Our Mission
"To improve the health of the communities we serve through education, biomedical research and healthcare."

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Welcome, New Faculty!

As of Feb 28 we welcome:

Ambika Eranki, MBBS, MPH, Assistant Professor, joined the Infectious Disease Division. She received her medical degree from Kasturba Medical College in Mangalore, India. She did her residency and ID Fellowship at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. In addition she has an MPH from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, Illinois.

Anna Stewart Ibarra, PhD, MPA, Assistant Professor, will be doing research with the Center for Global Health and Translational Science (CGHATS). She received her Ph.D. in Ecology from ESF in Syracuse, NY. She also has a MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

Nuri Ozden, MD, Assistant Professor, joined the GI Division. He received his MD, and completed a residency, at Marmara University School of Medicine in Istanbul, Turkey. He then completed a Medicine residency at Saint Louis University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, Missouri and a Gastroenterology Fellowship at the University of Nebraska. He followed this with a transplant hepatology fellowship at the University of Miami, and an advanced endoscopy fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Harvard Medical School. Most recently he was located at the University of Arizona in Tucson, AZ.
Website Improvements

The Department of Medicine is pleased to announce that we will be updating and improving our website www.upstate.edu/medicine, in the coming weeks. Caroline Wright, the Administrative Specialist for the department, will be the new Content Manager and will be working with IT to make our website more appealing and user-friendly. We will be encouraging all faculty to maintain relevant photos and information on their profiles in order to maximize the usability and increase the accuracy of our website. If anyone has any suggestions or frustrations about the website’s content or design we encourage you to contact Caroline at wrigcaro@upstate.edu or call her at 44527. We look forward to hearing your suggestions as we move forward with this project.

Upstate in the News

Dr. Michael Iannuzzi and Dr. Stephen Knohl discussed sarcoidosis and how to prevent kidney stones on Health Link on Air Radio Show on February 1.

Dr. Robert Lenox discusses Legionnaires’ disease on Health Link on Air radio Show on February 5th. “He was a medical intern in 1976 when he took care of a man with fever, muscle and body aches and a cough who had attended the American Legion convention in Philadelphia. The man — who rapidly deteriorated and died — became what epidemiologists refer to as “the index case,” the first person with a particular disease to come to the attention of health authorities. His family members approved of an autopsy, and officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eventually discovered a bacterial infection in the man’s lungs. The disease became known as Legionnaire’s disease, and this particular outbreak sickened 182, killing 29, of those who attended the convention. Lenox explains the signs and symptoms of Legionnaire’s disease and how it is treated today.”

You can listen to their presentations by following the link below.

See more at: http://blogs.upstate.edu/healthlinkonair/
Dr. Dana Savici was named Interim Division Chief for Pulmonary/Critical Care upon the retirement of Dr. Robert Lenox February 1, 2015. Dr. Savici, an Associate Professor, has been with the Department of Medicine since July 1995.

Heart Day News

Dr. Bhutta and Dr. Ford went live on CNY Central news on Friday, February 6 for Go Red for Women morning. They participated in the program the American Heart Association hosted and got a live interview to answer questions on heart disease. In addition, they took calls for two hours from people calling the CNY Central hot line that morning.

- Dr. Ramsay Farah was interviewed for the Post Standard in a front page article concerning skin disease and the wait time to see a Dermatologist in the Syracuse area. The article titled Skin Symptoms? Wait in Line, discussed contributing factors to the rising costs and demand for skin care as well as insurance companies’ lack of accurate provider information. You can read the article in the December 9th, 2014 issue of the Post Standard. He was also quoted in the February 2015 issue of In Good Health in an article regarding Psoriasis.

- Elizabeth Reddy, MD, medical director of Upstate Medical University's Designated AIDS Center, second from right, speaks at a press conference Feb. 12 on the alarming increase in syphilis cases in Onondaga County. Participating with Reddy are, from left, Erin Bortel director of prevention at ACRHealth; Dennis Nave, MD, president of the Onondaga County Medical Society; Reddy and Indu Gupta, MD, health commissioner of Onondaga County.
Upstate Updates and News Cont...

