May even though you were advised of diabetes not being in control.” “Good Experience overall” “Always very professional !!” “I never seem to be able to schedule my next year visit while there at the office. so I just end up getting whatever they set up for me with no notice.” “long wait time phone but once answered very good services” “Everyone has always been friendly,courteous,and knowledgeable. I am very comfortable referring people there, in fact,my son will be seeing Donald Pender Jr.” “dr. Weinstock schedules my appointments because there are usually none available for the time frame she wants to see me.”

Medical Subspecialties

“I have no problems with them at all.” “Receptionist and woman at the front desk were very sweet and helpful!” “All good.” “Dr Paul is excellent, knowledgeable, and caring.” “all are very courteous and helpful” “Good office/great dr.” “dr Perl is an amazing dr. highly recommend always” “never have any problems when I go there. Everyone is very nice.my doctor is very nice..Dr.Bonilla. He's a great doctor...” “ I did have some trouble with the office getting back to me but they explained the reason for the delay and it was very understandable. I was very grateful Dr. Nupane squeezed me in so quickly.” “very professional” “always a great place to be seen very smart doctors sometimes there is a wait but I am ok with that” “Dr. Neupane is an excellent and caring physician.” “I see a few Dr in this office. Always courteous and pleasant, and timely manner.”



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Goodbye July... 
 ALOHA August!