

# UPSTATE update

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AUGUST 29 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12, 2001

## In the Calendar

**Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar. 9/11. Noon. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 5299. See Update Calendar inside.** See Update calendar inside.

## Take Note

### SUNY CME registration available on internet

Individuals may now register for SUNY Continuing Medical Education conferences and programs via the internet at [www.upstate.edu/cme](http://www.upstate.edu/cme).



### CMN proposals due Sept. 5

Proposals for funding from Children's Miracle Network (CMN) allocations are due in the CMN office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 5. For more information, call the CMN office at 464-4416.



## Dr. Roizen to discuss "RealAge" at Weiskotten Lecture Sept. 21

Michael F. Roizen, MD, best-selling author of "RealAge: Are You As Young As You Can Be?" will discuss the RealAge concept at the annual Weiskotten Lecture, Friday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium. The lecture, free and open to the public, serves as the kick off for Upstate Medical University's 126th College of Medicine Reunion, to be held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 21 and 22. The Weiskotten Lecture and Reunion 2001 is sponsored by the Medical Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University.

Dr. Roizen is dean of the College of Medicine and vice president for biomedical sciences at Upstate Medical University. Perennially named as one of the "Best Doctors in America," he and colleagues developed a health measurement test, known as RealAge, that calculates whether people are older or younger than their chronological ages by analyzing their health behaviors and lifestyles. He published his findings in "RealAge: Are You as Young As You Can Be?" which landed on the New York Times bestseller list. His latest book, "RealAge Diet: Make Yourself Younger with What You Eat," published in May, reached #1 on Amazon.com its first day out. Dr. Roizen will sign copies of his books with

proceeds to benefit the new student lounge on the ninth floor of Weiskotten Hall.

### Awards Ceremony follows lecture

*The Weiskotten Lecture will be immediately followed by an awards ceremony honoring Harold H. Wanamaker, MD (Class of 1956) and Russell Rider, MD (Class of 1986).*

Michael F. Roizen, MD

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## Convocation set for Sept. 12

Eighteen individuals and a leading Central New York corporation, Verizon Communications, will receive awards for distinguished service to Upstate Medical University at the 2001 Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony Wednesday, Sept. 12, beginning at 4 p.m. in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium.

A highlight of the event is the annual "State of the Medical University," address to be delivered by Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD. The address will provide an overview of Upstate's accomplishments and an acknowledgement of the medical university's contributions to the community. A reception to honor award recipients, new faculty, and emeriti faculty will immediately follow Convocation in the Weiskotten Hall courtyard. All Upstate Medical University individuals are welcome to attend the Convocation and reception.

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

*(See page 4 for 2001 Presidents Award recipients.)*

# calendar

## Wednesday, Aug. 29

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

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

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7192.

**Laboratory Safety/EPA Compliance Training Session.** 10 to 11 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 5301. Call Environmental Health and Safety at 464-5782 to register.

**Seminar. "Stress Reduction."** Presenter: Lisa Kaufmann, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6:30 p.m. University Health Care Manlius.

## 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.

## Tuesday, Sept. 4

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

## Wednesday, Sept. 5

**Biomedical Sciences Retreat.** Thornfield Conference Center on Cazenovia Lake. Call 464-7655 for more information.

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** See 8/29 Calendar listing.

## Surgical Grand Rounds.

"Pathophysiology of the Anorexia of Aging." Presenter: John E. Morley, MD, BCH, St. Louis University School of Medicine. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

## Payroll Services Workshop.

"How SUNY Upstate's CSEA & PEF Employees' Paychecks are Calculated." 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

## Pediatric Grand Rounds.

"Nutritional Rickets in the 21st Century: The Lessons of History." Presenter: Thomas Welch, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

## Health Sciences Library Tour.

See 8/29 Calendar listing.

## Burn Survivors Support Group.

5 to 7 p.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6408.

## Thursday, Sept. 6

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

## Urology Grand Rounds.

"Cryosurgical Ablation of the Prostate - Multimodal Treatment Choices for Cancer of the Prostate." Presenter: Jeffrey Cohen, MD, Allegheny General Hospital. 9 to 10 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**OASIS' 3rd Annual Senior Celebration Day at the Zoo.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Rosamund Gifford Zoo.

## Psychiatry Grand Rounds.

"Diagnosis and Treatment of Depression in Medical Illness: From Conventional to Novel Approaches." Presenter: Stephen J. Ferrando, MD, Cornell University Medical Center. 12:30 to 2 p.m. 713 Harrison St.

## Friday, Sept. 7

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** "Dietary Alternatives to Menopause." Presenter: Samuel L. Jacobs, MD, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr., Sulzle Aud.