Dr. Stewart Ibarra contributed to studies that discovered new information concerning dengue fever. She is an Upstate researcher and was quoted in the article titled *Upstate Study Discovers New Information on Climate Drivers of Dengue Fever*. See more at: [http://upstateonline.info/static/Feb19-Feb262015/blog/story-1/](http://upstateonline.info/static/Feb19-Feb262015/blog/story-1/)

- Dr. David Landsberg, is a first responder to crises outside of the hospital scene. He specializes in intensive care and is part of Upstate’s voluntary Physician Response Team which take turns being on call 24 hours a day. A bus accident on Interstate 81 in November, 2014 was lucky to have this team of physicians. Dr. Landsberg was among the first responders who attended to the 27 people that required medical attention.

Fourth-year medical students at Upstate Medical University delivered more than 200 pillboxes to patients at Upstate University Hospital and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center as they celebrate Solidarity Day for Compassionate Patient Care February 13. Solidarity Day for Compassionate Care is a project of the national Gold Humanism Honor Society, sponsored by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The pill boxes, or pill organizers, were decorated with festive ribbon and given to patients, who have been discharged, by a medical student. The seven-day pill organizer helps patients remember to take the required medications each day of the week.

- See more at: [http://upstateonline.info/static/Feb12-Feb192015/blog/story-2/index.html#sthash.iINsfwUr.dpuf](http://upstateonline.info/static/Feb12-Feb192015/blog/story-2/index.html#sthash.iINsfwUr.dpuf)
Retirements/Emeritus

**Dr. Philip Holtzapple** retired December 31, 2014 (2 days after his 77th birthday), at which time he was appointed **Professor Emeritus**.

Dr. Holtzapple joined the Department of Medicine as a Professor in 1978 with a Joint Appointment in Pediatrics. He was the Interim Chief of the Gastroenterology section here from 1993-2003 and Director of Pediatric Gastroenterology here from 1978-1990. When the new GI Endoscopy suite opened at the Hill December 5, 2005, it was named after Dr. Holtzapple.

In addition, Dr. Holtzapple was the Associate Dean for Curriculum at Upstate (Then HSC) from 1987-1993. He was also the Associate Dean of Continuing Medical Education from 1999-2008.

**Dr. Robert Lenox** stepped down as Chief of the Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care as of February 1, 2015, at which time he was appointed **Professor Emeritus**.

Dr. Lenox joined the Department of Medicine, Pulmonary Division August 15, 1998. He was the Fellowship Director of Pulmonary/Critical Care from 2000-2010. Then in 2010 he became the Chief of the Pulmonary Division. He has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards during his career.

He will continue to work part time at the Onondaga County TB clinic and volunteer time at POM, teaching physical diagnosis.

Faculty Promotions

**Kan Liu, MD, Ph.D.**

was promoted to Associate Professor of Medicine at the February 12, 2015 meeting of the College of Medicine Appointments and Promotions Committee. Congratulations Dr. Liu!
Faculty Awards

**Amit Dhamoon, MD, PhD**, received a Physician of the Year Award at the 2014 Excellence in Healthcare Awards program, Oct. 16, at the Lodge at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles. Dr. Dhamoon was recognized for setting a superior example of providing quality healthcare in our community. The event was presented by Bankers Healthcare Group, the Central New York Business Journal News Network and BizEventz.

**Fuad Farah, MD**, received an award from the Onondaga County Medical Society at the society’s annual dinner held Nov. 13 at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool. Dr. Farah received the Distinguished Service award, the organization’s highest honor.

**Ajeet Gajra, MD**, was appointed Track Leader for solid tumors by SIOG (International Society of Geriatric Oncology), served as reviewer on the scientific review committee, served as a Jury member for the Young Investigator award, and as Co-Chair of the Poster sessions for their Annual Meeting, held in Lisbon, Portugal, Oct. 2014.

**Mark Polhemus, MD**, has received a 2014 International Educator Award from the International Center of Syracuse. The award recognizes Dr. Polhemus for his outstanding contributions to promoting international and global understanding through cross-cultural awareness, education, voluntary service, advocacy, community building and leadership. He accepted the award at the center’s International Citizen Awards Dinner, Nov. 14, held at Upstate Medical University.

Leadership

**International**

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**National**

**Ajeet Gajra, MD**, was appointed to the Education Committee of the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), 2014-16.

