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JULY 3 THROUGH JULY 17, 2002

In the Calendar

Society of Clinical Research Associates' Clinical Research Coordinator Certification

Exam. 7/12. Sign In: 8:30 a.m.
Exam: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Classrooms A & B. See Update calendar inside.

Take Note

Sept. 18 is date for Fall Faculty Convocation

Mark Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 4 p.m. on your calendar for SUNY Upstate Medical University's 2002 Fall Faculty Convocation, to be held in the Weiskotten Hall Medical Alumni Auditorium.

CAB summer hours announced

The summer hours for the Campus Activities Building (CAB) recreational facilities are 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; closed on weekends. For more information, call 464-8829.

University Hospital to celebrate National Child Life Week

University Hospital's pediatric floors will be the site of a weeklong celebration beginning July 8 to commemorate National Child Life Week.

Pediatric inpatients will receive a free balloon Monday, July 8.

The Pediatric Adolescent Center at University Health Care Center will hold its annual Kindergarten Day, Tuesday, July 9, when children will receive the requisite before-school physical exam as well as participate in a hand-washing clinic. Each patient will receive a book bag with school supplies. The day is being coordinated by child life specialist Marsha Kernan.

Also on Tuesday, storyteller Mrs. McPuppet will perform for patients at 11 a.m. in the 7B Conference Room at University Hospital. True to her name, Mrs. McPuppet will bring a retinue of puppet friends to assist her in her storytelling and singing.

On Wednesday, July 10, Kernan and child life specialist Colleen Turner will speak to a pre-school class at St. Patrick's School on what to expect when you visit the doctor.

An ice cream social for pediatric staff and patients will be held Friday, July 12 in 5342 University Hospital from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

Child life specialists are also encouraging staff to wear selected fashions throughout the week to coincide with a special theme:

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National Child Life Week to recognize the work of child life specialists

Margaret Nellis, a certified child life manager who directs University Hospital's Child Life Program, says providing children with an anxiety-free hospital stay is part of their job. Nellis and her team of child life specialists are never far from a pediatric patient and their family. "Being there is the most basic part of our role and it probably is one of the most important," she said.

When possible, the child life specialists meet with children and families prior to an admission to go over the resources and services available at the hospital and to give them a preview what their hospital stay will be like.

University Hospital child life specialists spend much of their time using play to help educate children about hospital procedures. Specially made dolls are used to show children what will happen when the nurse comes to change their dressing on their burn injuries or how a chemotherapy port will be put in place.

Parents, too, lean on the child life specialists for support, encouragement and also to learn some key lessons about being

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calendar

Wednesday, July 3

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

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

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Burn Survivors Support Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6408 University Hospital. Call 464-3600 for information.

Monday, July 8

AA Open Meeting. Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 464-5011 for more information.

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

Tuesday, July 9

Pediatric Adolescent Center Kindergarten Day in recognition of National Child Life Week. UHCC, third floor.

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

Management Series for Healthcare Leaders Videoconference. "Setting the Stage: Essential Skills for Healthcare Managers." 12:30 to 2 p.m. 9295 Weiskotten Hall. Visit www.upstate.edu/hr/train for more information.

Puppet Performance in recognition of National Child Life Week. 1 p.m. University Hospital, 7B Conference Room.

Defensive Driving Course. 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. 6500 University Hospital. Contact Ronald Daloia at 464-6134 for more information.

Wednesday, July 10

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

Workshop. "Introduction to Payroll." 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge. Email to STATEPR to register or call 464-4840 for more information.

Corporate Challenge On-Site Registration. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. University Hospital, second floor lobby.

Health Sciences Library Tour.

Noon. Meet at New Book area.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Thursday, July 11

Medical Grand Rounds.

"Adverse Drug Events and Selected Pharmacobabble." Presenter: David F. Lehmann, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Let's Not Meet By Accident.

Visiting School: Manlius Pebble High School. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Dept.

Friday, July 12

Society of Clinical Research Associates' Clinical Research Coordinator Certification Exam. Sign In: 8:30 a.m. Exam: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Classrooms A & B.

