

Department of Medicine

January-February 2019 Newsletter



Dr. Stephen Thomas, Chief of the Infectious Disease division, recently spoke with News reporters regarding the possibility of Upstate Medical University testing a Heroin vaccine sometime in 2020. The experiment will be ran by the Institute for Global Health and Translational Science.

The hopes of this experiment is that the vaccine, among many other tools, will help aid those on the road to, or currently working towards beating their addiction.



Drs. Tucker, Bhatta and Pitroda were recently featured in the Syracuse Women's Magazine. Please click the link below to access this article!

<https://www.syracusewomanmag.com/2019/02/01/special-feature-women-in-cardiology-2/>

PROMOTION

Dr. Marisa Desimone has been promoted to
Clinical Associate Professor



Dr. Joan Mitchell has been promoted to Clinical
Associate Professor



Dr. Teresa Gentile has been promoted to Clinical
Professor



Dr. Amit Dhamoon was named Chief, Division of General Medicine as of January 1st, 2019. Dr. Dhamoon has served as Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency Program since 2011 and Vice Chair for Quality, Department of Medicine since August 2013. Dr. Dhamoon is the recipient of many honors and awards. Dr. Dhamoon recently joined University Internists outpatient clinic and will continue on Inpatient services with the Hospitalist Division.



Dr. Ali Khan has been promoted to Associate
Medical Director of Hospital Medicine





Dr. Harvir Gambhir and Amit Dhamoon will be partnering as quality officers for the department of medicine. Dr. Gambhir completed his MBBS in Santosh Medical College, in India in 2004. He completed his residency in India in 2008 and worked as an internist for several years before immigrating to the United States. He completed his internal medicine residency training at SUNY Upstate in 2015 and then served as Chief Resident. He works as a Hospitalist and also serves as an Associate Program Director for the Internal Medicine Residency program. During his training at Upstate, Dr. Gambhir has been intimately involved with the quality infrastructure and training with our residency program and department. He has lead quality improvement initiatives in the inpatient and outpatient arena and served as a mentor for our morbidity and mortality conferences for years. We are all very fortunate to have Dr. Gambhir's involvement in quality within our department.

Dr. Vincent Frechette stepped down as Chief, Division of General Medicine as of December 31, 2018. Dr. Frechette joined the Department of Medicine, General Medicine Division July 1995. He was the Director of Educational Programs from 2002-2008, and Associate Director of Educational Programs 2008-2010 and in 2007, he became the Division Chief of General Internal Medicine. He has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards during his career. He will continue to work at University Internists outpatient clinic and on Inpatient services with the Hospitalist Division.





Dr. David Lehmann received the Onondaga County Medical Society's 2018 Award for Physician Service to the Community, at their annual meeting and dinner on November 8, 2018.

Dr. Birendra Sah received recognition from WASOG that the SUNY Upstate Pulmonary Critical Care Clinic is now being recognized as a WASOG Sarcoidosis Clinic



The 2019 President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service Deadline for submission is April 1, 2019

Contact Deb Shelby for award guidelines and nomination form



Dr. Sakshi Dutta joined Upstate as a Hospitalist in December of 2018

Dr. Adaora Udekwu joined Upstate as a Hospitalist in January 2019.

LCME site visit 3/23-27/2019:

The Liaison Committee on Higher Education (LCME) is scheduled to visit us March 27, 2019. This is a critical step in accreditation of the medical school and Upstate's ability to recruit students, house-staff, and faculty. Many areas related to trainee education will be assessed. Please be aware that self-directed learning is a one important focus. For example, is the student able to independently assess learning needs, credibility of information, and then effectively disseminate what they have learned? In addition, are they able to elicit and are you able to provide productive feedback? At the Department level, we will need to support diversity and inclusion. Unconscious Bias is considered a central issue in these efforts. Overall, we do very well with the medical students. This is reflected by the fact that the Department Of Medicine has won the graduating class's Clinical Teaching Award for the last 13 of 14 years. So, at a minimum, my recommendation is to spend a little more quality focused time engaging with the student to promote their professional growth and show them how great Internal Medicine can be. I am proud of your work!

Sriram S. Narsipur, MD, FASN, FACP
Professor and Interim Chair

The Upstate Cultural/Talent Show was held on February 2nd. Please click on the link below to check out the amazing pictures captured at the event!

<https://jfphotography43.pixieset.com/g/medicinetalentshow/>

Some amazing photography captured by Dr. Leggat in Namibia, Africa!



Please feel free to share any photographs you'd like to have published in the next Newsletter!

Publications and Presentations

Dr. Shreya Sinha presented her case report “Efficacy and utilization trends of adjuvant chemotherapy for stage I, II and III breast cancer in the elderly population: A National Cancer Database (NCDB) analysis” on December 5, 2019 at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium.

Abdelghany M, Elsheshtawy M, Attaran R, **Kadura S**, Mena-Hurtado C. Traumatic Coronary Artery Dissection. The American College of Cardiology (ACC), New Orleans, LA, USA. March 2019. Will be published in JACC supplement March 2019.

