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Our Mission

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

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Dr. Fuad Farah, Dermatology is retiring effective January 31, 2014.



Dr. Farah has been a member of the Department of Medicine paid faculty since September 1, 1976, and was Division Chief of the Dermatology Division until January 2004. In addition, he has maintained a private practice. Dr. Farah has taught hundreds of medical students and residents. He has

served on numerous committees and his research has been widely published. In 2002, the Fuad S. Farah MD Endowed Dermatology Lecture-ship was established to honor him. In the spring of 2009, he was the recipient of a Gold Standard Award for exceptional service to SUNY Upstate. He is a

highly respected member of his profession, and is legendary for his professionalism and compassion.

The Dean has approved Dr. Iannuzzi's recommendation that Dr. Fuad Farah be named Clinical Professor EMERITUS.



Cardiology News

We are pleased to announce that Timothy D. Ford, MD, has been appointed Chief of the division of Cardiology.

Dr. Ford received his medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University, where he also completed his post-graduate training in internal medicine and a fellowship in cardiovascular medicine.

Dr. Ford completed a fellowship in interventional cardiology at Tufts-New England Medical Center.

Dr. Ford is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and the Medical Director of Upstate Cardiology West.

Congratulations!

Hematology Oncology News!

Dr. Ajeet Gajra was invited to Chair a session at the 49th annual meeting of American Society of Clinical Oncology 2013 held in Chicago. The title of the session was: "Is Age Just a Number- Adjuvant Therapy Decision Making for Older and/or Frail Patients with Cancer"

Dr. Gajra was also invited to deliver a lecture on: "Adjuvant Therapy in Older adults with non small cell lung cancer" at that session.



Rheumatology News

Dr. Fatme Allam, Rheumatology, has been promoted to Clinical Associate Professor.



Sharon A. Brangman, MD has been selected by the Institute of Medicine (IOM) as one of the core group of seven individuals to participate in three upcoming meetings of experts on advanced dementia. The IOM is convening these meetings for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the Advisory Council on Alzheimer's Research, Care, and Services that was created by the National Alzheimer's Project Act (NAPA). The first meeting will be held in January in Washington, DC.





KUDOS!!

Medicine Subspecialties

“Very at ease with Drs. there; they are honest and concerned. I wouldn't change to another dr. unless I had no choice.” “They were more worried about my privacy than I was. After this illness I have no modesty left. But, they were very concerned about this.” “I've never experienced a bad experience.” “**Dr. Neupane** is so helpful in explaining everything you need to know about your condition. He greets you with a handshake and smile.” “All of the people were nice to me.” “I enjoy **Dr. Neupane**; he is very good!” “**Dr. Knohl** was wonderful.” “**Dr. Lenox** was extremely personable & competent” “Excellent rapport.” “**Dr. Dana Savici**. She is a true healer with gentle, compassionate understanding mannerisms. I trust her with my life. Upstate is very fortunate to have her on their staff. She is outstanding!” “**Dr. Neupane** he is the best!” “Very professional, excellent experience.”

Adult Medicine

“The staff members are very kind to their patients.” “Love my providers.” “Staff members,...very kind.” “UHCC is the best place to be!” “I like the way they take the time to help us all.” “Always helpful and great, good always.” “Nurses are always very kind and helpful.” “They are very helpful great people very kind take the time to help.” “Nurse's assistant is always great and helpful to all.” “Everyone is great I even have friends go there.” “Always good never anything bad at all.” “My doctor, **Dr. Chaudhary**, is the very best of the best - Good for Upstate

for having such a wonderful doctor and good for me for being fortunate enough to have him caring for me.” “Always good experiences there.” “**Dr. Emerald Banas** - she excellent & well informed. Really cares about her patients & working with them to make their overall health more enjoyable.” “**Dr. Bradley** she takes her time out and explains everything well and cares about her patients.” “Everyone is very nice & pleasant.”

