

# U P S T A T E update

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for the  
SUNY Upstate  
Medical University  
Community

JULY 17 THROUGH JULY 31, 2002

## In the Calendar

### Payroll Services Workshop.

"Introduction to Payroll." 7/24. 9 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge. 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.

### Address change for Institutional Review Board (IRB) protocol

Investigators who have a research study moving to the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) in the Institute for Human Performance must submit this change to the IRB as an amendment to the protocol. In addition, amendments may be needed to the consent document to reflect the new location of the CRU. For information, contact Donna Welch via groupwise at welchdo@upstate.edu or at 4-4317.

## President Eastwood attends RPI roundtable with Senator Clinton

SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood was one of 25 Upstate New York college and university presidents invited to attend a round-table discussion with U.S. Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton last month at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y.

Senator Clinton discussed the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA), which if implemented seeks to increase access to postsecondary education for all students and improve teacher-training programs to deal with the national teacher shortage.

While national discussion regarding education has primarily surrounded issues related to elementary and secondary school education, Clinton noted that higher education must remain a leading player in trying to improve the economy, especially in Upstate New York.

"Senator Clinton was clear that colleges and universities need to help develop the workforce, focus on intellectual property generation which is rooted in the research capability of universities and colleges, educate

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SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD talks with U.S. Senator Hillary Clinton at a higher education roundtable June 24 at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.



Children's Miracle Open to be held Aug. 9

The 15th Annual Children's Miracle Open Golf Tournament will be held rain or shine, Friday, Aug. 9 at Foxfire at Village Green in Baldwinsville.

The tournament will use a Captain 'n Crew format and features two shotgun starts (7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.), hole-in-one, dinner, and awards program. Awards will be given in three divisions: women, men and mixed.

Tickets are available for morning tee only at a cost of \$125 per golfer. The fee includes breakfast, lunch, dinner, greens fees and carts, prizes, refreshments on the course, and hole-in-one registrations.

The Children's Miracle Open is presented by Upstate Medical University Foundation and University Hospital. It is sponsored in part by WIXT News Channel 9, WSYR Radio, Solvay Bank and Kinney Drugs.

The pre-registration deadline is Friday, Aug. 2. To register or for more information, call the Foundation Office at 464-4416.

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# calendar

## Wednesday, July 17

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

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Wsk. Hall, meet at New Book area.

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

## Thursday, July 18

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "HIV: Update 2002." Presenter: Donald Blair, MD, SUNY 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.

## Monday, July 22

**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 23

**Light the Night Kickoff Breakfast.** 8:30 a.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

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

**Workshop.** "Human Resources: Managing Your Most Precious Resource." 12:30 to 2 p.m. 9295 Wsk. Hall. To pre-register, contact Sandy Hutt via email HUTTS or visit <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/tra> in for more information.

**Free Health Seminar.** "Common Diseases of the

Thyroid." Presenter, Roberto Izquierdo, MD, SUNY Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, lower level of ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Wednesday, July 24

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

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

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

**University Health Care Center Open House (in celebration of its 5th Anniversary).** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. 90 Presidential Plaza.

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

## Thursday, July 25

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "Feeding the Heart with Fat: The Bad and the Ugly." Presenter: Ira J. Goldberg, MD, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

**Workshop.** "The Civil Service Merit System: How to Make it Work For You." 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. UHCC fourth floor conference room. Register by contacting Sandy Hutt, Organizational Training and Development, 464-5463 or email HUTTS.

**Seminar.** "Oncology Clinical Research: A Program for Investigators." Noon to 5 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Classrooms A & B. Sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Clinical Trials Office.

RSVP by calling 464-5476.

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

**Free Health Seminar.** "Does My Child Need Speech Therapy?" Presenter, Beth Soeder, SUNY Upstate Medical University. 5 to 6 p.m. HealthLink, lower level of ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Friday, July 26

**Workshop.** "MEDLINE on the Web." 11 a.m. to noon. Health Sciences Library, meet at reference desk. Call 464-4581 to register.

**Blood Drive.** 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. C.A.B., first floor. Call 464-8668 to schedule an appointment.