Elsheshtawy M, **Abdelghany M**, Kruz M, Pulumati KA, Khanna A, Prabhu S. Recurrent Syncope in a Female with Mid-Ventricular Obstruction. The American College of Cardiology (ACC), Orlando, FL, USA. March 2018. Will be published in JACC supplement March 2019.

Smulyan H. J Electrocardiol. 2018 Nov - Dec;51(6):1009-1010. doi: 10.1016/j.jelectrocard.2018.08.013. Epub 2018 Aug 13. Review. No abstract available. PMID: 30497720

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The Beat Goes On: The Story of Five Ageless Cardiac Drugs. **Smulyan H**. Am J Med Sci. 2018 Nov;356(5):441-450. doi: 10.1016/j.amjms.2018.04.011. Epub 2018 Apr 25. PMID: 30055757

The King Is Dead: Clark Gable's Heart Attack. Pinals RS, **Smulyan H**. Am J Med Sci. 2018 Sep;356(3):219-226. doi: 10.1016/j.amjms.2018.03.019. Epub 2018 Apr 3. Review. PMID: 29961543

NIH/NIDDK, Chair, Review Panel, RFA Treating Diabetes Distress to Improve Glycemic Outcomes in Type 1 Diabetes: December 17, 2018. Abstract reviewers: American College of Physicians, Jan 2019. The Endocrine Society, Dec 2018.

Smulyan H QT Interval: Bazett's Correction Corrected QT Interval; QTc PMID: 30497720

Presentations Cont'd

Lefferts WK, Deblois JP, Receno CN, Barreira TV, Brutsaert TD, **Carhart RL**, Heffernan KS. Effects of acute aerobic exercise on arterial stiffness and cerebrovascular pulsatility in adults with and without hypertension. *J Hypertens*. 2018 Aug;36(8):1743-1752. doi: 10.1097/HJH.000000000000152. PMID: 29677054

Fu Md J, **Bhatta L**. Lyme carditis: Early occurrence and prolonged recovery. *J Electrocardiol*. 2018 May—Jun;51(3):516-518. Epub 2017 Dec 14. PMID: 29275956

Ukwuoma N, **Villarreal D**, Boobay R, Proctor J. Treatment of ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction in the setting of Infective Endocarditis: A need for treatment guidelines. *Am J Ther*. 2018 Sept/Oct;25(5):e582-e584. PMID: 28991871

Dr. Sanjay Yadava, Post Malaria Neurological Syndrome: A rare neurological complication of malaria, accepted for publication in *Infection*.

Dr. Sanjay Yadava, Postzone Phenomenon resulting in a false negative Cerebral Spinal Fluid Cryptococcal Antigen Lateral Flow Assay, accepted for publication in *ADIS*.

Dr. Syed Zaidi, Pulmonary Coccidioidomycosis mimicking Langerhans Cell Histiocytosis resulting in complications, accepted for presentation at ATS 2019.

Hina Amin, Mohammad Hashim Jilani, Priyanka Pitroda, Daniel Villarreal. Lambli's excrescences; an enigma of diagnostic cardiology. A case report, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Marsha Antoine, Bashar Sharma, Geetanjali Johri. Acute isolated bulbar palsy, a rare variant of Guillain Barre Syndrome, submitted to SCCM, San Diego, CA, February 17-20, 2019.

Marsha Antoine, Bashar Sharma, Amitpal Nat. Left-sided enterococcal infectious endocarditis in an intravenous drug user, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Marsha Antoine, Bashar Sharma, Amitpal Nat. Unintended outcome of a procedure, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Presentations Cont'd

Megha Dogra, Liyanage(Menaka) Perera, Ghanahyam Ghelani. A curious case of NET, with negative HIAA, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Maria Fariduddin, Wajihuddin Syed, Sindhuri Gayam, Emily Albert. Primary myelofibrosis hiding behind liver mass, submitted to SCCM, San Diego, CA, February 17-20, 2019. 2019.

Pranita Ghimire, Subrat Khanal, Kristopher Paolino. An unexpected attack of rapidly growing mycobacterium, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Bishal Gyawali, Fidel Martinez, Carlos Martinez-Balzano. Rapid onset of Euglycemic Diabetic Ketoacidosis due to Canagliflozin in a case of newly diagnosed type 2 Diabetes mellitus, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Isaac Huml, Chaitanya Chandravanka. Osmotic Demyelination Syndrome with Synchronous Wernicke's Encephalopathy, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Alisha Khan, Assaf Holtzman, Raman Singh, Madhuri Badrinath, Amit Dhamoon. Manganese neurotoxicity as a complication of chronic total parenteral nutrition, submitted to NYACP, Albany, NY, February 23, 2019.

Subrat Khanal, Pranita Ghimire, Dinesh Subedi. An interesting presentation of Henoch Schonlein Purpura, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Pujitha Kudaravalli, Saleem Sheikh, Sekou Rawlins. A case report on Nodular GAVE, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Jennifer Leibovitch, Stephen Knohl. Gabapentin toxicity in the setting of acute failure secondary to NSAID use, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Bashar Sharma, Mili Shah, Marsha Antoine, Lynn Cleary. Mirizzi syndrome managed successfully by laparoscopy, submitted to NYACP, Albany, NY, February 23, 2019.

