

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Syphilis Update from Commissioner of Onondaga County

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Syphilis
Informational

Indu Gupta MD,MPH,MA,FACP, Commissioner for the Onondaga County Health Department, has issued a provider letter (attached) concerning the re-emergence of Syphilis in Onondaga Country. Please review the attachment for current trends and suggested guidelines.

GemCare Patients

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GemCare
Informational

Upstate University Hospital's Community Campus pharmacy department is featured in the American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy (January edition) for how the department spearheaded an effort to integrate its services with GEM Care, the Senior Emergency Department located at the Community Campus; an eight-bed geriatric ED which opened in July 2013 and is directed by Beth Szymaniak. Pharmacist services should be an ancillary service of all geriatric emergency departments according to guidelines published in 2013 by the American College of Emergency Physicians, The American Geriatrics Society, Emergency Nurses Association, and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine.

GEM Care, offers a unique service that is readily available to the care of people 65 years of age or older. This ancillary pharmacy service is staffed by two on-site pharmacists, Nikolas Onufrak, PharmD, and Kelly Braham, PharmD.

For more information, visit [GEM Care](#). And to view the article published by American Journal of Health-System Pharmacy, visit [ASHP](#). Great to see this type of innovative care being provided here at Upstate.

Outstanding Physician Comments

[Applies to All Physicians](#)

Physician
Comments
Informational

Each week we receive written comments from our patients regarding the care we provide within the Hospital. I thought it would be nice for other physicians to begin to see the positive feedback we are receiving. Below are this week's comments from grateful patients receiving care on the units at Upstate:

8G – "Very pleased with Dr. Vanessa Gibson."

ALERT-Highest priority emergency communication; warrants immediate action or attention by the recipient.

HIGH ADVISORY-High priority does not warrant immediate action but recipients should be aware.

ADVISORY-Provides very important information for a specific incident or situation that does not require immediate action.

UPDATES TO ALERTS AND ADVISORIES-Provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

INFORMATIONAL MESSAGE-Provides timely information, important for review or serves as a reminder for an action that should be taken.