

# U P S T A T E update

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for the  
SUNY Upstate  
Medical University  
Community

JULY 30 THROUGH AUGUST 13, 2003

## Take Note

**16th Annual Children's  
Miracle Open. 8/8. Start  
times: 7:30 a.m. and  
12:30 p.m. Foxfire**

**Golf and Tennis  
Club.**

*See Update  
Calendar inside.*



## University Hospital is now smoke-free

Due to the state's new no-smoking law that took effect July 24, University Hospital has closed its only designated indoor smoking area located on the fourth floor.



State University of New York



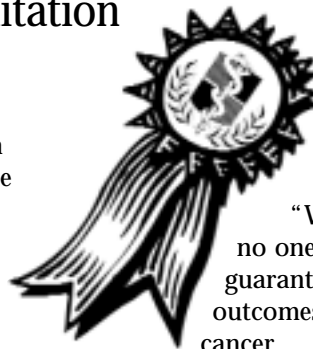
**Upstate  
Medical  
University**

## Cancer care at University Hospital earns key accreditation

Cancer care at University Hospital has earned a key accreditation from the American College of Surgeons' Commission on Cancer (COC).

The accreditation signifies that University Hospital meets the standards set by the COC for quality multidisciplinary cancer care delivered in the hospital setting. The accreditation was awarded after an indepth review, including an on-site evaluation, of University Hospital's cancer-related services, including screening, imaging, radiation oncology, medical oncology, support services, research, rehabilitation and prevention. The COC also offered a commendation for University Hospital's strong clinical trials program.

University Hospital—the only hospital in Syracuse to receive the COC accreditation—earned the highest score possible when 47 mandatory standards were reviewed. Only 27 percent of approved hospitals received such a score.



“While  
no one can  
guarantee  
outcomes for  
cancer

patients, the accreditation from the Commission on Cancer confirms that our patients receive the best in diagnosis and treatment,” said oncologist Sheila Lemke, MD, who chairs University Hospital's cancer committee.

According to the commission, the accreditation can be extremely valuable to hospitals since statistics show that 82 percent of newly diagnosed patients with cancer are treated in the programs accredited by the COC.

University Hospital treats more than 14,000 cancer patients a year and offers a wide variety of oncology services, including multidisciplinary assessments for pediatric, breast, orthopedic, head and neck, and gynecologic cancers. It also offers formal programs for

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## NIH course to begin in October

SUNY Upstate's Clinical Trials Office will present the videoconference course “Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Clinical Research.” The course will meet from 5 to 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays from October through February 2004. The course is sponsored by the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. A certificate will be awarded upon successful completion of the course, including a final exam.

The course objectives are to become familiar with the basic epidemiologic methods involved in clinical research; to be able to discuss the principles involved in the ethics of clinical research, the legal issues involved in clinical research, and the regulations involved in human subjects research, including the role of IRBs in clinical research; to become familiar with the principles and issues involved in monitoring patient-oriented research; and to be able to discuss the infrastructure required in

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# calendar

## Wednesday, July 30

**Scrub Sale** to benefit CNY Children's Miracle Network. Crouse Hospital, small cafeteria.

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

**The Fish Philosophy Workshop** (train the trainer program). 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. C.A.B. East Lounge. Call 464-5463 to register.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7193 for information.

## Thursday, July 31

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

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

**Free Health Seminar. "Women and Heart Disease"** (first in a series). Lisa Kozlowski, MD, Upstate Medical University. 2 to 3 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

## Friday, Aug. 1

**Organizational Training and Development Program.** "Power Tools for Team Leaders: Designing Discussion, Building Consensus." 8 a.m. to noon. 1328B University Hospital. Call 464-5463 to register or for more information.

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Lecture Series.** "PTL/PPROM." Anmar Mansour, MD, Upstate Medical University. "PTL/PPROM." Anmar Mansour, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 to

9:30 a.m. "Prenatal Care." Richard Aubry, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:45 to 11 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

**SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.** 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

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

## Sunday, August 2

**CSEA Clambake.** 5 to 10 p.m. Hinderwadel's Grove, North Syracuse.

## Monday, August 4

**AA Open Meeting.** Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 463-5011 for more information.

**SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.** 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

## Tuesday, August 5

**Corporate Challenge.** 6:25 p.m. Onondaga Lake Parkway. Call 464-4263 or 464-7371 for information.

## Wednesday, August 6

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

**The Fish Philosophy Workshop** (train the trainer program). See 7/30 Calendar listing.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 7/30 Calendar listing.

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

## Thursday, August 7

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

**Organizational Training and Development Program.** "Customer Service—Priceless!" 8:30 a.m. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall. Call 464-5463 to register or for more information.

**Lecture. "The Benefits of Using the Clinical Research Unit (CRU)."** Suzan Carusone, RN, and Kris Brindak, RN, Upstate Medical University. Lunch: 11:45 a.m. Lecture: Noon. Institute for Human Performance. Tour of CRU to follow program. Call 464-5476 to R.S.V.P. Sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Clinical Trials Office.

## Friday, August 8

**16th Annual Children's Miracle Open.** Start times: 7:30 a.m. And 12:30 p.m. Foxfire Golf and Tennis Club. Pre-registration required. Call 464-4416 for information.

**Organizational Training and Development Program.** "Action Planning: More Power Tools for Team Leaders." 8 a.m. to noon. 1328B University Hospital. Call 464-5463 to register or for more information.

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Lecture Series.** "Vaginal Bleeding." Mohamad Farhat, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. "Amenorrhea." Shawky Badawy, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:45 to 11 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

**CPR Classes.** 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to noon; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

## Monday, August 11

**AA Open Meeting.** See 8/4 Calendar listing.

## Wednesday, August 13

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

**Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.** "Good Medicine in Bad Places-Special Operations Medicine." Maj. Kathleen A. Dunn, US Army Special Operations Command. 11 a.m. to noon. 318 Health Sciences Library.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 7/30 Calendar listing.