University Geriatricians

“The receptionist and nurses - all personnel/staff are extremely efficient, polite & courteous at all times.” “Very thorough and no sign of being rushed.” “**Dr. Brangman** - She's great!” “As I have stated above, all of the staff are outstanding people & caring. My NP **Christine Heagle-Bahn** - can't say enough good things about her. With all of health issues she helps make my day better during visits. She is a wonderful person.” “#1. No delays.” “Nurse **Betsy Judy Hamlin** very friendly, helpful and knowledgeable.” “Everyone in this practice is always very professional, competent & caring.”

Joslin Center for Diabetes

“My physician **Barbara Feuerstein** is excellent. She always spends time & meets all my needs re: my condition, meds, tests, etc.” “Physician care is excellent.” “Love, love, love, **Donna Lafrate!** She is very good with my son.” “**Dr. Izquierdo** is wonderful. VERY responsive, kind & caring. We greatly appreciate his medical care, personal attention, quick

response time to email. WONDERFUL doctor.” “I have always been very satisfied with my visits here.” “Always well taken care of.” “They are all great there.” “My doctor is the greatest - excellent.” “Couldn't ask for a better provider.” “**Dr. Nadkarni** was a great help to me. He addressed my health issue and followed every step of the process. I was VERY pleased with his kindness, help and his medical care.” “**Dr. Izquierdo** - Very polite & knowledgeable.” “My doctor was very compassionate and knowledgeable. I have a lot of confidence in **Marisa Desimone**” “**Dr. Barbara Feuerstein** very professional - Concerned & compassionate.” “**Dr. Jennifer Kelly**. Right on top of things and issues involved.” “**Dr. Nadkarni** - very interested in my health & controlling diabetes.” “**Dr. Sills** - She is always pleasant, courteous and very informative about my condition.” “I have been impressed by the Joslin Center & staff” “**Jackie**, she was very kind and easy to talk to. She explained everything that was going on and any side effects.” “**Dr. Mols Kowalczewski** - I am very satisfied with the care she provides and I like her very much - She is the reason I continue to go to this practice” “**Barb Lindenmayer** - Always VERY thorough, friendly” “**Dr. Prashant Nadkarni** superb doctor.” “**Jackie RN** - is always so friendly, remembers from year to year. Very efficient” “**Donna Lafrate** goes way above & beyond in providing excellent, comprehensive health care. Cannot say enough positive things about her care.” “**Jennifer Kelly** DO is the BEST.”



Kudos Continued!.....

Transplant Center

“**Lavell Jones** - She was friendly and was full of lots of information.” “**Dr. Narsipur** is professional, caring & very helpful to me in every way.” “The transplant clinic should be called the Unit of Kindness. Thank you.” “Very friendly.” “The office area was improved in the last year and it’s very nice.”

University Cardiology

“Nice people, friendly.” “The nurse was very nice to me, and made me feel very comfortable and not afraid.” “The doctor explained to me and listened to me, so well that I understood every word he was speaking.” “Nurses have been very concerned and called me at home to check my status - they are the best.” “**Dr. Szombathy** is excellent.” “**Dr. Carhart** - I have been seeing him for more than 10 yrs. and we have a very good relationship and I have a lot of faith & trust in him.” “**Dr. Carhart** is a great doctor & a very good kind & patient person.” “I see my cardiologist twice a year - My experience has always been very very good.” “My appt. had to be changed & every effort was made to accommodate my needs. VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.” “I have the utmost confidence in the care I received from Upstate doctors & the attention paid to my case.” “**Dr. Lin** gave me his full attention & explained everything very thoroughly.” “Everybody is very helpful, pleasant and concerned.” “**Dr. Carhart** is excellent at explaining answers to questions. Very personable, I feel very confident under this care”