## Monday, July 29

**AA Open Meeting.** See 7/22 Calendar listing.

**Free Health Seminar.** "Understanding Lymphedema." Presenter, Pamela Lamb, SUNY Upstate Medical University. 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. HealthLink, lower level of ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Tuesday, July 30

**Workshop.** "Managing Conflict and Change." 12:30 to 2 p.m. 9295 Wsk. Hall. To pre-register, contact Sandy Hutt via email HUTTS or visit <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/tra> in for more information.

**Free Health Seminar.** "Your Health & International Travel." Presenter, Sharlene A. Nemitz, NP, SUNY Upstate Medical University.

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. HealthLink, lower level of ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Wednesday, July 31

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

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Wsk. Hall, meet at New Book area.

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

**Free Health Seminar.** "The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Concussion." Presenter, Brian Rieger, PhD, SUNY Upstate Medical University. 5 to 6 p.m. HealthLink, lower level of ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Thursday, Aug. 1

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "Evidenced-Based Management of Portal Hypertension." Presenter: Robert Levine, MD, SUNY Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

## University Hospital to sponsor Blood Drive July 26

The University Hospital Health and Wellness Committee will sponsor a blood drive, Friday, July 26 from 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the first floor of the Campus Activities Building. Contact Health Connections at 464-8668 to schedule an appointment.

# Free Health Seminars

Roundtable discussion with Senator Clinton *continued from page 1*

faculty about intellectual property concepts and entrepreneurship, and attract minorities and women," Dr. Eastwood said.

She also said that upstate universities need to foster new partnerships with other academic institutions and the private sector "to increase federal research dollars for projects in New York state in biotechnology, information technology, and nanotechnology."

SUNY Upstate has already made such partnerships a priority. Recent discussions with SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry and private sector sponsors have led to preliminary plans for a biotech research center on campus. Last year SUNY Upstate along with other medical and research centers in Upstate New York formed UNYCoR, which hopes to strengthen and encourage greater research collaboration among the key players. SUNY Upstate collaborated with SUNY ESF, Syracuse University, and private sector sponsors to open the Indoor Environmental Quality Center, located in the Institute for Human Performance.

"Senator Clinton would very much like to see these partnerships continue to grow and foster new relationships that could fuel more job growth and spark greater technology transfer opportunities, while at the same time attracting more federal support for research to Upstate New York," Dr. Eastwood said. "It's clear that she is committed to improving the Upstate economy and she sees higher education as part of the solution."

## Memo outlines restrictions for state employees' political campaigns

The New York State Ethics Commission has issued a memorandum pertaining to political campaign activities by state employees. While employees are not discouraged from participating in the political campaign process, there must be a clear separation between their political campaign activities and the proper discharge of their duties as state employees.

Political campaign activities are not within the scope of the official duties of Executive Branch employees and may not be conducted on paid state time. In addition all state vehicles, equipment and resources as a general rule may not be used for non-governmental purposes.

For more information pertaining to the prohibition against certain political activities, visit the New York State Ethics Commission web site at <http://www.dos.state.ny.us/ethc/poliacts.html>.

### Common Diseases of the Thyroid

**Tuesday, July 23  
6 to 7 p.m.**

*Presenter: Roberto Izquierdo, MD*

The thyroid is the gland that produces hormones that manage growth, muscle tone and the body's use of fats, proteins and carbohydrates. And it's a gland that often malfunctions. Learn about thyroid nodules, hypothyroidism (underactive thyroid) and hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid).

### Does My Child Need Speech Therapy?

**Thursday, July 25  
5 to 6 p.m.**

*Presenter: Beth Soeder, MA, SLP-CCC*

Learn from a licensed speech language pathologist what normal speech development is for children and what is not the norm. How does a parent determine what their child needs and where to find it?

### Understanding Lymphedema

**Monday, July 29  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Pamela Lamb, PTA, CWS*

Lymphedema can be a debilitating outcome of surgery especially for post

cancer patients and those with vascular disorders. Learn about the normal lymphatic system as well as the causes of lymphedema, its stages, prevention methods, and management (incl., bandaging, compression garments, exercises).

### Your Health & International Travel

**Tuesday, July 30  
5:30 to 6:30 p.m.**

*Presenter: Sharlene A. Nemitz, NP*

Learn about common, preventable health risks of international travel including tips to reduce the risks; recent outbreaks of infections; and websites and sources available relating to specific itineraries.

