

# What's Up, Doc?



**Department of Medicine  
Newsletter  
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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

**We have received confirmation that Dr. Roberto Izquierdo has been chosen to receive the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.**

**This award signifies that the recipient is honored for his/her consistently superior service to the campus, the State University and the local community, contributions at the regional, state, national or international levels, service to his discipline or disciplinary and professional organizations and societies, and for his leadership in local or system-wide faculty governance.**

**The award will be resented by Dr. David Smith, President, at the Fall Faculty Convocation on September 11, 2013.**

**Eileen Pezzi, Vice President for Development of the Upstate University Foundation has informed us that they recently did their 2nd Annual Doctor's day mailing and received 850 tributes honoring 275 doctors.**

**A select group of individuals received a large number of patient tributes.**

**This select group includes Drs. Ajeet Gajra, Sheila Lemke, Rahul Seth and Jonathan Wright.**

**YOU MAKE US ALL PROUD!**

## **Kudos:**

Below are comments gathered from Press Ganey Weekly Comments reports over the past several months regarding what the patients have to say about some of our outpatient sites.

### **ADULT MEDICINE:**

**“They take the time to make people feel good.”**

**“Dr. Pratik Dalal - he is very good!”**

**“Ralf was very concerned about the pain I was in, and very caring & compassionate.”**

**“ Treated with more than courtesy - extremely pleasant.”**

### **ROC:**

**“ I enjoy coming here everyone is so positive and a joy to be around.”**

**“Dr. Jonathon Wright is outstanding in every way! May God bless him.”**

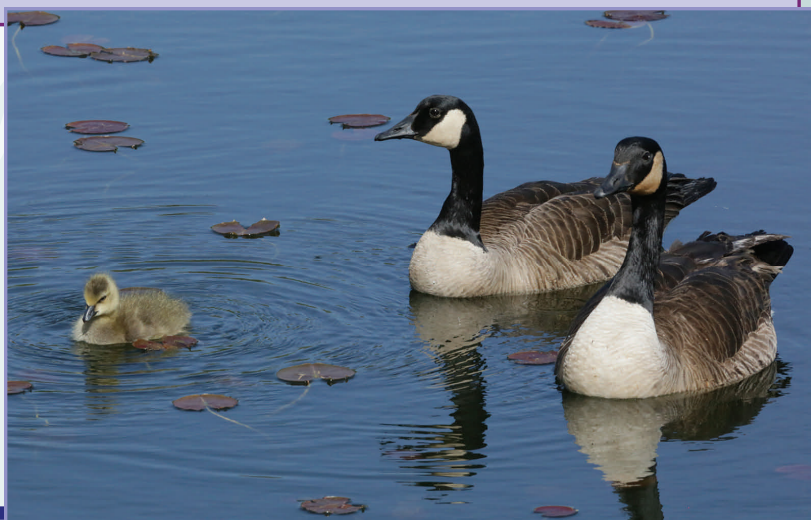
**“I would recommend this facility to others. Care givers at Upstate in the area in which I received treatment were well coordinated.”**

**“The infusion nurses were exceptional. They were both very knowledgeable and they made me feel comfortable. I can't say enough about them. Peggy, Darlene, Lynn, Sharon, etc. A great group of nurses! They were all wonderful - Peggy got me through my first 4 treatments & my 1st of the next round. Darlene helped me through my last 9. The tests were wonderful - accessing my port & pushing me along so I made it. They are all wonderful!”**

**“Dr. Graziano - takes time to talk w/patient, answer questions, caring, kind & concerned.”**

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**“Every person on staff was absolutely wonderful.”**

**“Dr. Gentile was gentle and positive in her report to me that labs showed a need was for few units of blood. She gave support and reason for going forward & feeling better.”**

#### **JOSLIN DIABETES CENTER:**

**“Dr. Izquierdo was excellent. He explained everything so easily and called me personally with my lab results later that evening. He goes that extra step to make you feel like more than “just another patient.” He's very easy to talk to and ask questions.”**

**“My Doctor Mols-Kowalczewski is the very best! Kind, caring, Compassionate, knowledgeable and encouraging.”**

**“Sherry Bishop has provided me with more useful information and advice than anyone else at Joslin - I'm always glad when she is the person I'm scheduled to see.”**