ROC

“They were very polite and thorough.” “All nursing & other employees were always pleasant.” “#1. No pain. #2. No nausea.” “**Dr. Graziano** and assistants always do a good - job, I wish there were more of them.” “**Dr. Jonathan Wright** - exceptional doctor, extremely caring to patient and family.” “Everybody was just special.” “**Dr. Hahn** very caring made me feel totally confident also his nurses **Colleen, Katherine.**” “The staff was wonderful and made my visit as enjoyable as possible.” “All explanations were well done and questions answered.” “**Dr. Benjamin** is excellent in his field. Very concerned with my outside activity and personal condition prior to chemo treatment.” “**Dr. Sheila Lemke**, all nurses @ ROC - amazing!” “Was escorted to chemo area in wheelchair by **Valerie**. Very sweet person.” “**Kathryn Romano** ANP - Very informative woman and caring as was ALL the staff.” “**Dr. Hadeus Khadim** is so excellent in every way, his skills, his educational efforts, his kindness and attentiveness. Also, the women in the lab are terrific, always remember me and make the process easy.” “**Dr. Graziano** - patient & caring attitude. Very knowledgeable.”

Keeping Current Online:

Check out What’s New!

There have been many changes and updates to the Department of Medicine’s Website in an effort make it more efficient and resourceful.

Please check out what’s been updated recently and let us know what you think can be updated or added to make it even better.

- **Quality and Patient Safety**

The department has created an anonymous reporting tool for the purpose of engaging medical students, residents, nursing, and our faculty in the quality improvement process. We wish to create a culture of safety in which each individual has a voice in recognizing and preventing adverse events. We encourage you to report any adverse events or near misses that you encounter using our reporting tool.

The tool can be found online at:

<http://www.upstate.edu/medicine/education/quality-safety/>

- **Landmark Articles**

We are in the process of building a library of landmark articles, guidelines, and reviews for our internal medicine residents roughly organized by division. It is our hope that these articles facilitate discussions on pathophysiology, evidence-based patient care, and scholarship within our residency program. With daily advances in medical care, this site will always be a work in progress. If you have suggested contributions to this website, please contact Barbara-Ann Goodwin with a PDF attachment of your suggested article. Thank you.

-Dr. Amit Dhamoon <http://upstate.edu/medicine/intra/landmarks.php>

- **News from Medicine**

The *News from Medicine* left-hand sidebar found on the department’s homepage, as well as on most Medicine pages, has been updated with the department’s most current news and events. Featured on this sidebar is: the DOM Publications Newsletter, the current and past editions of the DOM Newsletters, Grants, and Awards (2007-2012), and also various, featured articles highlighted by SUNY Upstate’s news page. <http://www.upstate.edu/medicine/>



EDUCATION

Acting Up—Improv Class, Dramatic Scenes

Teach Communication Skills

By Amber Smith

Six students step into a big rectangular classroom at Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts. Assistant professor Stephen Cross tells them to stroll through the open space.

Then, to walk faster. Look for an empty space, and walk to it to fill it, he commands. Pick up the pace... Walk with more intention, more purpose ...Keep your eyes on the horizon, not the ground.

The exercise is just the start of a 90-minute improvisational workshop and part of a larger mission. "I tell my Students that they have to become comfortable with seeing people and with people seeing them," Cross says.

In a classroom or on a stage, "they have to learn to own that space. They have to learn to be comfortable in that space, like they are comfortable in their own home," Usually, his students are preparing for a life on the stage or screen. But on this morning, his students are new doctors (medical residents) from neighboring Upstate Medical University, participating in a workshop called "Education Through Theater Arts."

The acting workshop is one way Upstate teaches communication skills and professionalism, two of the core competencies of medical education at the undergraduate and graduate level, says Upstate's Stephen Knohl, MD, an associate professor of medicine and the residency program director. He approached Cross, who established the workshop in 2012. Already underway was a program

Knohl created in 2008 called "Learning to TALK (Treat All Like Kin)."

Through TALK, the residents at Upstate University Hospital put their communication skills to the test in a series of scenarios. Professors observe the doctors through videocameras as they interact with actors playing the role of patients. The scenarios - all based on real events - require the doctors to make an apology, deliver unpleasant news and deal with difficult patients or colleagues. Afterward, the actors provide immediate feedback on how they felt during the encounters. Then as a group, the doctors discuss the issues raised in each scenario.

