

# UPSTATE update

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AUGUST 15 THROUGH AUGUST 29, 2001

## In the Calendar

**Workshop. "MEDLINE on the WEB." 8/31. 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library. See Update calendar inside.**

## Take Note

### Biomedical Sciences Retreat is Sept. 5

The Biomedical Sciences Retreat (formerly the Cell and Molecular Biology Retreat) will be held Wednesday, Sept. 5, at the Thornfield Conference Center on Cazenovia Lake. Call Sandi Granger at 464-7655 for more information.

### Save the Dates

Upstate's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences will present the following three conferences:

**The 2nd Annual Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference** (Thursday, Sept. 13); **The 6th Annual Psychopharmacology Update**, (Thursday, Oct. 11); and **The Psychiatry and Primary Care Conference** (Thursday, Nov. 8).

All three conferences will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Carousel Center Skydeck.

For more information, contact Darlene Black at 464-3130.

## Dr. Eastwood to deliver "State of the Medical University" address at the 2001 Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony Sept. 12

Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD will deliver his annual "State of the Medical University" address at the 2001 Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 4 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. Dr. Eastwood's address provides an overview of Upstate's accomplishments and an acknowledgement of the medical university's contributions to the community. A reception in honor of the award recipients, new faculty, and emeritus faculty will immediately follow Convocation in the Weiskotten Hall courtyard. All Upstate Medical University individuals are welcome to attend the Convocation and Convocation Reception.

Prior to the event, Upstate's emeriti faculty will be honored at a reception from 3 to 3:45 p.m. in 1164 Weiskotten Hall.

The following individuals will receive awards during the Convocation:

### *SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor*

E. Gregory Keating, PhD (Cell and Developmental Biology)

### *Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching*

Gary A. Johnson, MD, FACEP (Emergency Medicine)

*President's Award for Excellence and Leadership in Research:* Steven J. Scheinman, MD (Medicine)

*President's Award for Excellence in Research by a Young Investigator*

Christopher E. Turner, PhD (Cell and Developmental Biology)

*President's Award for Excellence in Professional Service*

Daniel N. Hurley (Government & Community Relations)

*President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service*

Shawky Z. A. Badawy, MD (Obstetrics & Gynecology)

*President's Award for Advancement of Affirmative Action*

Floyd J. Brown (Clinical Research)

*President's Award for Excellence in Teaching*

Frank C. Smith, MD and James L. Greenwald, MD

(College of Medicine, Clinical Department)

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## Free screening for people with leg pain or at risk for abdominal aortic aneurysms Sept. 19

The early detection and treatment of vascular disease can lessen the severity of more serious future health problems. University Hospital's Division of Interventional Radiology in conjunction with Vascular Surgery will present "Legs For Life," a free community screening program to detect peripheral vascular disease (PVD) and abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA). The screening will be held Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the University Health Care Manlius, 102 West Seneca Street, Manlius.

Pain, numbness, and weakness in the lower extremities are common symptoms of PVD. If left untreated, walking

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**SUNY  
Upstate  
Medical  
University  
welcomes  
students  
to campus.**

*See story inside.*



# calendar

## Wednesday, Aug. 15

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

**Health Sciences Library.** Noon.  
Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7192 for more information.

## Thursday, Aug. 16

**Medical Grand Rounds.**  
“Cardiac Magnetic Resonance Imaging: Cutting Edge 2001.” Presenter: David Feiglin, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

**Light the Night Walk registration.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
University Hospital, second floor lobby. Call 464-4523 for more information.

## Friday, Aug. 17

**Children’s Miracle Network Open.** Foxfire Golf and Tennis Club, Baldwinsville. Call 464-4416 for more information.

**Payroll Services Workshop.**  
“All About Reporting Employee Work Time & Time Accruals and How to Complete a Timesheet.” 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., Rm. 115 A & B.

## Tuesday, Aug. 21

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

## Wednesday, Aug. 22

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

**Health Sciences Library.** See 8/15 Calendar listing.

## Thursday, Aug. 23

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

## Wednesday, Aug. 29

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

**Health Sciences Library.** See 8/15 Calendar listing.

**Seminar.** “Stress Reduction.” Presenter: Lisa Kaufmann, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6:30 p.m. University Health Care Manlius. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Thursday, Aug. 30

**Medical Grand Rounds.** Topic: Lower GI Bleed. Discussant, Ronald Szyjkowski, MD. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 1159.