**“ Dr. Barbara Mols - cares tremendously for her patients.”**

**“Dr. Ruth Weinstock is always kind & caring & I know she is concerned for my overall health - not just my thyroid & osteoporosis.”**

**“I have followed Dr. Feuerstein for 27 yrs. She has tried really hard to help me and when complications from diabetes arose (amputations, decrease vision, kidney dispose, cardiac disease) she compassionately supported me.”**

#### **MEDICINE SUBSPECIALTIES:**

**“I was impressed by the doctor and all the staff! I had some emotional issues with having to meet & “deal with” yet another health care team. The respect, listening skills, empathy & good humor of the staff calmed & reassured me throughout the encounter.”**



**NEPHROLOGY CLINIC:**

**"Dr. Elliott has terrific "bedside" manner. Listens, answers, explains, concentrates on only you, the patient of the moment. Makes you feel you're getting his best."**

**RHEUMATOLOGY:**

**"Dr. Neupane: very knowledgeable, down to earth, and concerned."**

**"Dr. Perl has been very kind and concerned about my medical problems. He is, and has always been, very nice to me."**

**PULMONARY CLINIC:**

**"Dr. Ashutosh is very knowledgeable. He is a fantastic doctor."**

**UNIVERSITY GERIATRICIANS:**

**"Eileen Rosecrants is very caring and sincere individual."**

**"Overall, our first visit to the Geriatrics clinic was outstanding. Absolutely no complaints. EVERYONE was very accommodating and respectful."**

**"Dr. Brangman - We need more people like her as DOCTORS GO. Very informative & comfortable to deal with."**

**"My daughter and I very pleased with Dr. Bishop & Betsy Holden."**

**"Christine Heagle-Bahn - She was very caring & knowledgeable."**

**"Christine Heagle-Bahn is truly a big time specialist - you're lucky to have her savvy in dealing with the elderly!"**



## **UNIVERSITY CARDIOLOGY:**

**“Dr. Kan Liu. He took time, on a holiday wk-end, to call me at home with good news about changing my prescription!”**

**“Jamie has always been helpful and caring, but during my last appointment he was extremely so. He stayed and listened to my every word. Never did he make me feel like I was taking up his time. He treated me like I was the only thing he had to take care of. He also had done & was during a phone call. He is truly an amazing care giver.”**

**“Dr. Danish Siddiqui is very helpful in easing my mind about my heart. He said I have no heart problems.”**

**“One time visit. Good experience. MD seemed knowledgeable and thorough!”**

**“Dr. Kan Liu-He is very thorough and his caring manner makes me feel confident with my heart problems.”**

**“Dr. Danish Siddiqui - He is always very concerned about my health and is very thorough in his diagnosis and follow up.”**

**“Dr. Bhatta down to earth, very intelligent, and can do anything herself.”**

**“The care and concern of the nursing or assistants has ALWAYS been comforting and reassuring. This has been especially true of Jamie.”**

**“ I have NEVER experienced any delays or extended waiting for any of my appointments.”**



**CNY Central recently interviewed Department of Medicine chairman, Dr. Michael Iannuzzi, on air quality. The piece aired on the May 2, 2013 evening news. The link is attached for you to enjoy!**

<http://www.cnycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=892748#.UYLExDnWaf9>







*Caption: Physician assistant Eileen Rosecrants and Sharon Brangman, MD, with the Coach Broyles Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers. The Central New York Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center will use the playbook as a resource to help families cope with caring for loved ones with the illness.*

### **Playbook is a resource for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's disease**

The Central New York Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center (CNY ADAC) has been awarded a grant from the Friend In Deed fund for the purchase of copies of the "Coach Broyles Playbook for Alzheimer's Caregivers" for caregivers of the center's patients.

The legendary Frank Broyles, who coached at the Universities of Missouri and Arkansas, where he also served as athletic director before retiring in 2007, wrote the playbook after his wife, Barbara Broyles, had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She died in 2004. Broyles quickly found out that there wasn't much information available for caregivers after his wife was diagnosed with Alzheimer's, and used trial and error to draft the playbook. Broyles is not a certified doctor, but he used firsthand experiences to draft a resource guide for families dealing with the same experiences in relation to the Alzheimer's disease.