Presentations Cont'd

Jessica Lucier, Sarah Lappin. Fatal case of Group A Strep and Influenza coinfection leading to toxic shock like syndrome and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome, submitted to SRM, New Orleans Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Anojan Pathmanathan, Karan Ramakrishna, Lynn Cleary. A rare case of Amiodarone induced neurotoxicity, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Amulya Penmesta, Jared Sweeney, Sekou Rawlins. Hemorrhagic ascites as a manifestation of angiosarcoma, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Pooja Poudel, Vikrant Tambe, Sharon Brangman. Visual hallucination with intact cognition: A rare case of Charles Bonnet syndrome, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Pooja Poudel, Tamas Szombathy. Hole in the heart: Manifesting as platypnea Orthodexia syndrome, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Naina Sawal, Ritu Modi, Geetanjali Johri. A near fatal case of VIPomas in the immunocompromised, submitted to SCCM, San Diego, CA, February 17-20, 2019.

Naina Sawal, Ambika Eranki. Epiglottitis and tonsillar necrosis; an unusual presentation of Disseminated Histoplasmosis, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Bashar Sharma, Marsha Antoine, Mili Shah, Housam Hegazy. Glycogenic Hepatopathy, a rare complication of Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Bashar Sharma, Marsha Antoine, Mili Shah, Housam Hegazy. Melamine-induced liver injury, a rare presentation, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Ryan Dean, Rogin Subedi. A rare case of Lane Hamilton Syndrome, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Presentations Cont'd

Ester Sherman, Amulya Penmitsa, Kristyn Gailbraith, Amitpal Nat. Eosinophilic endocardial fibrosis causing heart failure, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Fathima Suhail, Umair Masood, Flora Liu, Savio John. A rare case of Turmeric Supplement-induced hepatotoxicity, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Lili Sun, Daniel Villarreal, David Landsberg. Myocardial Infarction in a young female with suspected normal coronary arteries presenting with Acute Stroke, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Ajay Tambe, Madhuri Badrinath, Harvir Gambhir. Sarcomatoid cancer of the lung presenting as painless subcutaneous nodules, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Ajay Tambe, Madhuri Badrinath, Robert Carhart. Aortic-left atrial fistula as a rare complication of Infective Endocarditis in bioprosthetic mitral valve, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Vikrant Tambe, Parth Desai, Mili Shah, Divya Kondapi, Meghan Dogra, Matthew Hess. Inhaled fentanyl leading to diffuse alveolar hemorrhage, submitted to SCCM, San Diego, CA, February 17-20, 2019.

Vikrant Tambe, Parth Desai, Ajay Tambe, Mili Shah, Housam Hegazy. Typical HUS in a patient with atypical HUS and the role of Eculizumab, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Vikrant Tambe, Parth Desai, Ajay Tambe, Mili Shah, Housam Hegazy. Piperacillin-Tazobactam induced hemolytic anemia, submitted to SRM, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 21-23, 2019.

Ashley Thompson, Natalya Iorio, Kanish Mirchia, Sekou Rawlins. A unique case of profound secretory diarrhea in the setting of two concomitant neuroendocrine tumors in a newly diagnosed HIV patient, submitted to NYACP, Albany, NY, February 23, 2019.



Transplant Program: “As of 12/14/18 our program has performed 110 transplants. 103KI, including 18 LD, and 7 pancreas transplants: 3 PAK and 4 SPK. This is the highest volume of transplants performed since the conception of this program at Upstate.”

Adult Medicine: “**Kuhn, Michael.** He took the time to explain what can happen to my mother, some of situations that she could get into medically, and he gave me suggestions on possible solutions!”

University Cardiology: “I have been under **Dr. Carhart's** care for just over two years and have always had excellent experiences with him and all of the staff.” “Experience has always been superb. I have seen numerous electrophysiologists in Syracuse and Rochester since 1962. **Dr. Bhatta** is outstanding.”

Medicine Subspecialties: “**Dr. Kato** is one of the most talented, effective and compassionate providers I have in the upstate medical organization. He is on top of all complex issues that come up with a patient as myself and there is complete confidence in care during a health crisis.” “Everyone at this office has always been friendly and attentive. **Dr. Yu** is amazing and of the three rheumatologists I've had she is my favorite.” “**Sheetal Rayancha, MD** - Very Professional; Very Understanding; Very Considerate; Incredibly Knowledgeable, and Incredibly Intelligent.”

University Internists: “I have been seeing **Dr. Krenzer** for almost 30 years and have always been very pleased with her care and her office staff.” “From the moment I entered the waiting area to the time I walked out of the office after my appt. I felt like they really cared about my health and that I was not just another number. **Dr. Frechette** is very good at what he does.”

Family Medicine: “**Dr. Nanavati** is the best doctor I ever had, he shows great concern for me and cares about me”



Congratulations to Jaswinder Virk and Kanica Yashi who welcomed their beautiful baby girl Sargan in January!



Thank you to all that contributed to the newsletter. If you'd like to have something included in the next newsletter please reach out to myself or Deb Shelby with the information.

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