**Andras Perl, MD, PhD**, was appointed Chairperson of the T-cell Biology and Targets in Autoimmune Disease, American College of Rheumatology, Boston MA, Nov. 2014.

**Andras Perl, MD, PhD**, was awarded an American College of Rheumatology Medical Student Preceptorship for Yuxin Liu, and, Graduate Student Preceptorship for Nick Huang.

Presentations

**International**


**Andras Perl, MD, PhD**, presented “Strategic Approaches to Biomarker Development in SLE,” at the LUPUS 2014 Meeting, Quebec City Canada, Sept. 2014.
**Presentations Cont...**

**National**


*Andras Perl, MD, PhD,* presented “Metabolic Control of Pathogenesis and Disease Activity in SLE,” at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Rheumatology Grand Rounds, Pittsburgh, PA, Aug. 2014.

*Andras Perl, MD, PhD,* presented “Strategic Approaches to Biomarker Validation in SLE,” at the Lupus Research Institute Lupus Nephritis Biomarkers Meeting, New York University, New York, NY, Sept. 2014.

*Andras Perl MD, PhD,* presented “Metabolic Biomarkers of Disease Activity and Target for Treatment in SLE. Activation of Endocytic Recycling Modulates the Nitric Oxide/ Mitochondrial Hyperpolarization/mTOR pathway in Lupus T-cells,” at the Hospital for Special Surgery/Cornell University Weill Medical College, Rheumatology Grand Rounds, New York, NY, Sept. 2014.

*Andras Perl, MD, PhD,* presented “Metabolic Control of Autoimmunity by mTOR,” at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Department of Microbiology and Immunology Seminar, San Antonio, TX, Oct 2014.

*Andras Perl, MD, PhD,* presented “Autophagy Pathways as Therapeutic Targets,” at the American College of Rheumatology, Boston, MA, Nov. 2014.

**State and Local**


**Grants**

*Ajeet Gajra MD, PI (institutional)*

Celgene Protocol Number: ABI-007-NSCL-005 - Safety and Efficacy of nab®-paclitaxel (Abraxane®) in Combination with Carboplatin as First Line Treatment in Elderly Subjects with Advanced Non-small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): A Phase IV, Randomized, Multicenter study.

12/14-11/16

$41,666

*Sharon Brangman, MD, PI*

NYS Department of Health Legislative Grant - Elder Health Services.

4/01-3/31/15

$41,666

*Sarah Lappin, DO, PI*

Lown Institute Learning to Talk: Overuse; An InterProfessionalism Communications Curriculum Focused on the Nexus of Overuse and Patient-Centered Care.

11/01-10/31/15

$7,350

*Andras Perl, MD, PhD, PI*

Rheumatology Research Foundation Health Professional Research Preceptorship.

9/01-8/31/15

$2,000

*Bernard Poiesz, MD, PI*

Avillion Development 1 Ltd

A Multicenter Phase 3 Randomized, Open-Label Study of Bosutinib versus Imatinib in Adult Patients with Newly Diagnosed Chronic Phase Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia.

9/25-9/24/15

*Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, PI*

Jaeb Center for Health Research Inc.

Racial Differences in Mean CGM Glucose in Relation to HbA1c.

10/01-9/30/15

$39,600

*Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, PI*

Ultradian Diagnostics LLC

Continuous Monitoring of Glycemic Oscillations in Interstitial Fluid.

9/01-8/31/15

$196,798

*Ruth Weinstock, MD, PHD, PI*

Mylan Inc.

An Open-Label, Randomized, Multi-Center, Parallel-Group Clinical Trial Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Mylan’s Insulin Glargine with Lantus in Type 1 Diabetes Patients.

10/30-10/29/15
Research Day

Research Day — Wednesday, March 11, 2015

The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs and the Office of Graduate Medical Education are proud to announce the 5th annual Beyond the Doctorate Research Day (Postdocs, Residents and Fellows) to celebrate the research accomplishments of SUNY Upstate's postdocs, residents and fellows. Faculty, staff and student attendance are encouraged. All postdocs, residents and fellows were encouraged to submit an abstract. The deadline for abstract submission was Noon on Friday, January 9, 2015. The day will include a keynote speaker, oral platform presentations and poster session presented by postdocs, residents and fellows.