Both of these programs borrow from the stage, and Cross says that makes sense.

"In the theater, we are challenged to feel more, see more, hear more." The best doctors develop those traits. Sonja Gill, MD, a resident doctor in her third year, says the SU workshop "helped to humble us into realizing that

we are all human and have the same insecurities and shortcomings as our patients. "When we were put into uncomfortable 'improv' situations, that made us realize how patients may feel when placed outside of their comfort zones."

Her classmate, Colin Hardin, MD says "Being aware of where my gaze is, what my body movements are doing This was something I didn't really think of before."

Such seemingly small details are important for doctors to absorb, for the crux of the doctor-patient relationship is communication.

'Learning to TALK' Program Wins Grant

Upstate Medical University has received a \$50,000 national grant to further develop the "Learning to TALK" program aimed at improving communication skills and professionalism for medical residents. Learning to TALK (Treat All Like Kin), developed at Upstate in 2008 by Stephen Knohl, MD, teaches medical residents how to be more effective communicators by using communication-intensive scenarios. Examples of scenarios can be making an apology, delivering unpleasant news or dealing with a difficult colleague or patient

The grant, awarded by the Josiah Macy Foundation and institute on Medicine as a Profession, will add interactive cases on professionalism for medical residents and fellows. Eventually, this work will be adapted and disseminated nationally through a partnership with the American College of Physicians, one of the largest professional organizations of physicians in the United States.

"Learning To TALK" is a three-year program with 28 residents in each level of training. More than 120 residents and 60 fellows have participated since it began five years ago.

"The LTK program is an experience all residents should have the opportunity participate in," said Dr. Joshua Harrison, PGY III. "The learning environment is superb; it provides a controlled and low-stress setting in which the resident interacts with highly skilled patient actors in commonly experienced and often highly-charged clinical context."

Dr. Harrison said participants gain valuable insight into their skills (and what they need to improve on) via the video self-critique, discussion and feedback from the actors, preceptors and colleagues.

"The LTK program has provided me with the experience to confidently approach challenging patient and family encounters in my clinical training," he said.



Rushikesh Shah , PGY - 2 Department of Medicine presented the research study 'Longevity of Infliximab in Inflammatory Bowel Disease - CD Vs UC ?' that was presented at ACG 2013, San Diego meeting (10/2013). it was about duration to failure of Infliximab in biologically naive patients comparing - time to first failure and time to first dose escalation.

The results were featured in Medpage news.

More Accomplishments from Pulmonary!

Dr. Shraddha Goyal, PGY-5, fellow in Pulmonary & Critical Care division presents:

A Case Of Non-Aggressive Lymphoma In A Patient With SLE And Follicular Bronchiolitis

Shraddha Goyal¹, Adnan Abbasi², Pratibha Kaul², Fatme Al-lam²

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Society of Critical Care Medicine's (SCCM)