Ice Cream Social in recognition of National Child Life Week. (For pediatric staff and pediatric patients.) 2:30 to 4 p.m. 5342 University Hospital.

Monday, July 15

AA Open Meeting. See 7/8 Calendar listing.

Childbirth Education Class. See 7/8 Calendar listing.

Tuesday, July 16

Let's Not Meet By Accident.

Visiting School: Corcoran High School. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Dept.

Wednesday, July 17

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

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

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Thursday, July 18

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Let's Not Meet By Accident.

Visiting School: Manlius Pebble High School. 9 to 11:30 a.m. University Hospital, Emergency Dept.

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involved in their child's medical care.

Nellis says the best advice she can give parents is to begin a notebook documenting all aspects of their child's care. "This is an invaluable resource for parents," she said, "especially if a child has a chronic illness and will be in and out of hospitals with some frequency."

Another group that gets the attention of the child life specialists are the siblings of a hospitalized child. Often these healthy children are overlooked by parents who have turned their lives upside down to be at the bedside of their ill child.

In addition to their work at the bedside or in the exam room, the child life specialists at University Hospital are often found in the various playrooms located on the pedi-

atric floors and clinics. Here they play, paint, laugh and encourage their pediatric patients all the while looking for clues that may provide a hint to the patient's well-being.

In addition to Nellis, University Hospital child life specialists are Janice Whitcombe, Colleen Turner, Regina Lozito and Marsha Kernan, who works out of the University Health Care Center (UHCC).

All of University Hospital's child life specialists are certified by the Child Life Council. To obtain certification, child life specialists must complete 480 hours of child life experience, as well as pass a national child life certification exam.

For more information on University Hospital's Child Life Program, call 464-9063.

Grief and trauma service opens to University Hospital staff July 29

University Hospital's new Crisis Management and Trauma Response Program, directed by Kathleen Kurtz, PhD, has formed a Critical Incident Stress & Bereavement Trauma Team to help staff exposed to trauma and grief and patients and families overwhelmed by complicated grief or trauma issues.

The service begins Monday, July 29. Questions should be referred to Dr. Kathleen Kurtz at 464-6173. Anyone needing an intervention is encouraged to call the Trauma Team beeper number at 467-3232.

SCCFM announces Fall schedule

The Syracuse Consortium for the Cultural Foundations of Medicine (SCCFM) announces its elective courses for Fall 2002, to be held from Aug. 27 through Dec. 18. The courses are:

Ethics and the Health Professions. The course, to be held Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. in 010 Health Sciences Library, will be taught by Robert W. Daly, MD, of SUNY Upstate's psychiatry and bioethics and humanities departments, Frank Szmalc, MD, of SUNY Upstate's surgery department and Robert Flower, PhD, of Lemoyne College's philosophy department. The course examines the origins and use of ethical theories in the clinical, professional, organizational, and political-economic fields of SUNY; action in health care.

Medicine in Literature and Film. The course, to be held Wednesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. in Weiskotten Hall, will be taught by Deirdre Neilen, PhD, of SUNY Upstate's Center for Bioethics and Humanities. The course explores the relationships between artistic creators and medicine through the study of novels, film, short stories, and essays about medical situations, characters and themes.

SCCFM is a cooperative program of SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse University and LeMoyne College. Courses are open to upper division undergraduate, graduate students and faculty from the cooperating institutions and to members of the public who hold bachelor's degrees. The permission of the instructor is required.

SUNY Upstate Medical and College of Health Professions students may register in 203 Campus Activities Building. The public may register through any of the three institutions.

For information, contact Peg Braungart at 464-6915 or SCCFM Coordinator Linda Chow at 464-8449.

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Monday, July 8 is Tie-Dye Day.

Tuesday, July 9 is Character Day. Staff members will be wearing clothing featuring a favorite character, such as Winnie the Pooh or Mickey Mouse.

Wednesday, July 10 is Hat Day.