## Friday, Aug. 31

**Workshop.** “MEDLINE on the WEB.” 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library, meet at the reference desk.

## 2001 Convocation Winners *continued from page 1*

Susan S. Graham, MS, MT (ASCP) SH  
(College of Health Professions)

Barbara E. VanNoy, PhD, RN, CNS (College of Nursing)

Thomas F. Gudas, MD (Clinical Campus)

### *President’s Award for Voluntary Faculty Service*

Margherite M. Bonaventura, MD, VA Medical Center  
(College of Medicine)

Anthony N. Martonosi, MD, retired professor of  
Biochemistry (College of Graduate Studies)

Priscilla Aylesworth, RN, MS, ANP, Surgical Associates of  
Upstate New York (College of Nursing)

Scott W. Alexander, CCP, University Hospital (College of  
Health Professions)

James J. Walsh, MD, FCCP, Guthrie Clinic (Clinical Campus)

### *President’s Award for Distinguished Service*

Donald Denton, Chair, Upstate Foundation Board  
Managing Partner, Hancock & Estabrook Law Firm

### *President’s Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service, Corporate*

Verizon Communications

Tom Owens, Director, Community Affairs

### *President’s Award for Excellence in Philanthropic Service, Individual:*

Ruth Del Nero Wood, CFP

## Free Screening *continued from page 1*

becomes difficult, ulcers may develop, and in severe cases, gangrene can result making amputation necessary. PVD is most common in men and women over the age of 50. Smoking, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and a family history of heart disease or diabetes contribute to the development of PVD.

Other risk factors for PVD include obesity and lack of exercise. The early detection and treatment of PVD is important in successfully controlling the disease.

AAA is often called a “silent killer” because there are often no obvious symptoms until an aneurysm ruptures. Persons who are at highest risk include males over the age of 60 who smoke, or who have

ever smoked. A family history of AAA may also increase the risk. The early detection and treatment of AAA in high-risk individuals can significantly reduce the risk of ruptured aneurysms.

“Legs for Life” is part of a national screening week sponsored by the Society of Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiology (SCVIR), the national professional society of interventional radiologists who treat PVD and many other conditions using minimally invasive procedures.

To learn more about the AAA or PVD free screening program or to arrange an appointment, please call 464-8668.

*In preparation of University Hospital's upcoming JCAHO visit, the JCAHO/EOC Committee has prepared a Manager's Environment of Care Safety Surveillance Checklist. Individuals should refer to this checklist to ensure a successful JCAHO visit.*

## Environment of Care Manager's Safety Surveillance Checklist

### Safety Concerns

- Fire exits should be marked, clear, visible and working.
- Fire doors should be kept closed, no doors propped open.
- Fire extinguishers should be inspected.
- All materials should be stored at least 18" below sprinkler heads and 12" below lights.
- There should be no clutter in the hallway, all movable items should be placed on one side of the corridor.
- Pantry/refrigerator should be clean.
- Refrigerator temperature logs should be completed and up-to-date.
- Nothing should be stored under sinks.
- Medical equipment should be clean and in proper working order.
- Medical devices should be tagged and inspected within the last 12 months.
- Crash (Emergency) Carts and Defibrillators' daily inspection logs should be completed and up to date.
- Pharmacy refrigerators should be entirely free of personal food products and beverages.
- Medication Carts should be locked when they are unattended and no storage of any medications should be on top of carts.
- Staff should wear their current Upstate IDs properly with names and titles visible.
- Staff should also wear the current ID card enhancers with mission and value statements containing emergency phone numbers (available from Payroll Services).

The following current manuals should be available to all staff on the unit/area:

- Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Manual
- MSDS Binder
- Hospital Administration Policy & Procedure Manual
- Unit-Specific Policy and Procedure Manual
- Infection Control Manual
- Latex Sensitivity Manual
- Safety at Work/A Patient & Personal Safety Review Manual)- if applicable for your area

### Copies of the following documents should be on each unit/area:

- Safety Inspection Summary of Corrective Actions from your unit/area's annual Team Surveillance Assessment Unit/Area's

### Hazardous Surveillance Self Survey

This checklist will be available through the Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) web site. Contact Tree Carter at 464-6428 or via e-mail at cartert.

General safety information can be accessed by telephone at Health Connections' Health Information Library at 464-8668, topic #2019.

