

# U P S T A T E update

A publication  
for the  
SUNY Upstate  
Medical University  
Community

FEBRUARY 28 THROUGH MARCH 14, 2001

## In the Calendar

**Psychiatry Faculty Meeting.**  
3/15. Noon to 1:45 p.m. PBS  
Bldg., Rm. 338. See *Upstate  
Calendar inside.*

## Take Note

### Children's Miracle Open

Mark your calendar for the Children's Miracle Open, to be held Friday, Aug. 17 at Foxfire Golf and Tennis Club in Baldwinsville. For more information call, 464-4416.

### Save the Date

Wednesday, April 25 is the date of the Office for Human Research Protection Regional Conference, to be held at the Sheraton University Inn. The conference is sponsored by Upstate's Research Development Office.

### Register for On My Own Time

Registration forms are now available for Upstate Medical University's On My Own Time art show featuring artwork by Upstate's employees, retirees, students and volunteers. The show will be held April 16 through April in the Health Sciences Library.

For more information or to register, call 464-6548 or e-mail bolliveb. The deadline to register is Monday, April 9.

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## Upstate seeks participants for major lung cancer study

SUNY Upstate Medical University is seeking 500 volunteers for its two-year New York Early Lung Cancer Action (NY-ELCAP) screening study. Volunteers must be aged 60 or older, have a history of at least 10 pack-years of smoking, and have no history of prior cancer. They must have the pulmonary, cardiac and general physical capacity to undergo thoracic surgery, if needed. African Americans, Native Americans, Southeast Asians and Hispanics are especially encouraged to participate in the study as they are statistically shown to be at higher risk for lung cancer.

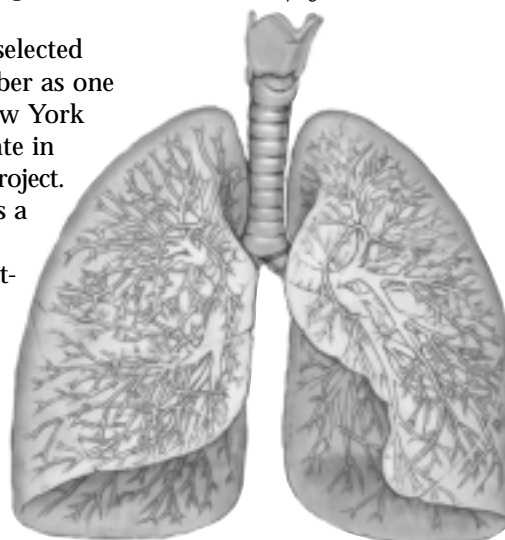
Upstate was selected this past September as one of 12 sites in New York state to participate in the NY-ELCAP project. Upstate's study is a multidisciplinary effort of its departments of surgery, radiology and pulmonary medicine.

According to Leslie Kohman, MD,

who serves as Upstate's principal investigator for the project, findings from the NY-ELCAP project will be used to solidify those found from a previous study conducted at Weill Medical College of Cornell University and the New York Presbyterian Hospital. Those findings demonstrated that Helical CT (computerized tomography) can detect signs of lung cancer in high risk patients at a much earlier and more curable stage than when seen on chest x-ray.

"We are encouraging Central New Yorkers who are at high risk for lung

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## Emergency medicine for the 21st Century topic of conference March 28

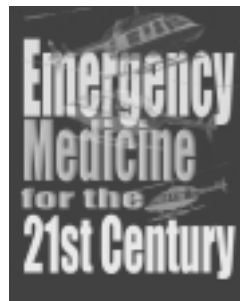
The latest developments in emergency Medicine for pediatric and adult patients is the focus of "Emergency medicine for the 21st Century," a conference to be held Wednesday, March 28 at the OnCenter.

The conference will focus on the leading edge therapeutics and techniques for the evaluation and treatment of the emergency patient. The program includes hands-on workshops.

Charles V. Pollack Jr., MA, MD, a national leader in emergency medicine, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. Pollack is chair of the national Research Committee of the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP) and is the only physician to receive ACEP's highest national awards in both teaching and research.