Thursday, July 11 is Sports Day. Be sure to wear items that sport a team logo!

Friday, July 12 is Tie Day. Any shape, size or color necktie will do.

Saturday, July 13 is Button Day.

Sunday, July 14 is Beach Day. Dress like you are going to the seashore.

In addition, artwork by pediatric patients will be on display in the hospital lobby and on the fourth, fifth and seventh floors. An information booth on the role of the child life specialist will be set up in the second floor lobby of the hospital.

Corporate Challenge

Tuesday, August 6 at 6:25 p.m.
Onondaga Lake Parkway

Entry fee: \$16

(cash or checks payable to "Faculty Student Association")

On-site registration:

Wednesday, July 10

11 am to 1:30 p.m., 2nd floor lobby,

University Hospital. Bring signed Runner's Release Form

(available at Hospital Information desk, Weiskotten Information Desk and C.A.B. Cafeteria) and entry fee.

Register by July 10 to receive a shirt (tank or t-shirt)

You may also send your release form, check and shirt preference and size to Becky Cerio, Marketing Dept., 250 Harrison St., 4th floor.

FINAL REGISTRATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, JULY 18

Shirts and numbers will be available for pick up on Monday, Aug. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor lobby of UH or at the event.



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SUNY Upstate Medical University

Michael Roizen, MD, receives education honor

Michael Roizen, MD, professor of anesthesiology, received the 2002 Francis "Joe" Dannemiller Award for Educational Excellence in Anesthesiology. The award, presented by the Dannemiller Memorial Educational Foundation, is named for the former chair and director of the Anesthesiology Residency Training Program at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio. The award recognizes recipients for their dedication to medicine and devotion to teaching others in both the art and science of anesthesiology.

Barbara Krenzer, MD, joins Palliative Care Consultation Service

Barbara Krenzer, MD, associate professor of medicine at SUNY Upstate, has joined the team of University Hospital's Palliative Care Consultation Service which provides high quality end-of-life care to inpatients at University Hospital. The consultation service is available to all patients with advanced

illness and offers help in symptom management, goal setting and psychosocial support. The team attempts to coordinate the many hospital services, working with the primary team, social services, pastoral care and outpatient services.

Dr. Krenzer joins Patricia L. Knox, RN, and Wendy Edwards, MD, in providing this hospital-supported program to patients and their families.

Susan D. Miller elected NYPTA President

Sue Miller, assistant professor of Physical Therapy Education in the College of Health Professions, was elected president of the New York Physical Therapy Association (NYPTA). A long time member of NYPTA, she previously served the Association as speaker, vice president, and as the Chapter Judicial Committee Chair.

NYPTA is the second largest chapter in the United States with approximately 5,000 licensed therapists (PTs), physical therapist assistants (PTAs) and PT/PTA student members.

The NYPTA is dedicated to serving the public's health interests, improving the standard of health for people of all ages, and advancing the interests of physical therapists in the state of New York.

Eric Foertch named Environmental Hygiene Officer

Eric Foertch has joined the Office of Environmental Health and Safety as Environmental Hygiene Officer, assisting SUNY Upstate departments and laboratories with questions on chemical handling, disposal and environmental concerns. Foertch earned a bachelor's degree in physics and multiple science from LeMoyne College in 1990.

Raffle winners of New Product & Education Fair announced

More than 325 University Hospital staff members attended the "New Product & Education Fair" held June 11 and 12. The event was sponsored by University Hospital's Education Coordinating Council and the Value Analysis Program.

The next fair will be Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 30 and 31. More information regarding October's fair will be announced at a later date. Congratulations to the fair's raffle winners:

Carmella Mertz of AP1 and Sue Heselton of 8M who each won fleece jackets; Don Schubauer of 7B and Janet Pelletier of CPICU who each won golf shirts; Laurie Typhair of PM&R who won an umbrella; Christine Fadden of ASC, Lori Curtis of ASC and Chad Hanifin of PM&R who each won NASCAR videos; and Peggy Lee of 6B who won a candy basket.

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