## OASIS Center to host 3rd Annual Senior Celebration Day at the Zoo Sept. 6

OASIS, University Hospital's senior adult education program and The Rosamond Gifford Zoo at Burnet Park will host the 3rd Annual "OASIS Senior Celebration Day at the Zoo" rain or shine Thursday, Sept. 6. Zoo admission for adults 55 years and older is free from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No registration is required.

In addition to zoo attractions, event highlights include free lunch for the first 1,000 individuals aged 55 years and older who enter the gate, courtesy of the Onondaga County Department of Aging and the Youth/Senior Nutrition Program; animal demonstrations; blood pressure, blood sugar and hearing screenings; OASIS programs; free refreshments; musical entertainment by Soda Ash Six; and displays featuring information geared toward the interest of seniors. Free shuttle service will be



available from the zoo parking lots to the zoo entrance.

The OASIS Center, located in the lower level of Shoppingtown Mall, offers a variety of classes in computers, health and wellness, art, music, exercise, dance, history, culinary arts and science as well as meaningful volunteer opportunities. Membership is free and open to adults age 55 and over. The OASIS program is supported locally by University Hospital and Kaufmann's Department Store and is affiliated with the national OASIS Institute.

Major sponsors of the event include Merck Research Laboratories, WFBL and WSTM. The supporting sponsor is Alterra. Participating sponsors include Greenpoint Senior Living Community and Special Needs, Empire Medicare Services Part A and Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, Inc. For more information, contact the OASIS Center at 464-6555.

## Upstate welcomes students to campus

New and returning students and their families will converge on the Upstate Medical University's campus to participate in orientation activities, Wednesday, Aug. 22 through Sunday, Aug. 26. Classes begin Aug. 27.

Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD will officially welcome parents in ceremonies set for 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 22 in the Athletic Atrium of the Institute for Human Performance. The students will be welcomed in separate ceremonies, Friday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. Joining Dr. Eastwood for both ceremonies are: Kenneth L. Barker, PhD, provost and vice president for academic affairs and research; Michael Roizen, MD (dean, College of Medicine); Hugh Bonner, PhD (dean, College of Health Professions); Elvira Szigeti, PhD, RN (dean, College of Nursing) and E. Gregory Keating, PhD (interim dean, Student Affairs.)

As a special recognition to College of Medicine freshmen, the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University's Parents and Family Association (formerly Parents' Committee) will present each freshman with a white coat and pin, provided by the Arnold P. Gold Foundation during ceremonies, Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Athletic Atrium of the Institute for Human Performance. Thomas Welch, MD, professor and chair of pediatrics at SUNY Upstate will provide the welcome and Mark Erlebacher, MD (class of '79), a private practitioner and president of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University will address students. George Wladis, chair of the Parents and Family Association, will address parents. In addition, each freshman will receive a copy of the *Netter's Anatomy Book*, courtesy of the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University. The Syracuse Medical Alumni Association and the Medical Alumni Parents and Family Association will sponsor a reception in the Institute for Human Performance atrium following the ceremony.

Approximately 85 College of Health Professions students will be presented with a white coat on Wednesday, Aug. 22 by the department chairs for their program of study and College of Health Professions Dean Hugh Bonner, PhD. Funding for the coats was provided in part by the Health Professions Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University. Dean Bonner will administer an oath to the students that was developed by College of Health Professions faculty and students

(Note: The complete orientation schedule is available through Student Affairs at 464-4816.)



## Call for abstracts for "Teaching Day for Teachers"

The first "Teaching Day for Teachers," will be held on the Upstate Medical University campus, Tuesday, Nov. 13. The program will feature several presentations highlighting the teaching activity in Upstate's College of Medicine. Howard L. Weinberger, MD, chair of the Faculty Development Subcommittee of the Educational Policies Committee of Upstate's College of Medicine, will organize the program.

Projects are being sought for presentation in the areas of: teaching in small groups, computer-based teaching; teaching in the office setting; feedback-how to give it and how to receive it; and enhancing communication skills in the lecture hall.

Presentations are being considered in three different formats: a workshop of 60 to 90 minutes, a 10 to 15 minute presentation of "Innovative Teaching Techniques," and poster presentations. For more information or to suggest a presentation call Dr. Weinberger at 464-5450 or email Dr. Weinberger at [weinberh@upstate.edu](mailto:weinberh@upstate.edu) by the extended deadline of Aug. 24.