### The Short- and Long-Term Effects of Concussion

**Wednesday, July 31  
5 to 6 p.m.**

*Presenter: Brian Rieger, PhD*

This session will review the mechanisms of injury in concussion and sports related concussion, and describe both the short- and possible long-term problems and symptoms associated with concussion. Prevention methods will also be covered.

To register, call  
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## University Health Care Center marks anniversary with Open House July 24

University Health Care Center (UHCC) will mark its fifth anniversary with a celebration to be held Wednesday, July 24. A breakfast will be held for UHCC employees, recognizing them for their service to UHCC. The breakfast will be followed by an Open House for all Upstate employees to view the many services UHCC offers. The Open House, to be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., includes refreshments. UHCC's specialty areas include breast care, dental, neurology, pediatric/adolescent, women's health services, Perinatal Center, medicine outpatient centers, the Joslin Diabetes Center, and radiology services.



## Information available on Syracuse University Remitted Nursing Credits

Information on Syracuse University Remitted Nursing Credits for the fall 2002 semester is now available on the web at <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/train> or forms can be obtained from the Nursing Staffing Office, located in 1816 University Hospital. Information on eligibility is listed on the form. The deadline for submitting applications for fall 2002 credits is Friday, July 26. Contact Michaele Wendell, Organizational Training and Development at 464-4401 with questions.

## Program for investigators set for July 25

"Oncology Clinical Research: A Program for Investigators" will be held Thursday, July 25 from noon to 5 p.m. in classrooms A & B in the Institute for Human Performance. The program is open to anyone who is interested in the conduct of clinical trials research.

The program includes an investigator responsibility overview that describes the regulatory requirements for conducting oncology research involving human subjects, differentiates the responsibilities and jurisdictions of the DHHS and the FDA, and identifies and discusses the use of the FDA forms required for the conduct of clinical research. Human subject protection will also be discussed, specifically identifying two processes for protection of human research subjects, demonstrating an adequate informed consent process and identifying steps to enhance subject accrual to trials.

The program is sponsored by the Clinical Trials Office. RSVP by calling 464-5476.

## Workshops to explain the NYS Merit System July 25

Donna-Marie Parker of Human Resources will present two identical workshops, titled "The Civil Service Merit System: How to Make it Work For You," Thursday, July 25 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the UHCC fourth floor conference room. The program will provide employees who wish to obtain a position that requires a Civil Service examination with an overview of the NYS Merit System.

The workshops will identify and describe different career mobility options, including transfers and reassignments; assess how various career

moves/changes can impact your career (e.g., status on eligible lists when transferring to another agency); explain the various types of examination announcements, filing procedures, tests and resulting eligible lists; list all types of appointments; and describe their impact on exam eligibility

Seating is limited. Pre-registration is required. To register, contact Sandy Hutt, Organizational Training and Development, 4-5463 or email HUTTS. Classes may be canceled due to low enrollment.

## 2nd Annual Research Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon is Aug. 22

The Department of Research Administration and the Clinical Trials Office will present the 2nd Annual Sponsor Appreciation Luncheon and tour of the Institute for Human Performance (IHP) Thursday, Aug. 22 from noon to 2 p.m. in the IHP. The event is offered as a way to recognize industry collaboration and support of research at SUNY Upstate.

Clinical investigators who are interested in attending should R.S.V.P. by Aug. 15 by visiting: [www.upstate.edu/research/clintrial](http://www.upstate.edu/research/clintrial)

## Oncology Services Golf Outing is Sept. 7 in Baldwinsville

University Hospital's Oncology Services will sponsor a golf outing to raise funds for activities within the service line Saturday, Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. at the Seneca Golf Course in Baldwinsville. The fees are \$65 per golfer or \$200 per foursome and include nine holes of golf, cart, and dinner after the tournament.

The event includes a shotgun start and a Captain 'n Crew format. Contests and prizes are included in the day's event. For more information, call 464-6583 and ask to speak to a patient service leader.