43rd Critical Care Congress, January 9-13th 2014

Moscone Center South in San Francisco, CA

Accepted Resident Research Abstracts

- **Colin Hardin**, et al. Evaluation of laboratory and clinical markers for predicting survival in TTP/HUS: A single center retrospective study, presented at ASH Conference, New Orleans, LA, December 7-10, 2013.
- **Sumendra Joshi**, et al. Warfarin related nephropathy, presented at the National Kidney Foundation (NKF), MGM Grand Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, April 22-26, 2014.
- **Arman Khorsani-zadeh**, Alisha Hemraj, Meghan Rane. Dronedarone: A rare case of diffuse alveolar hemorrhage, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Aiswerya Madanam Sampath**, et al. Title unknown. Presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Kiran Pokhrel**, Arunima Rajbhandary, Jhapat Thapa. 1274: Loperamide: The unexpected culprit, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Meghan Rane**, Emerald Banas, Aakash Aggarwal, Arman Khorsani-zadeh. A case of Streptococcal septic shock syndrome, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Bikram Sharma**, Shraddha Goyal, Amit Sharma, Dragos Manta. Propofol infusion syndrome, a critical care catastrophe, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Bikram Sharma**, Arindam Singha, Omair Chaudhary, Birendra Sah, Amitpal Nat, Dragos Manta. Hypersensitivity pneumonitis in a occupational nail worker, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Bikram Sharma**, Kamran Munawar, Hani Kozman. Broken heart after broken lungs - Albuterol induced takotsubo cardiomyopathy, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Bikram Sharma**, Amit Sharma, Dragos Manta. Challenging airway in ring chromosome 20 syndrome, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Bikram Sharma**, Dragos Manta. Hydroxychlorquine induced profound neutropenia with septic shock, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.
- **Subhas Sitaula**, Jhapat Thapa, Michael Maguire, David Landsberg. Pantone Valentine Leukocidin positive pneumonia – Early recognition and targeted antitoxin antibiotics, presented at the SCCM conference, San Francisco, CA, January 9-13, 2014.



Seven Upstate medical residents were selected by third-year medical students to receive the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award, comprised of a stipend from the foundation and an award certificate.

The selection was based on their commitment to teaching and compassionate treatment of patients and families, students and colleagues.

The recipients are: Ilya Bragin, MD, (Neurology); **Omar Mousa, MD, (Medicine)**; Sonia Nayyar MD, (Neurology); **Arpan Patel, MD, (Medicine)**; Michaela Kollisch-Singule, MD, (Surgery); Kasandra Scales, MD, (Obstetrics/Gynecology); Heather

PULMONARY FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ALL THREE OF THE PULMONARY FELLOWS, **VIKAS JAIN, GHANSHYAM SHASTRI, AND MANMEET GUJRAL**, TOOK THEIR PULMONARY BOARDS AND PASSED, WHICH CONTINUES THE FELLOWSHIP'S 100% PASS BOARD RATES! CONGRATULATIONS!

Graduate Students, Residents, Fellows:

Ever wish you could share your research with the broader campus community and network with faculty and students who have similar research interests? Or maybe you want to develop a better response to the question "What are you studying?". Then you can't afford to miss From Lab to Landscape, we encourage you to register to attend and submit a poster.

*****MORE INFORMATION ON PAGES 8, AND 9*****

**SUNY ESF & SUNY UMU
Infectious Disease Symposium:
From Lab to Landscape: Integrated Infectious Disease Research
Friday, January 24, 2014
SUNY ESF, Gateway Building
Syracuse, NY
FREE REGISTRATION**

January 24th - Graduate Poster Session, Spotlight on Student Research from 3:00- 5:00pm

This event will feature posters of graduate student research, and provide you with an opportunity to get feedback from faculty judges on your content and presentation. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your research campus-wide, and get feedback on a poster you're planning to present at an upcoming conference.

Poster Session Abstract Format

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All posters are 3ft wide x 4ft tall

Title:

All authors (poster presenter first and underlined; lab PI last):

Contact information of presenter (email)

Affiliations:

Text (no longer than 30 lines, 11-12 font size, single spaced)

- Please submit your abstract as a .doc(x) file (Word document file) attachment when emailed to Michelle Scott, LPN @ scottmic@upstate.edu
- Abstracts will be published as they are received, and may be returned if not in the above format.
- **All abstracts are due by January 13, 2014.**
- Poster presenter will be notified of acceptance of abstract via email
- Monetary Prizes will be awarded



From Bench to Bedside.....Research Grant Program

How to Develop a Research Project

Finding your unique research niche that will build on your expertise can be daunting. Simple first steps include:

1. Start with a interesting research question-- hypothesis.
2. Perform a literature review to see what has been done already, how was it done and if your question was answered.
3. If your question hasn't been answered explore how it can be answered (study population, laboratory techniques) and who the answer is relevant to (population interested in your research).