## Monday, Sept. 10

**Trauma Conference.** Presenter: Mary Jumbelic, MD, O.C. Medical Examiner. 4p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

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

## Tuesday, Sept. 11

**Biochemistry & Molecular Biology Seminar.** "The Creatine Kinase System for Cellular Bioenergetics." Presenter: Theo Wallimann, PhD, Institute of Cell Biology, ETH Zurich. Noon. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 5299.

**Breastfeeding Class.** See 9/4 Calendar listing.

## Wednesday, Sept. 12

**Anesthesiology Grand Rounds.** See 8/29 Calendar listing.

## Surgical Grand Rounds.

"Management of the Neurogenic Bladder." Presenter: Robert Lai, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Rm. 103.

## Pediatric Grand Rounds.

"Compliance in Adolescents with Cystic Fibrosis." Presenter: Ran Anbar, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. University Hospital, Rm. 6500.

**Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.** "Media Relations 101: Media Calls and How to Handle Interviews."

Presenter: Darryl Geddes, Upstate Medical University. 11 a.m. Health Sciences Library, Rm. 318.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 8/29 Calendar listing.

**Reception for Emeriti Faculty.** 3 to 3:45 p.m. 1164 Wsk. Hall.

**2001 Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony.** 4 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud. Reception to follow.

## Thursday, Sept. 13

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

## Urology Grand Rounds.

"Current Fetal Intervention." Presenter: Maria Small, MD, Yale University School of Medicine. 9 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

**Conference. "The 2nd Annual Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference."** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Carousel Center Skydeck.

**Teleconference. "Conducting Research Responsibly."** 1 to 4 p.m. Syracuse University, Bird Library, Rm. 1916.

## Friday, Sept. 14

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds.** "Innovations in the Management of ovarian Cancer." Presenter: Susana M. Campos, MD, Harvard Medical School. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr., Sulzle Aud.

## Saturday, Sept. 15

**Course. "Understanding Lab Results."** 8:30 a.m. to noon. Wyndham Syracuse, Carrier Circle.

## Dr. Roizen to discuss "RealAge" at Weiskotten Lecture Sept. 21 *continued from page 1*

Dr. Wanamaker will receive the Distinguished Alumnus Award for outstanding service to the community, the Medical Alumni Association, and for his distinguished career as an otolaryngologist in Syracuse. He is the recipient of the Onondaga County Medical Society Award for Physician Service to the Community and a President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service at Upstate Medical University. He is past president of the Medical Alumni Association, serving on its board of directors for 25 years.

Dr. Rider will receive the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award. Dr. Rider is the only physician residing and working in Hamilton County where patients travel great distances to seek his services. Dr. Rider spearheaded a fund-raising initiative resulting in the current construction of a new \$600,000 medical facility, that he also designed.

## Meet the New Dean, Brunch and Annual Meeting

Dr. Roizen will deliver brief remarks and accept questions about the College of Medicine from alumni at the Reunion's "Meet the New Dean, Brunch and Annual Meeting," to be held Saturday, Sept. 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the atrium of the Institute for Human Performance.

Completing Reunion events are tours of the Health Sciences Library and the Institute for Human Performance; a trip to three Cayuga Lake wineries; class dinners; a feature presentation at the Milton J. Rubenstein Museum of Science and Technology IMAX Dome Theatre; and an all-class cocktail dinner buffet. Alumni are also invited to attend class with a medical student Friday, Sept. 21 at 1 p.m. when Dr. Constance Stein presents "Cancer Genetics: Oncogenes and Tumor Suppressors" in the lobby of Weiskotten Hall.

For more information about the Weiskotten Lecture or the 2001 Medical Alumni Reunion contact Carole Novick at 464-4361, email: [novickc@upstate.edu](mailto:novickc@upstate.edu) or visit [www.upstate.edu](http://www.upstate.edu).

## Palliative Care Service Opens

University Hospital has opened its new Palliative Care Service for advanced illness consultation. The staff of the service, Wendy Edwards, M.D., director; Kathleen Kurtz, Ph.D., CSW, associate director; and Patricia Knox, MSN, FNP, encourage consultation for patients nearing the end of life or where goals of care have changed from curative to comfort.

For more information or to request consults for University Hospital inpatients, call 464-6098.

## Health Sciences Library announcements

- The Health Sciences Library has extended its hours Sunday through Thursday, to 1 a.m. as a result of student requests and generous funding from the Medical Alumni Association at Upstate Medical University. The Fall and Spring hours for 2001-2002 are: Monday through Thursday (8 a.m. to 1 a.m.); Friday 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

- Upstate individuals are invited to view the "Upstate in the News" display now through Sept. 10 in the Health Sciences Library in Weiskotten Hall. The display includes professionally reproduced and enlarged articles featured in the Syracuse Newspapers.