**Dept. of Medicine Presenters**

- Shreya Sinha (Mentor-Dr. Dhamoon)
- Bikram Sharma (Mentor-Dr. Landsberg)
- Roshni Radhakrishna (Mentor-Dr. Knohl)
- Dhruv Lowe (Mentor-Dr. Changlai)
- Shalin Kothari (Mentor-Dr. Coyle)
- Arunpreet Kahlon (Mentor Dr. Liu)
- Ganesh Aswath (Mentor-Dr. Dhamoon)
- Rushikesh Shah (Mentor-Dr. Rawlins)
- Omar Mousa (Mentor-Dr. Dhamoon)

**Beyond the Doctorate Research Day Schedule**

- 12:30PM-3:00PM: Oral Platform Presentations (Room 103 WH)
- 3:00PM: Keynote Address (Room 103 WH)
- Poster Session immediately following keynote address in 9th Floor Cafeteria, Weiskotten Hall.

**Keynote Address:**

"Mitochondria in Disease, Aging and Immunity"
Gerald S. Shadel, PhD.
Departments of Pathology and Genetics
Director, Pathology Research
Yale School of Medicine
Kudos

**Joslin Center for Diabetes**

“The Best.” “Always courteous, efficient & informative.” “Everyone seem to have a smile.” “Top notch & professional.” “I have never had any problems at the Joslin Center - The staff are great from the time you get there until you leave.” “No delays or waits.” “Sheri Albro is very helpful for my daughter. She explains things and is very understanding.” “Amazing office people.” “Kathy Bratt is fantastic - no complaints!” “Sheri is always very patient and helpful with my son.” “Dr. Desimone is an excellent physician. I have referred 2 people to her!” “Dr. Demartini was amazing! She spent ample time with us and never seemed rushed. Excellent bedside manner.” “All of the nurses have been very nice and respectful - no complaints!” “I've been going to Joslin for many years and have always had good experiences with everyone.” “Every person/worker is wonderful, friendly, and knowledgeable!” “The nurse Fran is a doll - so personable & kind!!!” “I have seen Dr. Feuerstein at least twice per year for care for over 15 years - I have complete confidence & trust in her.” “We came on the day of a bad snowstorm and we were there on the wrong day and they fit us into their schedule.” “Dr. Lipeski - she is very involved in the care of her patients and does all she can to make sure everything is done to help the patient.” “Rachel Hopkins M.D. always treated me like her friend and is concerned about my continued good health.” “Dr. Roberto Izquierdo - very thorough and follows up with patients with lab tests quickly.” “Dr. J. Kelly - always helpful and informative, takes time to explain answers to all my questions.” “Dr. Sills is such a wonderful dr. and we are blessed to have her. We will be so sad to see her retire!!” “Dr. Hopkins - she makes you feel at ease. An excellent doctor.” “Dr. Stred was amazing with my 15 year old son. She made the visit comfortable and even fun. She fit us into her schedule when she didn't have to.” “Dr. Desimone & the staff - very friendly & happy.” “Donna Lafrate - The best!” “Dr. Rachel Hopkins - She takes the time to fully explain things in a way that is easy to understand. On a scale of 1-10 (bad-good) - She gets an 11!!!” “Monique Cooper - pleasant and very comfortable to talk to.” “Jacki, Dr. Moses’ nurse, top notch. Helpful & informative. Bone scan technician also helpful & professional.” “Dr. Mols is the most compassionate, caring & knowledgeable provider I have ever met. She truly cares about me & my overall health.” “Dr. Maria Desimone - Puts you at ease - Very personable - knows her stuff just a sweetheart - I just love her & have recommended her to others.” “Dr. Mols is excellent I followed her from a previous office.” “Dr. Desimone is wonderful.” “Dr. Concilla & his nurse Fran - always concerned about how I'm feeling.” “Fran (nurse) is so natural & personable, she really makes a difference with her kindness.” “Saw Dr. Lipeski and she was great. She's been helping my son with preventing diabetes and she's one of the best providers we've seen. A truly caring and sincere person.” “Donna Lafrate is wonderful!! Listens & provides clear, understandable responses to questions & concerns!” “Dr. Feuerstein she's the best! Very concerned about your wellness. Very friendly.” “Dr. Izquierdo and staff are VERY prompt on medical help and appointments and the overall concern for me as the patient. Very excellent service provided.” “Dr. Desimone & Dr. Bains are excellent care givers.” “Kathleen Bratt is very competent and seems to really care about us.” “Dr. Roberto Izquierdo - Has furnished professional, compassionate expert care of my diabetes for nearly 20 yrs.” “Dr. Stred is very helpful in explaining the treatment plan, expectations and results with us.” “Dr. Susan Demartini - ALWAYS makes sure that my daughter feels part of the exam.”