Richard C. Hunt, MD, professor and chair of Emergency Medicine at SUNY Upstate and Lauren Pipas, MD, assistant profes-

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# calendar

## Wednesday, Feb. 28

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds.** 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Surgical Grand Rounds.** "The Cast of Syracuse Stage's WIT." 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

**Pediatric Grand Rounds.** "Update on Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Head Shape Disorders." Presenter: Sherard Tatum, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Meet at New Book area.

**Elizabeth Blackwell Day Lecture.** "Notes on a Personal Odyssey: A Partial Memoir of My Experiences in a General Surgery Residency Program." Presenter: Jessie Ternberg, MD, Washington University School of Medicine. Noon to 1:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds.** "Microvascular Injury, Blood-Brain Barrier Failure and Extracellular Matrix Disruption in Alzheimer's Disease." Presenter: Edward G. Stopa, MD, Brown University School of Medicine. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.** 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 4505.

**Hatha Yoga Class.** 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Cognitive Therapy Rm.

## Thursday, March 1

**5th Annual HIV/AIDS Nursing Update: "Contemporary Issues."** 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel.

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "DNR Orders: What We've Got Here is Failure to Communicate!" Presenter: Wendy Edwards, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

**Urology Grand Rounds.** 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

**Psychiatry Grand Rounds.** "Female - Specific Mood Disorders: The Role of GABA and Neuroactive Steroids." Presenter: Cynthia Neill Epperson, MD, Yale University School of Medicine. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg.

## Friday, March 2

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Building, Sulzle Aud.

## Saturday, March 3

**1st Annual Career Expo.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Institute of Human Performance.

**Medical Alumni Phonathon.** Lunch: Noon. Calling: 12:30 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., third floor.

## Sunday, March 4

**Westcott Community Center Lecture Series.** "Creating Community Through Theater." Presenter: Gerardine Clark. 3 p.m. 826 Euclid Ave. Admission: \$10. Call 478-8634.

## Monday, March 5

**Childbirth Education Class.** 2 to 4 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

**NPA Medical Alliance Grand Rounds.** "HIV Update." Presenter: Judy Rees, NP, Upstate Medical University. 4 to 5:30 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Nursing and Health Professions Alumni Phonathons.** Dinner and training: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Calling: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. C.A.B., Rm. 301.

**Hatha Yoga Class.** 5 to 6 p.m. University Hospital, Physical Therapy Gym, 2N.

## Tuesday, March 6

**Let's Not Meet By Accident.** Visiting School: Cazenovia High School. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Department.

**Breastfeeding Class.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

**Nursing and Health Professions Alumni Phonathons.** See 3/5 Calendar listing.

## Wednesday, March 7

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds.** 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Pediatric Grand Rounds.** "ADHD." Presenter: Bradley Olson, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Faith & Values Forum.** "Assisted Suicide: A Matter of Faith." Noon to 1 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 9295.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 2/28 Calendar listing.

**Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds.** Topic: Neurology. 4

p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.** 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 4505.

**Burn Survivors Support Group.** 5 to 7 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6408 (corridor off Burn Unit 6 East.) Call 464-3600 for information.

**Hatha Yoga Class.** See 2/28 Calendar listing.

**Nursing and Health Professions Alumni Phonathons.** See 3/5 Calendar listing.

**Mini Medical School.** 7 to 9:15 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

## Thursday, March 8

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "New Approaches to the Management of Systemic Fungal Infections." Presenter: Michael A. Pfaller, MD, University of Iowa. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

**Urology Grand Rounds.** 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

**Let's Not Meet By Accident.** Visiting School: Westhill High School. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Department.

**Psychiatry Grand Rounds.** "Defiance in the Family: A Revolution in the Name of Health." Presenter: David Keith, MD, Upstate Medical University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg.

**Visiting Professor in Radiology.** "Patterns of Contrast Enhancement." Presenter: James G. Smirniotopoulos, MD, University of the Health Sciences. 12:15 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 1403. All are welcome.