## New Upstate Guide for Visitors

Upstate's new Guide for Visitors has been redesigned and rewritten to make it easier to use for the various groups Upstate serves. The brochure, developed by Marketing's Bess Collins and Leslie Eimas, contains new sections geared specifically for "Patients and Hospital Visitors" and "Students and Academic Visitors." As in previous issues, the visitors' guide also includes a campus map, information on parking and transportation, food, nearby lodging, etc. Brochures are packaged in sets of 50. They will be available through Central Stores, 464-5859, within two weeks. Request stores item #10072.



Upstate Medical University will recognize the following individuals for distinguished service at the 2001 Fall Faculty Convocation and Awards Ceremony Sept. 12. *(Recipients are photographed left to right).*



**SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor:** E. Gregory Keating, Ph.D. (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, Ph.D (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 Philanthropic Service, Individual:** Ruth Del Nero Wood, CFP



**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 Teaching:** Frank C. Smith, MD and James L. Greenwald, MD (College of Medicine, Clinical Department)



**President's Award for Excellence in Teaching:** Susan S. Graham, MS, MT (ASCP)SH, (College of Health Professions)  
 Barbara E. VanNoy, Ph.D, 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)



**President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service:** 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)

## SUNY Upstate seeks participants for major lung cancer screening study

Individuals who are at high risk for lung cancer due to smoking are invited to participate in a New York Early Lung Cancer Action (NY ELCAP) screening study at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Volunteers must be 60 years or older; have a history of smoking the equivalent of at least a pack of cigarettes a day for 10 years and have no history of cancer. Participants must have the lung, heart and general physical capacity to undergo surgery, if cancer is discovered. African Americans, Native Americans and Hispanics are especially encouraged to participate in the study as they are known to be at higher risk for lung cancer.

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. The test is painless. The entire process takes about one hour. 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.

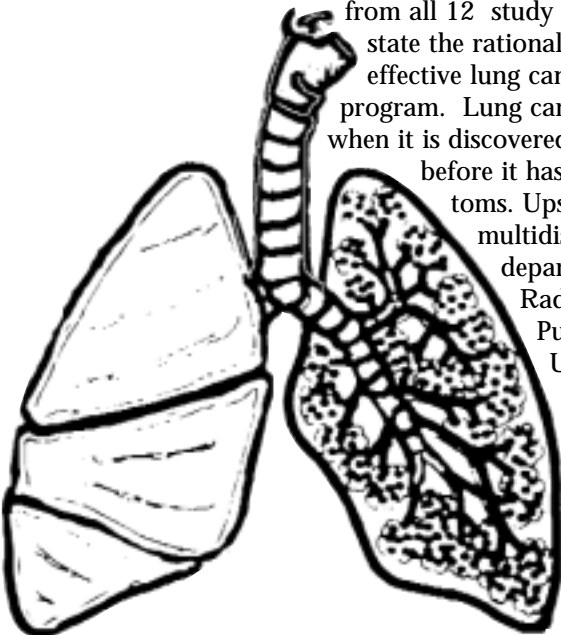
Volunteers who have completed baseline CT screening and have no documented malignancy during the ensuing year will undergo a one-year repeat low-dose CT screening, also free of charge.

Volunteers who show a positive scan will be asked to return for a diagnostic CT scan with high-resolution images. The results will be forwarded to the patient's personal physician for recommendation regarding referral and treatment.

To ensure confidentiality, each volunteer will be given a unique study number rather than a name.

Upstate Medical University is one of 12 sites in New York state to participate in the NY-ELCAP project. Data collected from all 12 study sites may provide the state the rationale to establish an effective lung cancer screening program. Lung cancer is often curable when it is discovered in an early stage, before it has caused any symptoms. Upstate's study is a multidisciplinary effort of the departments of Surgery, Radiology and Pulmonary Medicine at University Hospital.

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



## 2nd Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference scheduled Sept. 13

The 2nd Central New York Addiction Psychiatry Conference will be held Thursday, Sept. 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Carousel Center Skydeck. The program is of interest to psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurse specialists, social workers, allied mental health professionals, and drug and alcohol treatment clinicians. The conference is presented by the Department of Psychiatry and the Institute for Applied Psychiatry at Upstate Medical University and the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry. Steven L. Batki, M.D., professor and director of research for Upstate's Department of Psychiatry serves as the program director.