**University Geriatricians**

“Excellent!” “Highly recommend.” “Front desk girls - friendly professional. Nurses - Betsy & one other excellent & caring.” “Dr. Berg’s compassion for our concerns & understanding of problem - Entire staff as well - kindness of all staff.” “Michael was very patient and understanding to my aunt who has dementia. He was very calming and interactive.” “Dr. Berg was not only knowledgeable but also caring and reassuring. I cannot overlook the receptionist who arranged imaging exams to meet insurance requests, to cover costs.” “I had a very friendly & excellent visit.”

“Already have recommended to several others.” “Dr. Berg is an excellent care giver and listens to me and talks to me.” “Dr. Brangman is an excellent provider & has helped my mother a great deal. She is caring & compassionate, very knowledgeable in her field.” “Dr. Bishop was very cordial, understanding and explained in detail the diagnosis and test results.” “Isabel Kliss answered all questions clearly. Took time to listen to my concerns & acted on them. She is an excellent care giver in person & on MyChart. Immediate response.” “She was a substitute. Treated me as gentle and as kind as if we were long term friends.” “My first visit I was very upset and they took extra care to make me comfortable.” “All the personnel were neat, clean, thoughtful, helpful - a comfortable place to be.” “I could not ask for a better place to be when at my age (85), I was treated with respect and dignity.” “All staff good.” “Dr. Brangman is outstanding. Years ago I brought my mother to the center. Although she was treated. Well, I have been treated like a old woman who needs to be listened to, talked to and included in decisions about her care.”
University Geriatricians Cont...

“Betsy & Kathy nurses in Dr. Isabel Kiss' office - They are friendly, understand me as a patient and we enjoy our conversations each time I go there. It is a pleasurable experience every time! Thank you, thank you.” “Experience was kind, thoughtful, accommodating, helpful and very pleasant.” “Have never had a bad experience.” “Dr. Berg, in a word, is awesome!”

University Cardiology

“Nurses were very proficient & friendly.” “Dr. Carhart - very competent, genuinely concerned about his patients welfare, thank you for looking out for me to the best of your ability.” “My care was excellent and I'm sure it will continue to be at future visits.” “Dr. Michiel is excellent & caring!” “Dr Michiel is pleasant, friendly, and attentive to my questions, takes time to explain everything, provide wonderful care.” “Two ladies work to make everyone happy that comes through the door, always with smiles on their faces.” “Dr. Carhart & the nurses & clerks are the best you have. I have been with them since 1996. I am not going anywhere. Everyone is very nice every time I go there or call.” “No delays.” “The doctor and his assistant were very professional and very caring - Explained in detail questions I had asked.” “Always had good doctors and NP and nurses too, I never had any concern about them.” “Dr. Liu, he is the best!”

Joslin Center for Diabetes Cont...

“We love Kathleen Bratt.” “Dr. Moses - patient, thorough, treats me as an individual rather than just another patient recycling through the clinic.” “Sherri Bishop PA showed courtesy & respect to me, as an older woman.” “Dr. Dhaliwal - very caring.” “I feel that Dr. Rachel Hopkins is a very caring, capable doctor. I feel confident and cared for when I am there for my routine visits.” “Dr. Weinstock is the most excellent doctor I have ever seen in my life.” “Dr. Jennifer Kelly - she is just great - she spends time with you - she doesn't rush you and she is an excellent listener - she shows real concern.” “Jackie the NP was awesome. Knowledgeable about osteoporosis & treatment.” “Dr. Moses and his assistant were kind, courteous, and professional.” “Dr. Jennifer Kelly is very detailed and caring. Her work excellence keeps me driving 3 hrs. one way to appointments at Joslin.” “This is the place to be if you are diabetic.” “Dr. Barbara Feuerstein - She always takes the time to listen to concerns that are important to the patient.” “Dr. Prashant Nadkarni was concerned, helpful, thorough... did not rush me through... made me feel comfortable.” “Kathleen Bratt is an excellent person, she understands diabetes and tells us what we need to do well.” “Keep up the great work.” “Very pleasant.” “Always very good.” “Provider was very good.” “Kathy Bratt is amazing.” “Good experience.” “All was nice people at the time.” “Dr. Concilla and his nurse are fantastic. I followed them when they moved to Joslin.” “Kathy Bratt truly cares.”