In General:

1. If you are starting your research career, assess your short and long term goals is a good starting point.
2. As a new investigator align yourself with a Research Mentor.
3. If you're a seasoned grantee wishing to enter a new field, you may want to start with a small grant type such as an exploratory/developmental research grant (R21) before trying for an R01.

Planning:

1. Give adequate thought and preparation to choosing a project.
2. Conduct a self evaluation to determine what funding sources you qualify to apply for, assess your training, publications, presentations in the field.
3. Investigate, if you are changing fields or need more experience take the time to learn more about different fields, get additional training in relevant areas.
4. Seek feedback throughout the process, critique your plan from the perspective of future reviewers, ask mentors / colleagues to review your plan.
5. Review the NIH website for further advice on planning a research project.



Research Is Now Accepting Applications

Department of Medicine Research Grant Program is currently accepting applications for funding.

The Department of Medicine encourages its Faculty and House Staff with a Faculty Mentor to participate in this exciting program.

The grant program is for the support of basic or clinical research projects and research equipment relevant to the Department of Medicine.

Please visit our web page:

<http://www.upstate.edu/medicine/research/intra/grants/> for details regarding the application and review process.

For additional assistance please feel free to contact us directly at scottmic@upstate.edu or 464-9364.

SAVE THE DATE!

Infectious Disease Symposium

SUNY ESF & SUNY UMU
Infectious Disease Symposium:

From Lab to Landscape: Integrated Infectious Disease Research

**Friday, January 24, 2014
SUNY ESF, Gateway Building
Syracuse, NY**



FREE REGISTRATION!!

Please join us for a one-day symposium on Infectious Disease:

From Lab to Landscape: Integrated Infectious Disease Research

Hosted by SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (ESF)
and

The Center for Global Health & Translational Science at SUNY Upstate Medical University.
This one day event will take place on **Friday, January 24, 2014**, in the ESF Gateway Building.



Summary and Highlights

With a focus on *multidisciplinary aspects of infectious diseases and environmental health*, the symposium will feature distinguished speakers from research, academia, and public health practice.

Topics will include current research on factors associated with the burden of emerging diseases of people and wildlife including:

- ecological and climatic drivers
- social and behavioral determinants
- vector ecology and control
- vaccine development and challenges
- public health surveillance and interventions.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Featured address by Dr. Laura Kramer, Research Scientist at the Wadsworth Center, NY State Department of Health
- Cutting edge research talks by ESF and Upstate investigators
- A panel discussion on New York research and training needs and opportunities
- Poster session with cash awards for best student posters
- Networking opportunities during lunch and the poster session's catered reception

Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration

8:30 - 8:45 **Neil Ringler, PhD** (VP of Research, ESF): *Welcome and opening remarks*

8:45 - 9:15 **Sadie Ryan, PhD** (ESF): *Overview of environmental health, highlights of ongoing research*

9:15 - 10:15 "Speed Talks":
Anna Stewart Ibarra, PhD (Upstate): *Dengue fever*
Christine King, PhD (Upstate): *Immunology and virology*
Louis Kirchoff, PhD (Univ. of Iowa): *Chagas Disease*

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:15 **Jennifer Moffat, PhD** (Upstate) and **Christopher Nomura, PhD** (ESF): *Share experiences with ESF/UMU collaborations in infectious disease research*

11:15 - 12:00 **Laura Kramer, PhD**: (Wadsworth Center, NYSDOH): *Perspective on ongoing research on NYS vector borne diseases, and workforce needs in NYS*

12:00 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 2:00 *Expert panel on research, training and workforce needs regarding infectious diseases in Central New York:*
Cynthia Morrow, MD, MPH (Com. of Health, Onondaga County)
Rosemary Rochford, PhD (VP of Research, Upstate)
Donald Blair, MD (Prof. of Medicine, Upstate, Med. Dir. OCHD TB Program)