## Biomedical Sciences Retreat is Sept. 25

The Biomedical Sciences Retreat will be held Sept. 25 at Welch Allyn's the Lodge in Skaneateles. The retreat begins with a continental breakfast at 8 a.m. and concludes with dinner at 6 p.m. The retreat features keynote speaker Kathleen J. Green, PhD, of the Department of Pathology at Northwestern University Medical School, College of Graduate Studies faculty presentations and a student poster session. A continental breakfast, luncheon and dinner will

be served. The retreat is sponsored by SUNY Upstate's College of Graduate Studies. Registration deadline is Sept. 15. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline date. For more information, contact Sandi Granger at 464-7655.



## Department of Surgery announces the following appointments:

Elisabeth Dexter, MD, who will begin in August as assistant professor of surgery, is board-certified in general and thoracic surgery with expertise in complex thoracic surgical cases and special interest in chest wall resection, esophageal surgery, and thoracoscopic surgery. For patient appointments, call 464-6321.

Guillermo Quetell, MD, is assistant professor of surgery specializing in cosmetic, plastic and reconstructive surgery. He is board-certified in surgery and board-eligible in plastic surgery. For patient appointments, call 464-8668.

Obeid N. Ilahi, MD, is assistant professor of surgery specializing in critical care and trauma. He is board-certified in surgery and a member of the AMA, American College of Surgeons, and the Society

of Critical Care Medicine. For patient appointments, call 464-5829.

Carl A. Weiss, III, MD, PhD, is assistant professor of surgery specializing in minimally invasive surgery, including bariatric surgery. He also has a PhD in experimental surgery. He is board-certified in General Surgery and is a member of the American College of Surgeons and SAGES. For patient appointments, call 464-5829.

Charles J. Lutz, MD, is assistant professor of surgery, performing adult cardiac surgery, with special interest and expertise in off-pump bypass, mitral valve repair and Maze procedure. He is board-certified in surgery and is a member of the American College of Surgeons and the Association for Academic Surgery. For patient appointments, call 464-5812.

## Grief and trauma service open to hospital staff beginning 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 who are exposed to trauma and grief and patients and families who are overwhelmed by complicated grief or trauma issues.

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

## Taking Steps to Prevent Drowning

Each year in New York State, hundreds of people drown or are hospitalized for injuries that occur while underwater, some of which result in brain damage.

Drowning can be prevented. Here's what you can do:

- Never swim alone. Always swim with a buddy. Keep an eye on each other. Parents should make sure that they are watching their children, even when other adults or a lifeguard is present.
- Don't drink alcohol if you are planning to swim or go boating. Alcohol slows reaction time and affects balance and judgment.
- Use extra caution if you have a medical condition, such as a seizure disorder, diabetes or a heart problem that can cause disability or loss of consciousness while in the water. A change in medication or skipping medication can have disastrous results.
- Be aware that in natural bodies of water, swift current, deep water and/or a sudden drop-off can get you in trouble even if you are a good swimmer.

• Recognize a drowning person when you see one. Many people think that if someone is not calling for help, that person is not in trouble. When someone is drowning, he or she is trying to breathe, not speak. It may appear that the person is splashing or waving. Typically, the person thrashes in the water with arms extended, attempting to keep his or her head above water. This happens very fast...in as few as 20 seconds or as long as a minute. Any delay can be fatal.