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“I cannot name just one, as all the staff members in both Oncology & Radiation were FANTASTIC. THANK YOU.” “While we were waiting for our appointment, we were asked if we needed anything and if we were comfortable.” “Dr. Hahn and ALL staff have been amazing!” “All A+.” “Friendly warm staff.” “Kathryn in Radiation Oncology was a very big help.” “Service for my spouse was absolutely fantastic - Our needs and wants were covered - Everyone knew my name almost immediately, and treated me warmly, but respectfully.” “Dr. Seth - Very informative and knowledgeable.” “All staff went above and beyond service and explanation.” “This facility is welcoming and beautiful. The valet parking is definitely a plus. Everyone is so caring!” “Everyone was professional, cordial, understanding.” “The nurses are extremely compassionate & knowledgeable!” “Dr. Jonathan Wright is a very warm, caring person.” “Dr. Stephen Graziano really cares about his patients.” “Amazingly fast - no wait time.” “Never have to wait too long.” “Nothing but the most courteous, kind, caring staff. Wonderful. Excellent care all around.” “In reception Cora was always very pleasant.” “Dr. Anna Shapiro is one of the finest MD's that I have ever had. Her care and concern went far beyond any physician I have had to date. Also, the RAD techs that provide my radiation Rx were fabulous. Can't say enough about all staff.” “The facility and overall experience was exceptional.” “Colleen - so, so caring and wonderful.” “Dr. Bunn, Dr. Paul & Dr. Ben - Wonderful.” “The new facility is impressive.” “Upstate has been 100% better than my experience with hematology - oncology associates of central NY.” “Oncology nurses at Upstate are among the MOST caring people! They are kind, friendly, compassionate and try to make my stay comfortable.”
Accepted and Pending Review


**Umbreen Arshad**, Leena Pawar, Omair Chaudhary, Ruby Appiah, Dana Savici. An odd culprit of primary pleuropulmonary infection, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


**Ganesh Aswath**, Dr. Amit Dhamoon Title will be given soon. Beyond the Doctorate Day Research Day, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2015.

**Dipti Baral**, Birendra Sah. Pulmonary lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM): An important differential in young women with dyspepsia, presented at AAMA, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2014.


**Denzil Etienne**, Osei Whyte, Sharon Brangman. Primary care pearls and perils: fiber supplementation and retrograde enemas in an elderly patient with chronic constipation, presented at SGIM, Toronto Ontario, Canada, April 22-25, 2015.


Kudos Cont...

**Medicine Subspecialties**

“I’ve only had excellent care and phone calls... when I’m ill.” **Dr. Allam** - she really cares for patients. “**Lorraine & Lindsey** always take my calls & follow up with me.” **Dr. Kato** is a kind, caring and knowledgeable doctor, a role model for any doctor to emulate!!” **Dr. Knohl** is straightforward & explains things well. “Both the resident & the doctor were concerned & informative.”

**Adult Medicine**

“Very good experience.” **Heidi Dimeis** - She always goes above & beyond – GREAT.” “The two people I see most of the time are Carol and Josie Saurro - I find them both friendly and know their jobs well - I'm very confident in the care they give me. ” **Sharlene Nemitz** is excellent! Very thorough and clear communication and excellent follow-up on concerns.” “Doctor Alisha Hemraj, even though she is still just an intern and in the learning process of her field of study, she shows excellence. Her knowledge and care are impressive.” “All the nurses were nice and understanding.” “I got some bad news and my doctor told me the effect of it and he just went that extra mile.” “I don't know her name but the nurse that gave me my Hep A&B shots she was really caring. She told me what I needed to know, and gave me a hug.” “I am generally impressed with the overall staff members individually and collectively.”
Accepted and Pending Review

Sharon George, Sabine S. Khan, Girish Trikha. An interesting case of broncholithiasis leading to recurrent lithiopysis, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


Hayas Haseer Koya, Dona Varghese, Dinesh Ananthan, Dinesh John, Tanya George. Unraveling the mystery of pulmonary hypertension in a young female, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.