2:00 - 2:40 "Speed Talks":
Leah Berkman, PhD (Inst. for Appl. Ecosys. Studies, USDA Forest Svc., Rhinelander, Wisconsin): *Revealing novel links among bat ecology, genetics, and disease to understand white-nose syndrome*
Chris Whipps, PhD (ESF): *Fish parasites*

2:40 - 3:00 **Mark Polhemus, MD** (Upstate) and **Tim Endy, MD, MPH** (Upstate): *Closing remarks*

3:00 - 5:00 Poster Session and Awards presentation, refreshments will be served

*** Schedule is subject to change ***

Resident Research



December 2013 - January 2014				
Name	Level	Mentor	Topic	Dates
Arshad, Umbreen	PGY2	Dr. Mike Maguire	Data collection for a Propofol infusion vs standard therapy study for treatment of alcohol withdrawal.	12/20/13-1/5/14
Kaur, Navneet	PGY2	Dr. Gaganjot Singh	Role of Strain pattern analysis in detection of sub-clinical cardiomyopathy in pts w/Diabetes Mellitus.	12/30/13-1/5/14
Hardin, Colin	PGY3	Dr. Ajeet Gajra	Retrospective analysis of TTP/HUS outcomes at Upstate - production of manuscript for publication.	12/23/13-12/29/13
Kahlon, Arundeeep	PGY3	Dr. Uma Murthy	Data collection & data analysis - Research regarding: Bleeding risk in pts on antiplatelet drugs undergoing pancreaticobiliary endoscopic procedures.	12/30/13-1/5/14
January - February 2014				
Name	Level	Mentor	Topic	Dates
Gambhir, Harvir	PGY2	Dr. Amit Dhamoon	Retrospective study: Risk stratification of PE - effect on mortality, morbidity and hospital length of stay.	1/27/14-2/7/14
Patel, Arpan	PGY2	Dr. Amit Dhamoon	Finalizing manuscript for comfort care pathway at the VAMC, Syracuse. Manuscript and data interpretation for shift handoff research at UH.	1/6/14-1/12/14
Aggarwal, Aakash	PGY3	Dr. Uma Murthy	Retrospective study on outcomes of Esophagectomies. The goal of this block will be to complete his share of EMR review & to start on the bare bones-skelton of the M/S.	1/6/14-1/12-/14
Korapati, Sowmya	PGY3	Teresa Futia, Tech	Pathology rotation with Bone Marrow tech	1/27/14-2/2/14
Nandavaram, Sravanthi	PGY3	Dr. Amit Dhamoon	Retrospective Study on degree of Liver Dysfunction in Anorexia Nervosa	1/20/14-1/26/14
Nat, Amit	PGY3	Dr. Sah & Iannuzzi	Data collection regarding pts with Sarcoidosis, to assess the best non-invasive test to identify cardiac sarcoidosis.	1/20/14-1/26/14
Rajanna, Bhavya	PGY3	Dr. Amit Dhamoon	Quality improvement project - Looking at: Clinical documentation improvement (Mon. 1/6/14 is VAC)	1/7/14-1/19/14
Sharma, Amit	PGY3	Dr. Tim Endy	Infectious Diseases Research and manuscript preparation on "Non-Invasive Mgmt of Maduramycosis with oral posaconazole."	1/27/14-2/9/14
Thapa, Jhapat	PGY3	Dr. Kan Liu	Reviewing Echocardiographic indices to differentiate between myocardial infarction and stress induced cardiomyopathy.	1/27/14-2/2/14