## College of Health Professions receives UUP grant

The College of Health Professions has received a \$2,500 grant from the State of New York/United University Professions Professional Development Committee to sponsor a two-day workshop in problem-based learning. Twenty-one Health Professions' faculty members and four faculty members from Mohawk Valley Community College who also contributed financially to the grant will participate in the workshop.

Key administrative and financial support for the workshop was provided by Upstate Provost Kenneth Barker and College of Health Professions' Dean Hugh Bonner, PhD, College of Health Professions' retired faculty member David Peckham, PhD provided assistance in the writing of the grant and college faculty contributed to the proposal's acceptance. Joseph G. Sorbello, MEd, RRT, associate professor of cardiorespiratory sciences and assistant dean of the College of Health Professions, serves as project coordinator.

## “Understanding Lab Results” is topic of continuing education program Sept. 15 and 22

Karyn Plante, RN, MS, a clinical trainer for University Hospital, will present “Understanding Lab Results,” a continuing education program for RNs, LPNs, GNs and nursing students. To accommodate schedules, the same program will be offered on two Saturdays—Sept. 15 and Sept. 22—from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Wyndham Syracuse on Carrier Circle. This program returns by popular demand and was first offered in January of 2001.

The course will enhance the nurse’s ability to interpret common laboratory tests used to evaluate patients’ health status and/or well being. Nursing measures will be presented that will empower the nurse to use critical thinking skills in interpreting laboratory test findings, and advocate quality client care.

“Understanding Lab Results” is approved for 3.6 contact hours by the

Institute for Continuing Nursing Education. The registration fee is \$30 per person and enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

The Clinical Focus Series is presented by Upstate Medical University’s Nursing Alumni Association and the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education.

Future programs include a nursing teaching day “Marketing, Motivating and Maximizing: The Keys to the Future,” to be presented Oct. 13; “Diagnostic Tests: X-Ray Vision Isn’t Enough” (date TBA), “Diabetes: Incorporating Client Education as a Management Tool” (date TBA), “Understanding Congestive Heart Failure” (date TBA), and “The Aging Client and Nursing Considerations” (date TBA).

For more information about “Understanding Lab Results,” or the Clinical Focus Series, call 464-4278.



## SUNY Upstate researcher is awarded \$650,000 in grants to study prostate cancer and multiple sclerosis

Arthur A. Hurwitz, Ph.D., assistant professor of microbiology, immunology and urology, has received two grants to conduct basic research on prostate cancer and multiple sclerosis.

Dr. Hurwitz received a \$350,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to study why T cells cannot invade and kill prostate cancer tumors. Healthy T cells kill virally infected cells or help other cells of the immune system and have the potential to destroy tumors, too.

“There are certain properties of tumors that render T cells non-responsive and unable to destroy the tumors,” Hurwitz said. “This research will enable us to better understand why T cells fail to do their job and what we need to do to make them respond to the cancerous tumor.”

Such research, Hurwitz said, may provide the foundation to develop anti-prostate cancer immune-based therapies. Previous studies by Hurwitz and his colleagues have led to Phase 1 clinical trials for prostate cancer and melanoma.

T cells are also the focus of Hurwitz’ research funded by a \$300,000 National Multiple Sclerosis Society grant.

Hurwitz will examine why T cells attack healthy tissues in the body, in this case cells that are found in the central nervous system, thereby leading to the autoimmune disease known as multiple sclerosis. As the immune system develops, T cells that could destroy healthy tissue are usually eliminated. But T cells that are not eliminated or inadvertently become activated could result in autoimmunity.

Previous research has shown that some people with multiple sclerosis may have a mutation in one gene that regulates T cell activity and thereby permits autoimmunity to progress.

The study of T cells is vital in the pursuit of treatment therapies for sufferers of multiple sclerosis: Most drug treatments for multiple sclerosis stop T cells from becoming activated by suppressing the immune system.

Hurwitz’ research has been published in numerous professional journals, including the *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* and *Current Opinions in Immunology*.

## Campus Activities announces trips, ticket offers and events

The following are upcoming trips, ticket offers and events sponsored by the Campus Activities Governing Board and the Office of Campus Activities. There are a limited number of tickets and seats available for all trips. For reservations or more information call 464-8829.