Conference participants and their presentations include: Edward V. Nunes, M.D. of Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons ("Depression and Addiction"); Elinore F. McCance-Katz, M.D., Ph.D. of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore ("Medications in Substance Abuse Treatment"); Stephen A. Maisto, Ph.D. of Syracuse University ("Brief Interventions in Alcoholism"); Lisa Najavits, M.D. of the Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital ("PTSD, Women, and Substance Use Disorders"); Robert P. Milin, M.D. of the University of Ottawa Faculty of Medicine ("Adolescent Substance Abuse: Development, Diagnosis, and Treatment"); and Steven L. Batki, M.D. ("Crack, Speed and Ecstasy: An Update on Stimulant Abuse").

CME Credit is available for six credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association. This offering has been submitted to the National Association of Social Workers of continuing education under the auspices of the National Association of Social Workers New York State Continuing Education Recognition Program for 6 contact hours and to SUNY Upstate Medical University Institute for Continuing Nursing Education.

Pre-registration is required. The deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 7. The registration fees are \$60 for clinical faculty of Upstate's Department of Psychiatry and \$85 for all others. Fees include registration materials, continental breakfast, lunch, breaks and CME credits.

To register for for information, call Darlene Black at 464-3130 or e-mail [blackd@upstate.edu](mailto:blackd@upstate.edu)

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

## Leukemia & Lymphoma "Light The Night Walk" is Sept. 20

More than 20 Upstate employees who will serve as team captains at the upcoming "Light the Night Walk" gathered to hear Dr. Teresa Gentile, associate professor of medicine at Upstate, and a specialist in the field of hematology/oncology speak about non-myeloablative allo transplants, a new technique for relapsed and refractory hematological malignancies. Dr. Gentile, Toni Bennett, Executive Director of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Rita Holbrook, Upstate "Light The Night" coordinator each spoke about the importance of raising funds to find cures for blood related diseases (leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma) and encouraged Upstate team captains to do all they can to recruit walkers and support for the event.

Upstate Medical University is a presenting sponsor for the 3rd Annual "Light the Night Walk," to be held Thursday, Sept. 20 at Long Branch Park, Liverpool. For more information on participating in the walk, call Rita Holbrook at 464-4523.

### Upstate Team Captains recruit more than 230 walkers

*(The participants pictured left to right are as follows: first row: Zanette Howe, Peggy Jedrzejewski, (banner) Rita Holbrook, Cheryl Cooke, Shari Garofalo.*

*second row: Janice Todeschini, Diane Clark, Judy Runfola, Linda Gruninger, Martha Barry, Maryann Merklein, Kathy Daby, Gloria Reyes Snyder, Esther DiCosta, Sue Finkenstadt*

*top row: Jane McCarthy, Chris Mieczkowski, Mark Clauss*



## 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 needed 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 [weinberh@upstate.edu](mailto:weinberh@upstate.edu) by Friday, Sept. 14.

## "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. 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.

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 course is presented by Upstate Medical University's Nursing Alumni Association and the Institute for Continuing Nursing Education. For more information, call 464-4278.

*Upstate Update is including a series of articles to assist hospital personnel to prepare for the autumn visit by JCAHO surveyors. Patient Safety is the sixth article in the series.*

## Patient Safety

The delivery of quality healthcare has always been a priority of University Hospital. In support of our mission, we strive to deliver care that is safe, effective, patient-centered, timely, efficient, and equitable to all of our customers. As we prepare for interactions with JCAHO surveyors, consider the individual, service line, and institutional safety factors that you routinely practice as well as some of the following hot topics that are likely to spark conversation:

### SENTINEL EVENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE.

Administrative Policy & Procedure S06, Sentinel Events, defines our policy. It includes a definition of a sentinel event, explains how to report a sentinel event, and provides an overview of our response (including a procedure for completing a Root Cause Analysis).

Be prepared to discuss any sentinel events or near-misses that have occurred, and how you responded to them.

### ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS.

Know that the purpose of a RCA is to identify the basic or causal factors of an event so that corrective action can be initiated to prevent similar events from occurring in the future. If you've participated on a RCA team, discuss your experience.

### JCAHO'S SENTINEL EVENT ALERTS.

JCAHO periodically publishes summaries of findings via Sentinel Event Alerts.

To date, there have been 20 issues, all of which are accessible from the JCAHO website @ [http://www.jcaho.org/ptsafety\\_frm.html](http://www.jcaho.org/ptsafety_frm.html).

Sentinel Event Alerts contain descriptions of problematic issues (e.g. Look Alike, Sound-Alike Drug Names, Wrong Site Surgery, Preventing Restraint Deaths), risk reduction strategies, and recommendations.