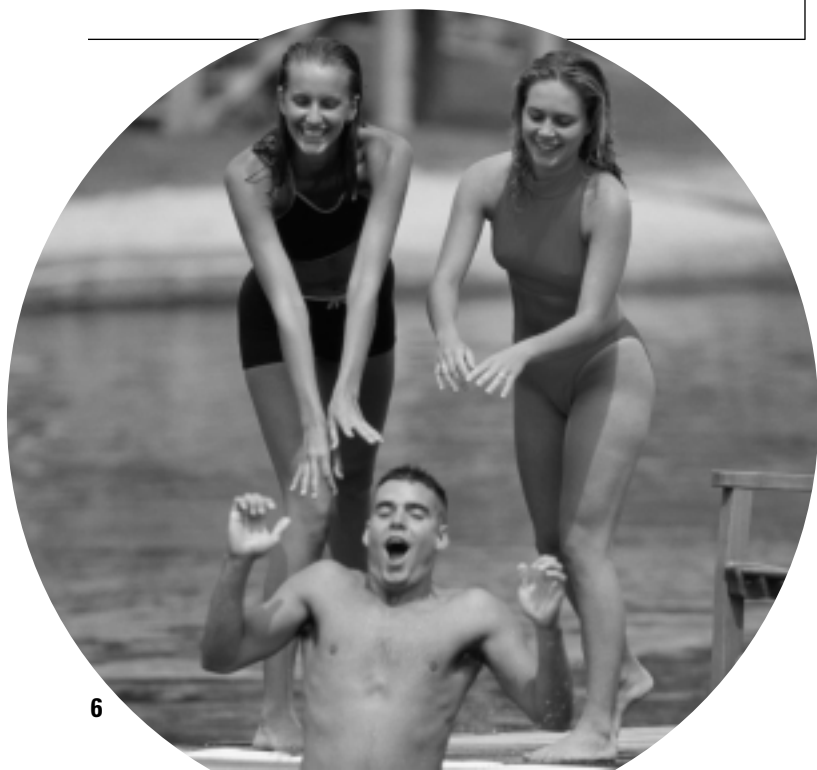
*courtesy of the NYS Department of Health*

## SUNY Upstate thanks Employee Recognition Day sponsors

SUNY Upstate Medical University offers special thanks to the following sponsors for their generous contributions to Upstate's Employee Recognition Day celebration, held this past June at the OnCenter in downtown Syracuse:

- Advocates For SUNY Upstate Medical University
- Ancestor's Inn at the Bassett House
- Bally's Total Fitness Center
- Bob Evans Restaurant, Syracuse
- Bradley's Jewelers, Syracuse
- College of Health Professions Physical Therapy Club
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- Department of Radiation Oncology
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- Longaberger Baskets, Diane Belanger
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- Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC), Robert Halton
- Yukon River Grill

Visit <http://www.upstate.edu/events/new.shtml> for the list of Employee Recognition Day door prize winners.





## Susan Stowell works to remove barriers to early cancer diagnosis for Native American women

Susan Stowell recently participated in a Native American “See, Test and Treat” program where women are seen, tested, diagnosed and treated in one visit. Stowell is a cytotechnologist and associate professor and program director of cytotechnology at the College of Health Professions at SUNY Upstate.

Stowell joined an alliance of physicians, nurses, and cytotechnologists who volunteered their services to provide breast and cervical cancer screening for more than 135 women at the Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare Facility in Rosebud, S.D.

According to statistics, Native American women have the highest cervical cancer rate among U.S. population groups. A major reason for this inequity is the absence of early cancer diagnoses in this population. Socio-economic factors, including lack of education about Pap tests and poor access to transportation systems contribute to this problem.

The women were given a pelvic exam, along with a Pap test to detect any potential early signs of cervical cancer. They received their results immediately, and if needed, they received follow-up tests during the same visit. Women also received a breast exam and, if indicated, a mammogram screening test for the early detection of breast cancer.

The “See, Test and Treat” program was sponsored by the College of American Pathologists, the Rosebud Comprehensive Healthcare Facility, a coalition of obstetricians/gynecologists, Native American women, pathologists, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, cytotechnologists, nurse practitioners, health care providers in the Rosebud area and other medical professionals.

## Waiting time for hospital elevators cut in half thanks to computerization

A new upgraded computer system that controls elevator operations at University Hospital has cut elevator waiting time nearly in half. The upgraded system, which has been implemented over the last two years, has dropped the average wait for an elevator from 64 seconds to 38 seconds.

That’s a lot of time when you consider the main lobby elevators carry more than 3,500 people—staff, visitors and patients—each day. Nearly 4,300 trips occur between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on a typical day

“We’ve got smart elevators now,” said Gary Kittell, director of physical plant. “The computer system monitors elevator traffic and finds the most appropriate car to stop at a specified floor, taking into account all of the various destination choices users have made along with other factors, such as emergency transport and elevator load.”

Kittell said the wait for an elevator can improve even further as more visitors are directed to the North Wing elevators, which open closer to patient care areas than the main lobby elevators.