**Keuka Lake Oktoberfest Wineries Trip** (Saturday, Sept. 8, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$25 per person for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$35 at the general rate. Tickets include roundtrip motorcoach transportation, tastings and food samplings at the wineries, souvenir glass and onboard lunch. All participants must be 21 years of age or older and be able to show photo identification. Trip is limited to 30 participants.

**Toronto Theatre Day Trip** "SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER" (Sunday, Oct. 7). Package includes continental breakfast onboard the bus, lunch in Toronto, top price theatre ticket, and roundtrip motorcoach transportation. Ticket prices are \$90 for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$115 at the general rate. The trip is limited to 40 people.

**Cayuga Wine Trail Holiday Shopping Spree** (Saturday, Dec. 1). Features tastings and food samplings at the wineries on the trail, bus transportation, lunch,

souvenir wine glass, and a coupon book valued at over \$195 in wine savings. Tickets are \$30 individual and \$55 couple for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$40 individual and \$65 couple at the general rate. The trip is limited to 30 people.

### Upcoming Ticket Offers

Discount tickets (good for any day of the season) are available for



**Enchanted Forest Water Safari.** Tickets are \$15 per person for

Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$16 for the general Upstate community.

General Admission tickets (good for any day) are on sale for the **New York State Fair**, to be held Aug. 23 through Sept. 3. Tickets are \$3 each for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$4 at the general rate. Tickets purchased at the gate will be \$8. (Note: children under 12 years of age are admitted free to The Fair every day). Students 16 years and under are admitted free to the Fair on Friday, Aug. 21. Senior Citizens are admitted free to the Fair on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 27 and 28.

**SU Season Football Tickets:** six home games (Central Florida, East Carolina, Auburn,



Temple, West Virginia, Boston College); third deck, section 334 of the Dome. Tickets are \$120 per season ticket for Upstate students and C.A.B. members. General rate, if available, will be \$136 per season ticket.

### Famous Artist Broadway Theatre Series:



#### Phantom of the Opera

**Tickets**—a limited number of tickets are available for balcony level seating on Saturday, Dec. 22 and Friday, Dec. 28. Tickets are \$54.50 for Upstate students and C.A.B. members. General rate, if available, will be \$59.

#### Beauty and the Beast

**Tickets**—a limited number of tickets are available for orchestra level seating for Saturday, April 6. Tickets are \$54.50 for Upstate students and C.A.B. members. General rate, if available, will be \$59.

**Ragtime Tickets**—a limited number of tickets are available for orchestra level seating for Thursday, May 16. Tickets are \$41 for Upstate students and C.A.B. members. General rate, if available, will be \$45.50.

The Office of Campus Activities has purchased a block of tickets for the preview performances of the upcoming **Syracuse Stage** Season. Tickets are available for all shows.



**A Streetcar Named Desire** (Thursday, Sept. 20)

**Brighton Beach Memoirs** (Thursday, Oct. 25)

**Copenhagen** (Thursday, Jan. 17)

**A Lesson Before Dying** (Thursday, Feb. 14)

**The Dybbuk** (Thursday, April 4)

**The Real Thing** (Thursday, May 9)

Tickets are \$10 per person for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$11 per person general rate, if available.

Tickets to the holiday performance of **OLIVER!** at Syracuse Stage will also be available as well as tickets for the preview performance scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 27. The price is \$13 for Upstate students and C.A.B. members and \$14 per person general rate, if available.

For more information on a program, or to make a reservation for a trip, call Chuck at 464-8830.



- WHO:** All members of the Upstate Medical University community are encouraged to participate in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night Walk.
- WHAT:** 1.7 mile sunset walk
- WHEN:** Thursday, Sept. 20  
5:30 p.m. (registration) to 8:30 p.m.  
(walk begins at 6:30 p.m.)
- WHERE:** Longbranch Park  
East Shore Trail, Liverpool
- WHY:** To help raise funds to cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, and myeloma and to improve the quality of life for patients and their families.
- HOW:** Start a team or register on your own. Registration forms are available at the University Hospital Information Desk or by calling 464-4523. Or, you can register at the on-site registration on Thursday, Aug. 16.