### **NPA Medical Alliance**

**Program.** “Common Neuro Problems in Primary Care.”  
Presenter: Gerald Rodziewicz, MD, Upstate Medical University. 3:30 to 5 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Visiting Professor in Radiology.** “Phakomatoses.” Presenter: James G. Smirniotopoulos, MD, University of the Health Sciences. 6:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium (Rm. 1159).

### **Friday, March 9**

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Building, Sulzle Aud.

**Visiting Professor in Radiology.** “Meningiomas.” Presenter: James G. Smirniotopoulos, MD, University of the Health Sciences. 12:15 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 1403.

### **Monday, March 12**

**Childbirth Education Class.** See 3/5 Calendar listing.

**Hatha Yoga Class.** See 3/5 Calendar listing.

**Phonathon.** See 3/5 listing.

### **Tuesday, March 13**

**Display.** “Experiencing the Latino Culture.” 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. University Hospital, outside second floor cafeteria.

**Let’s Not Meet By Accident.** Visiting School: Cato Meridian. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Department.

**Breastfeeding Class.** See 3/6 Calendar listing.

**Phonathon.** See 3/5 listing.

### **Wednesday, March 14**

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

### **Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences**

**Grand Rounds.** 7 to 8 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

### **Surgical Grand Rounds.**

“Prosthetic Heart Valves.”  
Presenter: Berkeley Brandt, III, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

### **Pediatric Grand Rounds.**

“Perinatal Substance Abuse.”  
9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.** “DYT-Interventional Management Techniques.”

Presenter: Kenneth Murphy, MD, Upstate Medical University. 11 a.m. Health Sciences Library, Room 318.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 2/28 Calendar listing.

**Neurosciences Grand Rounds:** Presenter: Paul Massa, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Combined Infectious Diseases Conference.** 4 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 4505.

**Hatha Yoga Class.** See 2/28 Calendar listing.

**Phonathon.** See 3/5 listing.

**Mini Medical School.** See 3/7 Calendar listing.

### **Thursday, March 15**

**Medical Grand Rounds.** 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

**Urology Grand Rounds.** 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital. Rm. 6500.

**Psychiatry Faculty Meeting.** Noon to 1:45 p.m. PBS Bldg., Rm. 338.

### **Friday, March 16**

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Building, Sulzle Aud.

### **Lung Screening Study** *continued from page 1*

cancer to participate in this important study. Ultimately, data collected from all 12 NY-ELCAP study sites may provide the state the rationale to establish an effective lung cancer screening program,” said Kohman.

Study participants will receive low-dose CT scans free of charge. Once eligibility is determined and informed consent obtained, volunteers will undergo a free baseline CT scan in the University’s outpatient Harrison Center. This low-dose CT scan uses a radiation dose about the same as a mammogram. Findings from the scan will be shared with the volunteer and the referring physician.

Volunteers who have completed baseline CT screening and have no documented malignancy during the ensuing year will undergo a one-year repeat low-dose CT screening. It is estimated that 80 percent of the original volunteers will be eligible and available for the one-year scan.

Volunteers who show a positive scan will be asked to return for a diagnostic CT scan with high-resolution images. The clinical information and scans will be presented to the Central New York Thoracic Oncology Program where a team of specialists will discuss the appropriate management of the patient. Patients with cancer will be considered for any additional clinical trials for which they meet eligibility criteria.

Long-term follow up (results of treatment and possible cure) will be conducted by the NY-ELCAP central facility at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. To ensure confidentiality, each volunteer will be given a unique study identifier rather than a name, which will be used for all subsequent data analysis.

Kohman, a nationally recognized expert on lung cancer, is professor of surgery at SUNY Upstate Medical University and founder and director of the Central New York Thoracic Oncology Program. She will be joined in the project by co-investigator Ernest Scalzetti, MD, associate professor of radiology and chief of Thoracic Imaging at SUNY Upstate. Robert J. Lenox, MD, assistant professor of medicine, serves as the clinical pulmonologist for the project; and Linda J. Veit as the clinical research associate.