One of the more visible signs that the elevators have been upgraded is a TV monitor that hangs just above the bank of four elevators in the hospital lobby. The monitor provides more information than simply what floor the elevator is currently on. It shows where the elevator has been requested to stop by individuals on the various floors as well as what floor buttons have been pressed from inside the elevator. That information is then calculated through a set of elevator algorithms to determine the most appropriate and quickest elevator car to send to a particular floor.

A card access system has replaced the key access system to call elevators for patient or emergency transport. An elevator that has been summoned for patient transport will open at the nearest floor; a recorded voice will tell people to exit the elevator as it is needed for patient transport.

The installation of a computer system to monitor and control elevator use is part of the hospital’s elevator modernization project that has been developed by the state’s Office of General Services (OGS). A team from OGS surveyed elevator operations with regard to traffic flow, maintenance and code requirements and suggested various upgrades.

“This is the first time we have upgraded the hospital elevators since the building opened in 1965,” said Kittell. “In addition to the computerized traffic control, we’ve improved or replaced all parts of the elevator systems, including cars, controls, tracks and cables.”

Kittell said the elevators that connect University Hospital to Weiskotten Hall will be upgraded in the near future.



# in the spotlight...

SUNY Upstate Medical University

Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, elected to national nursing organization post

SUNY Upstate Medical University President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, has been elected vice president of the Friends of the National Institute



of Nursing Research (FNINR). FNINR supports research-based nursing

practice by educating nursing professionals and the public about advances made through nursing research and its benefits to patients, families, communities and health care. In addition to seeking research support for research in nursing, FNINR's mission is to help recognize talented nurse researchers, and build greater awareness of nursing research.

Shawky Badawy, MD, receives APGO Teaching Award

Shawky Z.A. Badawy, MD, has received the 2002 Teaching Award from the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics

(APGO) for demonstrating excellence in teaching and for his contributions to the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Badawy is professor and chair of obstetrics and gynecology.

APGO, a non-profit, membership-based organization for women's health educators, promotes excellence in obstetric-gynecologic medical education by improving the study, teaching methods and research activities of professors who provide medical training for women's health care.



Shawky Z.A. Badawy, MD

Leslie J. Kohman, MD named Cancer Liaison Physician

Leslie J. Kohman, MD, has received a three-year appointment as cancer liaison physician for the Hospital Cancer Program at SUNY Upstate. The program is an integral part of the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Kohman is among a national network of more

than 1,600 volunteer cancer liaison physicians who provide leadership and support to the Approvals Program and other Commission on Cancer activities at their local facility.

Walter Huda, PhD, named honorary member of Society for Pediatric Radiology

Walter Huda, PhD, has been named an honorary member of The Society for Pediatric Radiology. Dr. Huda is professor and director of Radiological Physics in the Department of Radiology, and an adjunct professor of physics in the Department of Physics at SUNY Upstate.

The Society for Pediatric Radiology is a professional medical organization, committed to improving the health care of patients by providing excellence in diagnostic imaging and treatment of neonates, infants, children and adolescents.

## Pharmacy News

Members of SUNY Upstate Medical University made two presentations at the 2002 Spring meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, held in Savannah. Roy Guharoy, Nancy Page, Karen Hirschman and David Lehmann presented "Prevention of Medication Misadventures: a Myth or Reality? A Team Effort by Physician, Nursing and Pharmacy in Implementing a Non-Punitive Adverse event Reporting System." Roy Guharoy, Frederick Rose, David Duggan, Jeanna Marraffa and Syed Nazeer presented "A Rare Case of Vancomycin-Induced Thrombocytopenia."

Seven papers were presented at the annual meeting of the New York Council of Health System Pharmacists, held in Sagamore. Authors of the papers are Roy Guharoy, Joseph Medicis, Jeanna Marraffa, and Russell Yandon.

An article by SUNY Upstate's Jennifer Bowes, PharmD, titled "Concomitant Administration of Drugs Known to Decrease the Systemic Availability of Gatifloxacin" appears in the June issue of "Pharmacotherapy."

The following SUNY Upstate individuals were elected to office for the Central New York Society of Health System Pharmacists, 2002-03: President: Russell Yandon, President-elect: Roy Guharoy, Secretary: Jeanna Marraffa, Treasurer: Bruce Stalder.

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