### YOUR PRACTICE.

Be prepared to discuss what you would do in the event of a sentinel event.

What would you do in the event of a near-miss?

Are you encouraged or discouraged from reporting medical error?

How do you involve patients in their care? Do you educate them about their role in helping to ensure safe care?

Are you involved in any quality improvement initiatives that deal with patient safety issues?

If you have any questions on the above items or on other issues of Patient Safety, please contact the Risk Management Department at 464-6177.

## OASIS 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.

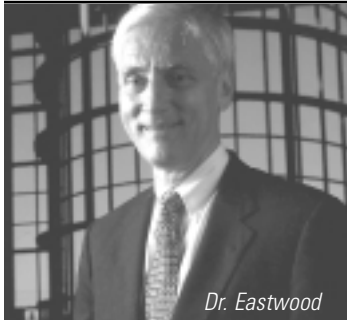
Major sponsors of the event include Merck Research Laboratories, WFBL and WSTM. The supporting sponsor is Alterra. Participating sponsors are Greenpoint Senior Living Community and Special Needs, Meals on Wheels of Syracuse, Inc., and Empire Medicare Services Part A.

For more information, contact OASIS at 464-6555.

## Children's Miracle Open raises more than \$50,000

The Children's Miracle Open, held in early August, attracted 256 golfers and raised more than \$50,000 thanks to the efforts of the Children's Miracle Open committee, volunteers and sponsors. A raffle for two domestic airline tickets, donated by BTI Americas, raised \$890 to purchase rocking chairs for the Pediatric Emergency Department waiting area. The tickets were won by Grace Drake of Baldwinsville. Serving as the 2001 Children's Miracle Open committee chairs were JoAnn Shupe, Rich Groth and Dick Robinson. Solvay Bank was the title sponsor.





Dr. Eastwood

### **Dr. Eastwood named Citizen of the Year**

Upstate Medical University President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD has received a 2001 Citizen of the Year award from Temple Adath Yeshurun for his dedication in providing inspiration to others through education and for his volunteer efforts to improve the quality of life in Central New York. Dr. Eastwood accepted his award at Temple Adath's Citizen of the Year Dinner. Past recipients of the Temple's Citizen of the Year award include Senator John A. DeFrancisco, former Syracuse Mayor Roy A. Bernardi and Syracuse University Chancellor Kenneth A. Shaw.

### **Dr. Trief presents at international conference**

Paula Trief, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry and

medicine at Upstate Medical University, was an invited speaker at the 2001 McKenzie Institute International Conference, recently held in Ottawa, Canada. Dr. Trief presented "Psychosocial Profile of the Chronic Spinal Pain Patient," and conducted a workshop, "Managing the Mechanically Inconclusive Patient." She will also co-host a delegation of 40 Danish psychologists in New York City, learning about the practice of health psychology in the U.S.

### **Annual health assessment process to expand**

Upstate's Employee/Student Health office in conjunction with Hospital Administration announces the expansion of the Annual Health Assessment (AHA) process.

Previously, employees who were located in University Hospital or in other clinical areas within the institution or who had direct patient contact were notified to report for an AHA. Strict interpretation of the New York State

Health Code (Part 405.3) now requires that all employees on hospital payroll be contacted each year by the Employee/Student Health Office for an assessment.

Employees on hospital payroll in the following areas will now be included in the assessment: Fiscal Services, Hospital Purchasing, Pathology, IMT, Accounts Payable, Central Stores, Payroll Services, Poison Control, Marketing and Business Development, Employee Labor Relations, Duplicating, Public and Media Relations and Record Storage and any other employees on the hospital payroll that did not have an AHA in the past year.

### **4th Annual Healthcare Mass is Sept. 30**

Health care providers and their families are invited to a Healthcare Mass, Sunday, Sept. 30 at 9:30 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Syracuse. Father Joseph Champlin will preside. More than 30 local healthcare providers will take active parts in the

liturgy as readers, greeters, musicians, and other liturgical ministers. Upstate Medical University participants include Rev. Alfred Bebel, Ben Moore III, and Grace Palmer. Individuals need not be Roman Catholic to participate in this ecumenical ceremony.

### **Nursing leaders achieve certification**

Six University Hospital nursing leaders recently achieved national certification in nursing administration or nursing administration advanced, an intensive national exam on the fiscal, ethics, human resources and professional practice aspects of nursing management offered by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Congratulations to: Sharon Klaiber, MS, RN, CNAA; Katie Mooney, MS, RN, CNAA; Kathy Jobson, BS, RN, CNA; Linda McAleer, BS, RN, CNA; Robin Wensel, BS, RN, CNA; and Fran Dennis, BS, RN, CNA.

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