Statewide, a total of 10,000 ethnically diverse research volunteers will be recruited. New York City contributed \$4 million to fund NY-ELCAP; Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield provided \$1 million; and the New York Community Trust provided \$520,000. New York City’s contribution is allocated from a portion of the tobacco settlement fund resulting from litigation against tobacco manufacturers. SUNY Upstate’s grant from NY-ELCAP is \$250,000.

To participate or to learn more about the project, call 1-866-NYE-LCAP (693-5227).



## COMMUNITY Giving CAMPAIGN

### Thank you for giving!

I am pleased to report the total employee gift contribution for the Community Giving Campaign. This year, more than 1,200 employees raised \$251,420 for agencies that improve the quality of life in our community. Over the past two years we have increased our campaign contribution by 49 percent. This support sends a clear message to our community—that we are a medical center comprised of caring and responsible people.

On behalf of the Community Giving Campaign committee, department representatives, family, patients and neighbors, thank you for making a difference.

**Gregory L. Eastwood, MD**  
President  
SUNY Upstate Medical University



Gregory L. Eastwood, MD



The Community Giving Campaign's grand prize \$1,000 travel certificate donated by UUP, CSEA, PEF, and Campus Administration was awarded to Dr. Charles Hodge Jan. 22. (From left: Raymond Colton, PhD, chapter president of United University Professions (UUP); Dr. Hodge; June Edwards, PEF Division 320 leader and Ronald Young, vice president for public and governmental affairs. Dr. Hodge is professor and chair of neurological surgery and the George W. Perkins, III professor of neurosurgery.

### Four nominated for Governor's Award

The Community Giving Campaign has nominated four Upstate employees for the prestigious Governor's Award. Congratulations to Marcia Bellinger, June Edwards, Judy Runfola

and David Sikora for being nominated and for their outstanding contributions and dedication to Upstate Medical University's Community Giving Campaign.

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Cultural Diversity Awareness and Skill Training

# "Experiencing the Latino Culture"

MARCH 13, 2001

Who: Open to all SUNY Upstate employees.

What: Table displays will be available between 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Where: Outside the University Hospital Cafeteria

Series Goal:

To provide cultural diversity awareness and skill training across the SUNY Upstate Medical University campus.

Contact Barb Riggall, Human Resources, 464-4964 or email RIGGALLB for more information or if you would be interested in sharing your knowledge of the Latino culture with others.

## Learn about career opportunities at Career Expo March 3

Central New Yorkers are invited to learn about the outstanding job and career advancement opportunities at Career Expo, Saturday, March 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the main lobby of the Institute for Human Performance. Free parking is available behind the IHP.

Career Expo will feature informational displays, representing areas such as nursing, health professions, and support services.

The event is presented by Upstate Medical University's Department of Human Resources and Nursing Recruitment.

For more information, call HealthConnections at 464-6886.

## Sports Medicine Symposium scheduled March 23

The 8th Annual Sports Medicine Symposium will be held Friday, March 23 at the OnCenter. The conference is co-sponsored by Upstate's Sports Medicine Division of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Current topics in sports medicine with emphasis on injury prevention will be presented.

Upstate faculty include: Dwight Webster, MD; Tamara Scerpella, MD; and David Boyland, PT, ATC. Guest lecturers include Dr. Don Brady, a local psychologist; Dr. Julie Dodds, a sports medicine specialist from Michigan State University; podiatrist Dr. Edward Glaser; and physical therapist David McCune. Marc Pietropaoli, MD of Auburn Orthopedic Specialists and Mike Hope, PT of Summitt Physical Therapy will also present sessions.

Afternoon sessions are dedicated to hands-on workshops. The conference fee is \$80. Student fees are available. This conference is approved for CME and NATA credits.

For more information, call S.Elizabeth Burleigh at 464-4600 or email burleise@upstate.edu.

