

MORNING CMO REPORT

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Enterovirus D68

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Enterovirus
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As many of you know, over the last few days we have seen an influx of children presenting to our Emergency Department with the respiratory symptoms attributable to Enterovirus D68 infection. The vast majority of these children have been treated within the ED and have done well without requiring hospitalization; however, we have seen an increase in the number of hospitalized children, as well, requiring efforts to expand bed capacity. We are actively monitoring this situation and will continue to inform you of any changes.

The response to this Enterovirus challenge has been extraordinary house-wide. The cross departmental and interdisciplinary collaboration we have seen over the last several days have been critical in effectively managing the number of patients presenting for care. I want to thank all of you involved for their efforts - this is truly Upstate at its best.

Thank you to Dr. Shefner

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Farewell
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As of September 8, Dr. Jeremy Shefner has stepped down from his role as Chair of the Department of Neurology at Upstate to pursue a leadership position at Barrow's Neurological Institute in Arizona at the Gregory W. Fulton ALS Center. On behalf of Upstate University Hospital, I want to express our appreciation for his ten years of service as Chair of Neurology as well as his professional and valuable contributions to the Department. Previous to his role as Chair, Dr. Shefner served as the Director of the ALS Program and the Neurophysiology Laboratory at Upstate Medical University. Dr. Shefner has had multiple research accomplishments in the area of the development of neurophysiological markers for human and animal models of motor neuron disease, and on the clinical therapeutics of ALS. He oversaw the department at a time of great growth and contributed to the success of our clinical research unit (CRU). We wish you continued future successes!

An Upstate Welcome

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Welcome
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Effective September 8, we welcome Louis Mejico, MD, to the role of interim Chair of Neurology. Dr. Mejico joined the faculty of Upstate in 2000. He completed his medical schooling at Universidad Catolica de Cordoba, Facultad de Medicina, Argentina, and his neurology residency at Georgetown University Medical Center where he served as Chief Resident for 2 years. Dr. Mejico completed a fellowship in Neuro-Ophthalmology & Neuro-Otology at Johns Hopkins University. He will serve as a great asset to the Neurology Department and wish him the best in this interim role.

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American Cancer Society Honors Dr. Kohman

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Kudos
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Dr. Leslie Kohman, a member of the Board of Directors of the Eastern Division Board of the American Cancer Society, was recently named Chief Medical Officer for the Division. Dr. Kohman, Medical Director for Upstate Cancer Center, will promote the goals of cancer prevention, early detection, and quality treatment through cancer research and education. Kudos to Dr. Kohman!

Excellence in Health Care Awards

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Awards
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Congratulations to Amit Dhamoon, MD, (Department of Medicine) and to Travis DeBois, RN, (Community Campus Radiology), on being selected as the recipients of this year's Excellence in Health Care Award for Physician of the Year and Nurse of the Year! This award is sponsored by

Bankers Healthcare Group, BizEvent and the Business Journal News Network. Both will be honored at a reception at Welch Allyn on October 16. The *Excellence in Health Care* awards recognizes our regions health-care-industry leaders, innovators, and companies and honors individuals, and/or organizations that have a significant impact on the quality of health care and services in our communities. Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Dhamoon and Travis.

Outstanding Physician Comments

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Physician
Comments
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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:

5A – Loved Dr. Kellman.

5B – Dr. Kittur is the best!

6B – The physicians were very well informed. The doctors did more in the 2 weeks I was there than six months at a different facility. Kudo's to the doctors.

6K – Dr. Dhamoon was amazing.

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Clinical Documentation Specialists Week

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CDI Week
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This week we celebrate Clinical Documentation Specialists Week. Please take an opportunity to recognize the important role these highly trained nurses play as part of our team to improve the care of your patients as well as your outcome data. Through their hard work, they help make the medical record truly reflect the outstanding work of each physician.

Thank you to each of them for their continued commitment to excellence, quality and patient safety.

CDI Staff at the downtown campus:

Jennifer Chapman Floors: 6B, 6K, 9E, 9F

Michelle Dowd Floors: 6H, 7A

Bobbie Massena Floors: 5B, 10E, 10G

Melinda McNeill

Brigitte Page

Nicole Rogers

Floors: 8E, 8F, 8G

Floors: 6E, 10H

Floors: 5A, 6A, 6I

CDI Staff at CC:

Laurie Golash

Medical Director:

Dr. Matthew Glidden

CDI/UM Director:

Sandy St.Germain

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