Department of Medicine Dashboard

New Visits

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Current Year to Date
New Visits													
Hospitalist	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	(1)	-	-	-	2	5
Cardiology	63	56	68	72	69	79	118	78	80	64	93	54	894
Dermatology	74	111	85	90	95	89	111	80	105	88	110	83	1,121
Endocrinology	161	148	106	112	185	158	155	164	135	175	137	136	1,772
Gastroenterology	88	81	109	80	94	109	104	125	94	178	123	105	1,290
General Medicine	110	83	101	92	126	76	128	83	119	96	100	68	1,182
Hematology/ Oncology	174	164	163	176	224	152	208	139	176	171	190	163	2,100
Infectious Disease	21	9	8	9	16	7	13	8	12	23	3	13	142
Nephrology	26	28	37	29	26	17	37	44	36	44	31	21	376
Pulmonary/Critical Care	73	71	68	89	100	54	98	87	100	109	88	76	1,013
Rheumatology	77	50	86	81	82	82	79	81	75	94	59	73	919
Geriatrics	25	66	47	38	24	31	22	45	37	55	45	34	469
Total New Visits	893	867	878	869	1,043	854	1,073	933	969	1,097	979	828	11,283

All Outpatient Visits**Note: Outpatient Visits include Observation**

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Current Year to Date
All Outpatient Visits													
Hospitalist	364	244	438	224	579	305	587	384	482	479	444	517	5,047
Cardiology	711	473	825	871	797	801	1,016	700	745	725	804	533	9,001
Dermatology	246	320	290	278	294	271	311	256	297	297	323	290	3,473
Endocrinology	1,519	1,484	1,391	1,633	1,814	1,630	1,731	1,669	1,635	1,823	1,849	1,620	19,798
Gastroenterology	398	335	483	377	498	430	436	457	423	613	464	418	5,332
General Medicine	2,555	2,051	2,336	2,350	2,748	1,743	2,335	2,299	2,401	2,537	2,386	2,139	27,880
Pharmacology	91	168	149	135	260	275	306	287	275	237	264	248	2,695
Hematology/ Oncology	2,839	2,806	2,748	3,236	3,594	2,598	3,264	2,790	3,320	3,012	2,930	3,159	36,296
Infectious Disease	166	59	132	124	187	118	156	103	128	186	125	139	1,623
Nephrology	250	218	240	255	254	219	249	291	265	260	235	188	2,924
Pulmonary/Critical Care	415	421	446	513	626	395	492	434	486	519	491	448	5,686
Rheumatology	578	328	716	639	618	616	646	634	697	666	542	576	7,256
Geriatrics	155	220	187	175	163	210	173	194	120	237	208	160	2,202
Total Outpatient Visits	10,287	9,127	10,381	10,810	12,432	9,611	11,702	10,498	11,274	11,591	11,065	10,435	129,213

Inpatient Visits

	Jan-13	Feb-13	Mar-13	Apr-13	May-13	Jun-13	Jul-13	Aug-13	Sep-13	Oct-13	Nov-13	Dec-13	Current Year to Date
Inpatient Visits													
Hospitalist	2,732	2,986	3,116	1,573	4,600	1,564	2,806	1,713	2,863	3,362	2,306	2,597	32,218
Cardiology	465	492	383	515	504	348	330	502	299	374	353	392	4,957
Dermatology	2	3	3	-	3	-	3	2	1	1	1	-	19
Endocrinology	322	293	188	223	324	197	330	243	296	290	236	283	3,225
Gastroenterology	166	36	190	125	160	36	158	189	69	155	50	172	1,506
General Medicine	530	458	415	310	353	242	50	337	194	226	252	232	3,599
Pharmacology	-	-	1	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	6
Hematology/ Oncology	1,362	1,635	1,549	1,253	1,971	881	1,509	1,278	1,194	1,888	1,215	1,411	17,146
Infectious Disease	364	353	333	279	349	355	313	460	145	266	306	264	3,787
Nephrology	832	656	693	421	729	531	553	487	510	584	514	548	7,058
Pulmonary/Critical Care	673	459	692	536	809	525	489	728	490	678	525	596	7,200
Rheumatology	133	188	91	121	127	154	135	221	101	223	78	71	1,643
Palliative Care	107	39	80	33	124	45	63	70	19	48	117	7	752
Total Inpatient Visits	7,688	7,598	7,734	5,392	10,053	4,879	6,739	6,231	6,181	8,095	5,953	6,573	83,116

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Best,
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