Hayas Haseer Koya, Dona Varghese, Roshni Radhakrishna, Christopher Curtiss, Tanya George, Dinesh John. A curious case of mucocutaneous ulcers due to drug toxicity, presented at AMA, Dallas, TX, November, 2014.


Hayas Haseer Koya, Dona Varghese, Roshni Radhakrishna, Matthew Hess. Unraveling the mystery of neurocutaneous manifestations in a young male, presented at National ACP, Boston, MA, April 29-May 2, 2015.


Accepted and Pending Review


Navneet Kaur, Pahul Singh, Timothy Ford. Rare case of left atrial spindle cell sarcoma, presented at SCCM, Phoenix, AZ, January 17-21, 2015.

Michael Kosters, Shalin Kothari, Amit Dhamoon. Unmasking a rare rheumatological disease with the atypical presentation of acute onset shortness of breath, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


Dhruv Lowe, Brian Changlai, Shreya Sinha, Arunpreet Kahlon. Rare case of leptomeningeal carcinomatosis without evidence of brain metastasis presenting as first sign of recurrent NSCLC, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.

Dhruv Lowe, Dr. Brian Changlai (Mentor). Title will be given soon. Beyond the Doctorate Day Research Day, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2015.

Ricky Mehta, Dilpreet Kaur, Gaganjot Singh. Look into my eyes to look into delirium, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


Roshni Radhakrishna, Dr. Stephen Knohl (Mentor). Title will be given soon. Beyond the Doctorate Day Research Day, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2015.


Rushikesh Shah, Dr. Sekou Rawlins (Mentor). Title will be given soon. Beyond the Doctorate Day Research Day, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2015.
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Zainab Shahnawaz, Muhammad Osman Arif, Savio John. Onset of cryoglobulinemic vasculitis despite absent viremia with Sofosbuvir based anti-HCV treatment, presented at AMA, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2014.

Bikram Sharma, Robert Lenox. Primary lung lymphoma presenting with pulmonary nodules, a clinical puzzle, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


Bikram Sharma, David Landsberg. All that wheezes is not asthma: Hypopharyngeal muscle spasm presenting as recurrent acute severe asthma, presented at ATS, Denver, CO, May 15-20, 2015.


Bikram Sharma, David Landsberg (Mentor). All that wheezes is not asthma, Beyond the Doctorate Day Research Day, Syracuse, NY, March 11, 2015.


Runa Shrestha, Rajesh Mourya, Jivan Lamichhane. Spontaneous pneumomediastinum and subcutaneous emphysema as initial presentation of non small cell lung cancer, presented at the 12th AMA conference, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2014.

Shreya Sinha, Russell Acevedo, Dhruv Lowe, Aswini Kumar. Pulmonary sarcomatoid carcinoma: A rapidly metastasizing rare cancer where close follow-up and early radiation therapy is paramount to breakthrough in treatment, presented at CHEST, Austin, TX, October 25-30, 2014.


Subhas Sitaula, Robert Lenox. Hypertriglyceridemia up to thirty-thousands due to estrogen therapy, presented at the 12th AMA conference, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2014.


Gaurang Vaidya, Miruna Carnaru, Robert Kribbs, Danish Siddiqui. Type A aortic dissection in fibromuscular dysplasia, presented at the 12th AMA conference, Dallas, TX, November 7, 2014.
Resident Publications

Joshua W. Harrison, Astha Ramaiya, Peter Cronkright. Restoring emphasis on ambulatory internal medicine training – The 3:1 model. *Journal of Graduate Medical Education* DOI: [http://dx.doi.org/10.4300/JGME-D-13-00461.1](http://dx.doi.org/10.4300/JGME-D-13-00461.1).


A special thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter, especially Dr. William Clay Elliott for providing pictures and the editors of Upstate Online and the Faculty Commons from which much of this news is borrowed from. Thank you and we hope you keep the stories coming! Please forward any news, updates, pictures, etc. to editor Caroline Wright for future publications.

Thanks,
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