The CNY ADAC has decided to purchase the playbook as a resource for caregivers, thanks to Friend in Deed funding

"In our role, we make sure patients are diagnosed appropriately and we help caregivers manage patients," said Sharon A. Brangman, MD, director of the Central New York Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Center. "We thought [the playbook] had a lot of good tips, so we want to make it available to our patients and families. People who live through Alzheimer's and their families are the ones who can be the best resource."

The Friend in Deed program of the Foundation for Upstate Medical University funds dozens of special programs and items that help enhance patient comfort, care and education.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

**In addition to Dr. Roberto Izquierdo receiving the 2013 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service, Dr. Stephen Knohl has received the President's Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dr. David Lehmann has received the President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service. All three will be presented with their awards at the Fall Faculty Convocation on September 11, 2013. You are all to be commended for your outstanding efforts!**

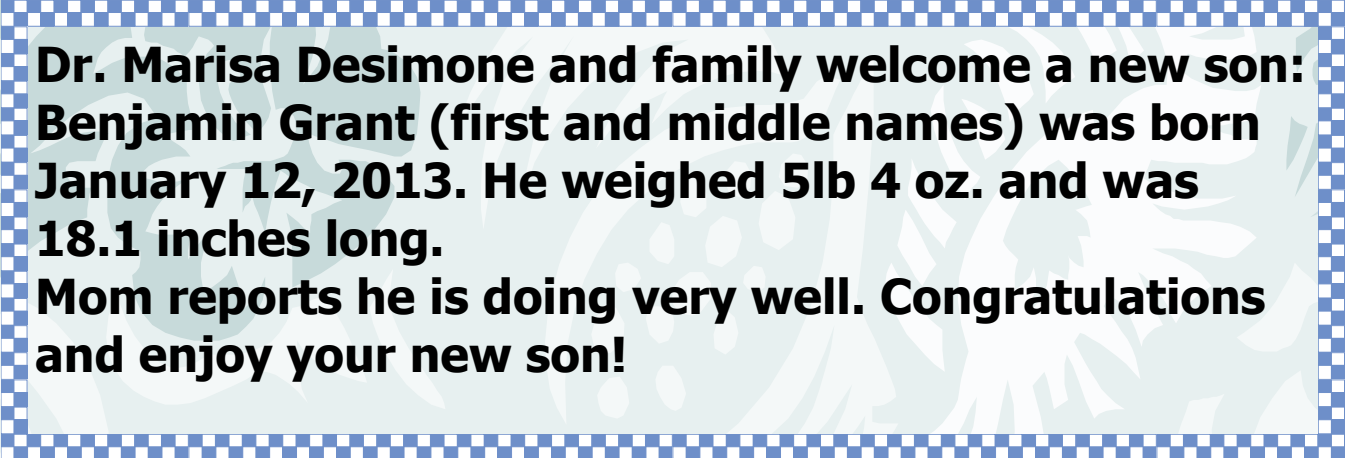


**At the College of Medicine Class of 2013 Commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2013:**

**Dr. Stephen Knohl delivered the Hippocratic Oath.**

**Dr. Amit Dhamoon was presented with the Clinical Faculty Teaching Award.**

**Great job guys!**



**Dr. Marisa Desimone and family welcome a new son: Benjamin Grant (first and middle names) was born January 12, 2013. He weighed 5lb 4 oz. and was 18.1 inches long.**

**Mom reports he is doing very well. Congratulations and enjoy your new son!**

On May 20, 2013 Dr. Vinod Gundu (PGY-3) sent a few pictures from the Green Lakes park picnic organized the resident social committee. Here's what he had to say:  
“Thanks to social committee for an awesome picnic day and an opportunity to take nice pictures! Attached are few of many.”