## Thursday, August 14

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

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

## Friday, Aug. 15

**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Obstetrics/Gynecology Lecture Series.** "VBAC." Hariklia Louvakis, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. "Preventive Health Maintenance." Gail Dolbear, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:45 to 11 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

**SUNY Nursing Services Orientation.** 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

**Retirement Reception for Rosemary Capriotti.** 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, first floor lobby.

## Cancer care *continued from page 1*

cancers for lung, brain, thyroid and genitourinary cancers.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1922, the multidisciplinary Commission on Cancer sets standards for quality multidisciplinary cancer care delivered primarily in hospital settings; surveys hospitals to assess compliance with those standards; collects standardized and quality data from approved hospitals to measure treatment patterns and outcomes; and uses the data to evaluate hospital provider performance and develop effective educational interventions to improve cancer care outcomes at the national and local level.

Nationally, about 1,500 facilities—or one in four of those eligible—have earned COC approval of their cancer programs.

The three-year accreditation is up for renewal in 2006.

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performing clinical research and to have an understanding of the steps involved in developing and funding research studies.

There is no charge for the course, however, the purchase of a textbook is required. To obtain a registration form visit the Clinical Trials Office, SUNY Upstate Medical University, 1166 Weiskotten Hall. For more information:

<http://www.cc.nih.gov/introclinres>. Deadline for returning the completed registration form is Sept. 5. Forms should be returned to Kathi Durdon, Director, SUNY Upstate Clinical Trials Office: Event Liaison (464-5476).

## Benefits of using CRU is topic of lecture Aug. 7

Suzan Carusone, RN, and Kris Brindak, RN, of SUNY Upstate will discuss the benefits of using SUNY Upstate's Clinical Research Unit, Thursday, Aug. 7 in the Institute for Human Performance. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. followed by the lecture from noon to 1 p.m. A tour of the CRU will follow the program. Call 464-5476 to R.S.V.P. The lecture is sponsored by SUNY Upstate's Clinical Trails Office and is part of the Office's Hot Topics in Research lecture series.

## A book is a child's window to the world!



DONATE CHILDREN'S BOOKS  
AS PART OF UPSTATE'S 2003

## Days of Caring project

Throughout August, Upstate employees, students, faculty, and volunteers are encouraged to donate new or gently used children's books to **Success by Six**, a United Way program that promotes childhood literacy by giving books to Pre-K, HeadStart, before- and after-school programs, and child care and family care programs throughout Onondaga County.

Open new windows to the world. Help a child learn to read. **Donate books.**

**Bins for donating children's books will be at the following locations throughout August:**

University Hospital main lobby  
UHCC administration room 5040  
Health Sciences Library  
Silverman Hall first floor lobby  
Weiskotten Hall first floor lobby  
Jacobsen Hall first floor lobby  
CAB lobby  
250 Harrison Street, fourth floor lobby



For more information,  
call **Becky Cerio, 464-4845**

Retirement reception for Rosemarie Capriotti is Aug. 15

All SUNY Upstate individuals are invited to a retirement reception for Rosemarie (Ro) Capriotti, Friday, Aug. 15, from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the first floor lobby of Weiskotten Hall. Rosemarie joined SUNY Upstate in 1981, working for the Department of Radiation Oncology. Since 1984, she has served as the Information Desk Receptionist in Weiskotten Hall.



Rosemarie (Ro) Capriotti



Book Fair held Aug. 18 through 22

Advocates for SUNY Upstate Medical University will sponsor a book fair, Aug. 18 through 22 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the main lobby of University Hospital. The fair will feature a variety of children's and adult books as well as other gift items, including toys and novelties. Visa, Mastercard and checks will be accepted. For more information, call the Advocates' office at 464-5610.

Revised Health Connections Express Library Catalogs now available

The revised Health Connections Express Information library catalog is now available. These catalogs contain the list of more than 1,500 topics and the corresponding four digit codes to pre-recorded health information. Patients, families and staff may call the toll-free Health Connections phone number 24 hours a day and listen confidentially to health information and information about University Hospital and services.

All patient care areas are encouraged to keep a supply in their waiting rooms. They can be obtained by contacting Carol Miller at 464-5035 or millerc.



## SAVE THE DATES :

SUNY Upstate's Third Annual Teaching Day for Teachers will be held **Tuesday, Oct. 28**, in the Institute for Human Performance.

University Hospital's Oncology Services will present its Second Annual Golf Outing for staff recognition fund **Saturday, Sept. 6**, at 1 p.m. at the Seneca Golf Course in Baldwinsville. For more information, call Rich Williams, RN, at 464-6583 or email Williamr@upstate.edu.

SUNY Upstate's Biomedical Sciences Retreat of the College of Graduate Studies will be held **Friday, Sept. 5**, at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles. For more information, contact Sandi Granger, event coordinator, at 464-7655 or email grangers@upstate.edu.

University Hospital's Traumafest will be held **Sept. 26**, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Marx Hotel and Conference Center. More information will be provided in upcoming issues of Upstate Update.

CSEA Local 615 Clambake is Aug. 2

The CSEA Local 615 Clambake, featuring food, games and music, will be held Saturday, Aug. 2, from 5 to 10 p.m. at Hinderwadel's Grove, West Taft Road in North Syracuse. Tickets are \$15 per person for CSEA members and \$35 per person for guests of CSEA members. Tickets are available by contacting: Eileen Walker (464-5810), Eileen Johnston (464-6621), Teresa Bey (464-2750), Brenda Hines (464-4863), or Doreen Spencer (464-8360).

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