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FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION'S  
17TH ANNUAL

# American Heart Walk/Run

**Saturday, March 31  
Shoppingtown Mall**

<i>Distance</i>	<i>Start Time</i>
<b>5K Walk (indoor)</b> .....	<b>8:45 am</b>
<b>5K Walk (outdoor)</b> .....	<b>9:30 am</b>
<b>8K Walk (outdoor)</b> .....	<b>9:00 am</b>
<b>5K Run (outdoor)</b> .....	<b>8:20 am</b>
<b>8K Run (outdoor)</b> .....	<b>8:10 am</b>
<b>15K Run (outdoor)</b> .....	<b>8:00 am</b>

**On-Site Registration:  
Wednesday, March 21st  
11 am - 4 pm, 2nd Floor, UH**



**For more information:**

**Jennifer Richer 464-4845**

*Upstate American Heart Walk Team Captain*



*2001 Upstate Medical University Heart Walk Team Captains (not all present)*

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## 5th Annual HIV/AIDS Nursing Update set for March 1

The 5th Annual HIV/AIDS Nursing Update: Contemporary Issues will be held Thursday, March 1 at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel & Conference Center. Registration and breakfast will begin 7:30 a.m.; the seminar will end 4:15 p.m.

The program identifies essential information required by nurses to care for people with

HIV/AIDS, regardless of practice setting or role responsibilities.

The \$50 fee for attendance includes tuition, breaks, lunch, and parking in the hotel garage. For more information call Melissa Napierkowski at 464-7313.



## Volunteers needed for phonathon

The Nursing Alumni Association and the Health Professions Alumni Association will hold a joint phonathon in March as part of their annual campaign. Campaign gifts help support student scholarships for both colleges. Volunteers are needed to help make calls to alumni during the evenings of March 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, and 21. Dinner, training, gifts and prizes will be available as well as free parking for all volunteers. The schedule for each evening is: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., free dinner and training; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., calls to alumni. All activities take place in Suite 301 of the Campus Activities Building. Free parking will be provided in the C-Lot.

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, contact Mimi Pfeiffer at 464-4278 or email her at [pfeiffem@upstate.edu](mailto:pfeiffem@upstate.edu).



**DIALOGUE AND DISCUSSION**

# FAITH & VALUES

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Pizza &  
Soda!\*

## "Assisted Suicide: A Matter of Faith"

This interactive panel discussion will present various religious views on the acceptability of assisted suicide. In addition panelists will discuss how health care professionals should deal with patient requests for assisted suicide.

Noon - 1 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7

9th Floor Auditorium  
Room 9295, Weiskotten Hall

Moderator: **Kathy Faber-Langendoen, MD**, Director of the Center for Bioethics and Humanities and Medical Alumni Endowed Professor of Bioethics

Panelists: University Hospital Chaplains:  
**Fr. Alfred Bebel, Rev. Jerald Shave and Rabbi Milton Elefant**

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## Profile: Enrollment of underrepresented populations in clinical trials is focus of Office of Diversity Enhancement

In what may be a first among research institutions in the nation, SUNY Upstate Medical University has created a special office to ensure that people from underrepresented populations are represented in clinical research trials.

The Office of Diversity Enhancement in Clinical Research assists researchers in attracting African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians and Alaska Natives and other individuals of non-European descent to participate in clinical trials and other research studies.

"Clinical investigators are mandated to do their utmost to ensure diversity among participants in clinical research trial studies," according to John Lucas, PhD, vice provost for research and director of the research administration at SUNY Upstate. "We hope



Floyd Brown

to go beyond that mandate with the creation of this office and make diversity in clinical trials a hallmark of research at SUNY Upstate."

A diverse population of participants in clinical trials is vital if research results are to benefit all people, said Floyd Brown, who directs the Office of Diversity Enhancement in Clinical Research.

According to Brown, individuals with certain racial or ethnic backgrounds are more susceptible to specific life-threatening diseases. As evidence, he cites national statistics that show infant mortality rates as being two and one-half times higher for African Americans and one and one-half times higher for American Indians than for Americans of European descent. African American men younger than 65 have prostate cancer at nearly twice the rate of men of European descent; and the diabetes in African Americans, Hispanics, American Indians and Alaska Natives nearly doubles that of men and women of European descent.

A top priority for the office includes reaching out to these targeted populations and developing a better understanding on the

part of researchers of how cultural and religious sensitivities may inhibit one's participating in clinical research trials.