## News from the Pulmonary/ Critical Care division:

Recently Dr Ioana Amzuta appeared on “Bridge Street” a Channel 9, WSYR, television and web broadcasts, which shares a wide variety of local interest stories of on such topics as, wellness, shopping, dining and others. Go to the link below to view her webcast:  
[http://www.9wsyr.com/content/Bridge\\_Street/story/Natur-Tymes-Sleep-Event/oSculiGZ1Uua-8n6-wwwuQ.csp](http://www.9wsyr.com/content/Bridge_Street/story/Natur-Tymes-Sleep-Event/oSculiGZ1Uua-8n6-wwwuQ.csp)



**Also in the news:**

**Dr. Dragos Manta**  
presented from 7:00-7:30 PM on  
June 13th at Drumlin’s Country Club,  
**Why Can’t I Sleep?**

This event, whose purpose was  
to teach participants to “Manage Stress,  
Anxiety, and Insomnia, Naturally” was  
hosted by Natur-Tyme and Upstate’s  
Healthlink Seminar Series



## CONGRATULATIONS!

**Anis Obeid, MD, one of our voluntary faculty members of the department, became Clinical Professor Emeritus as of April 1, 2013**

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Dr Sarah Lappin had her baby!!!  
Nola Riley Lappin was born on  
May 24th at 10:33pm. She weighed  
8 lbs and 2 oz.  
and was 20.5 inches long.  
The proud parents are  
enjoying her thoroughly.



Beamingly proud new parents  
Pankaj Mehta and Tulsi Sharma  
announce: "We were blessed  
with a baby boy on 6/12/13. He  
weighed 6.7 pounds and he is  
20 inches long!"

The equally proud big brother is  
Akshat, and we hear all four are  
doing great and enjoying the  
addition to the family. Enjoy the  
photo!



The Wine & Cheese Tasting at the Palace Theater for the PGY-3 residents, the recognition dinner at the OnCenter for graduating residents and fellows and the “Welcome!” picnic at The Spinning Wheel were great events that celebrated the accomplishments of those who have completed their residency and fellowship training as well as welcoming those who are just beginning. Please enjoy the photos on the next few pages, compliments of Deb Killian. (Can you guess who the guys with the long red hair is? Hint: he works closely with the three new chiefs)









## **Dr. Harold Smulyan Retires**

**Here, in his own words, are his parting sentiments about his years at Upstate:**



### **“CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

1. Came to UMU as an intern in 1953 just out of medical school and started medical residency in 1954.
2. Military service 1955 to 1957. Returned to UMU to complete residency—1957 to 1959.
3. Assistant Instructor in Medicine 1959.
4. Full Professor in Medicine 1972.
5. Sabbatical Leaves – Oxford England (1974-1975), Paris France (1996)  
Both opportunities of a lifetime.
6. Never had Cardiology fellowship – passed the Cardiology Boards (1976)  
It was permitted at that time.
7. Recent research interest – distensibility of the arterial tree and its relation to hypertension. Interest stimulated by the sabbatical leaves and continued collaboration with French colleagues, thanks to the Internet.
8. Chief of Cardiology, Syracuse VA Medical Center - 1977 to 1986.
9. Acting Chief of Cardiology Division, University Hospital -1982 to 1984.
10. Chief Cardiology Division, University Hospital– 1984 to 1995.
11. Director of Cardiology Training Program, University Hospital -1995 to 1999.
12. Governor Upstate NY, American College of Cardiology-1988 to 1991.
13. President NY State Chapter, American College of Cardiology-1990 to 1991.
14. President NY Cardiology Society - 1997 to 1999
15. Part time - service 2000 to 2013.
16. Retirement and Professor Emeritus-2013

UMU has offered me the opportunity for a satisfying career in Cardiology. It enabled me to care for both in and out patients, teach medical students and medical residents, do some research, write some papers and help to train cardiology fellows. The medical center allowed me to take 2 sabbatical leaves – one in Oxford England and the other in Paris France. These leaves were both opportunities of a life time and much appreciated. I did some administrative work here as Chief of the Cardiology Division and at the NY State level in the American College of Cardiology, NY State Chapter and the NY Cardiology Society. With my new Professor Emeritus status, I hope to continue to write reviews etc, participate in conferences and to a limited extent continue to teach.”

**THANK YOU DR. SMULYAN! YOU WILL BE MISSED!**