### ON-SITE REGISTRATION:

**Second floor  
University Hospital  
Thursday, Aug. 16  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

### REGISTRATION

**FEE:** Minimum \$25 for a lighted balloon and a t-shirt

For More Information, call Rita Holbrook, 464-4523

**A Nationwide Evening Walk to Celebrate and Commemorate Lives Touched by Cancer.**

## Stress reduction is topic of seminar Aug. 29

Lisa Kaufmann, MD, will discuss stress management at a free health seminar, Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the University Health Care Manlius, 102 West Seneca Street, Manlius. Dr. Kaufmann, professor of medicine at Upstate Medical University, will address the ways that stress affects our health and will discuss research findings regarding the use of meditation and relaxation techniques to reduce anxiety,

help with chronic pain and deal with other medical conditions. Stress reduction techniques will be offered as well as information about University Hospital's stress reduction programs. A light meal will be served.

Enrollment for the seminar is limited. To register, call Health Connections at 464-8668.

## Conducting Research Responsibly is topic of international teleconference Sept. 13

Human subjects research, conflict of interest, research misconduct and mentorship are topics to be explored during an international satellite teleconference titled "Conducting Research Responsibly," Thursday, Sept. 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Room 1916, E.S. Bird Library on the Syracuse University campus. The teleconference is sponsored locally by the research offices of Upstate Medical University, Syracuse University and the Veterans Administration Medical Center and internationally by the Society of Research Administrators (SRA) International.

The teleconference is of interest to researchers, research staff and research administrators.

To register, contact Upstate's Sponsored Programs Office at 464-5476 or access the registration form at [www.upstate.edu@research/clinical/](http://www.upstate.edu@research/clinical/)

# in the spotlight...

SUNY Upstate Medical University



Making the card presentation are, from left, Jen Wheelock, manager of Apheresis Donor Services, American Red Cross; Margaret Nellis, University Hospital child life manager; and Delores Petta, donor recruitment specialist for the American Red Cross.

The American Red Cross donated more than 300 decks of playing cards to University Hospital for patients to use during their stay. The cards were given to platelet and plasma donors from the Syracuse area, who, in turn, donated the cards to University Hospital.

## Nurse educator at Joslin Diabetes Center wins Nurse of the Year Award

Suzanne Meyer, RN, CDE, a diabetes nurse educator at University Hospital's Joslin Diabetes Center, has received the Nurse of the Year Award

from the Healthcare Marketplace Conference.

Meyer was recognized for her six years' service to the Joslin Diabetes Center, where she counsels patients on a

variety of issues relating to their diabetes care. The nomination noted that "she has worked hard to maintain Joslin's reputation for expertise in diabetes care and education in the medical community, both locally and nationwide."

Meyer has played a lead role in diabetes education, serving on the Governor's Initiative for Children with Diabetes that developed teaching tools to help school nurses better care for students with diabetes and to assist parents caring for their children with diabetes.

In addition to her nursing responsibilities, Meyer also serves as



Suzanne Meyer, RN, CDE

administrator of the Joslin Diabetes Center, overseeing office operations and staff.

The award was presented in June by the Iroquois Healthcare Alliance and the New York State Nurses Association at the annual Healthcare Marketplace Conference in Syracuse.

## Poster Presentation Selected

Shelley Gilroy, MD of infectious diseases will present a poster presentation, "Metronidazole Resistant Trichomonas Vaginalis," at the 39th Annual Meeting of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, October 25-28, 2001, in San Francisco, California.

Co-authors of the presentation are: BN Singh, PhD; Lawrence Kring; Luis Ramirez, MD; and James Turchik, MD.

## UUP Clambake set for Oct. 14

United University Professions (UUP) will sponsor its annual UUP Clambake, Sunday, Oct. 14 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Hinerwadel's on West Taft Road. The clambake will feature a DJ from Salt City Entertainment and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 for 08 Bargaining Unit UUP members and \$35 for guests. Tickets are non-transferable and will not be sold at the door. Tickets are available through the following committee members: Mark Buttiglieri 464-4345; Ronald Daloia (464-6134); Joseph Ciravolo (464-5833); Kathleen Fiumano (464-5596); Diane Belanger (464-8030) or Maria Pembroke, (464-7487) The deadline to purchase tickets is Friday, Oct. 5.

## Change in title

Upstate Medical University President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD has announced a title change for Kenneth L. Barker, PhD from provost and vice president/vice dean for academic affairs to provost and vice president for academic affairs and research.

Note: Contact the Human Resources Department for address corrections or to be deleted or added to the Update mailing list

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