The office will also help researchers to assess the amenities required by the research participants for them to remain in the studies. Researchers then need to make it standard practice to include these amenities in their budgets.

Under the auspices of the office, SUNY Upstate is creating a process for consulting with local minority community representatives and with scientific and health communities regionally and nationally to raise awareness of Upstate's intent to eliminate ethnic minority health disparities in clinical research trials.

As part of this process, Brown has initiated the first in a series of informational briefings by SUNY researchers to leaders of Central New York's business, medical and civic communities, informing them of current health issues and clinical research opportunities.

"We are encouraging these leaders to serve as ambassadors in helping

us to disseminate the information to the greater community," said Brown.

In addition, the office is seeking to strengthen and broaden partnerships with state and governmental agencies and with regional and national minority health and other minority-focus organizations.

Upstate Medical University is currently involved in 549 research studies, ranging from testing drugs for pediatric AIDS patients to stage four ovarian cancer patients.

For more information about the office, call 464-7871.



# in the spotlight...

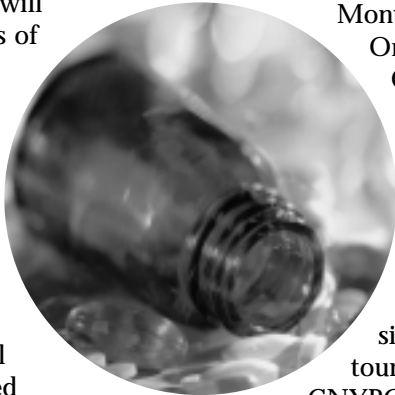
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## Poison Prevention Month highlights

The Central New York Poison Control Center (CNYPCC) will offer a series of events in recognition of March as Poison Prevention Month.

- Six Oswego County agencies will be recognized Monday, March 5 for their contributions to poison prevention outreach efforts. The agencies are the Oswego County Children's Bureau, Oswego County Cooperative Extension, Oswego BOCES, Oswego Nurse/Teachers' Association, Oswego County Health Department and Oswego Hospital. Oswego Mayor John Gosek will proclaim March as Poison Prevention Month in Oswego.

- A CNYPCC Open House will be held Thursday, March 22 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Center's 550 East Genesee



Street location. Syracuse Mayor Roy Bernardi and County Executive Nicholas Pirro will proclaim March as Poison Prevention Month in

Onondaga County. The Upstate Medical University community will be invited to attend the signing and tour the CNYPCC.

- SUNNY 102 Radio personality, Bill Baker, will feature "Poison Conundrum" on his morning show where listeners will answer trivia questions with a poison theme. Winners will receive an educational poison prevention CD-ROM program.

- Local pharmacies, including Kinney Drugs and K-Mart will distribute poison prevention materials to customers during the month of March.

Be sure to visit the the CNYPCC web site. Thanks to Carol Ceraldi of Medical Illustrations and Larry Polly of IMT for developing the site.

## Elizabeth Blackwell Day lecture Feb. 28

Jessie Ternberg, MD, PhD, will present the Elizabeth Blackwell Day lecture, Wednesday, Feb. 28 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. Dr. Ternberg is professor emeritus of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine. Her free, public lecture is titled "Notes on a Personal Odyssey: A Partial Memoir Of My Experiences In a General Surgery Residency Program." For more information, call 464-5433.

## Mini Med begins March 7

Upstate Medical University will offer its six week Mini-Medical School to the general public, March 7 through April 11. Mini Med will be held each Wednesday from 7 to 9:15 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium of Weiskotten Hall. The \$45 fee includes all materials. Call 464-4304 to register.

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sor of emergency medicine at SUNY Upstate, serve as program directors. Conference faculty include physicians from Upstate Medical University, St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center, and LifeNet NY/Albany MedFlight.

SUNY Upstate Medical University designates this continuing medical education activity for 6 credit hours in Category 1 of the Physicians' Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. Application has been made for ACEP Category 1 credit. Contact hours for nurses totaling 7.2 will be awarded by Upstate's Institute of Continuing Education.

The deadline to register is March 21.

For more information about the conference or conference fees, call 464-4606.

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