

update

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SUNY Upstate goes smoke free Aug. 1

After 12 months of planning and preparation, SUNY Upstate Medical University will officially become a smoke-free campus Aug. 1. The term “smoke free” refers to a university policy that prohibits smoking anywhere on campus—indoors or outdoors and at all university leased or owned facilities, such as University Health Care Center.

With the adoption of the new policy, SUNY Upstate becomes one of only a handful of area businesses to prohibit smoking anywhere on its premises and University Hospital

becomes the only area hospital with smoke-free grounds. In addition, it is the first SUNY campus to become smoke-free.

In a letter to the campus community dated July 28, 2004, SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, announced the university’s desire to become a smoke-free institution. “Achieving a smoke-free environment is the right thing to



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Brain study findings may predict psychiatric disorders in VCFS children

Pictures of the brain may hold clues as to why children diagnosed with a genetic disorder may also be at high risk for developing mental illness.

Velo-cardio-facial syndrome (VCFS), also known as Shprintzen Syndrome, is a genetic disorder linked to the deletion of small piece of chromosome 22 that can cause cleft palate, heart defects, and abnormal facial appearance and learning problems. Recent studies have found that nearly one in four of all children diagnosed with VCFS will also develop psychiatric disorders.

“The most challenging part for families whose children are diagnosed with VCFS is the myriad of medical problems the children will face in their young life, but fear of severe psychiatric illness can be devastating,” said Wendy Kates, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry, who is part of a team of researchers at SUNY Upstate Medical University trying to advance understanding on of the link between VCFS and mental illness.

Dr. Kates will discuss her work on this study at the 11th Annual International Scientific Meeting of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation July 30 at 9 a.m. at the Sheraton University Hotel and Conference Center in Syracuse

Dr. Kates and her research team, supported by more than \$2 million in federal funds, are comparing brain scans of



Wendy Kates, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry, leads a research team at SUNY Upstate Medical University, analyzing brain scans to document whether abnormal brain development in children with Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (VCFS) can predict the onset of mental illness in those with VCFS.

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

The 18th Annual Children's Miracle Open Golf Tournament will be held Aug. 12 at Rogue's Roost in Bridgeport. Registration begins at 11 a.m. with the shotgun start at noon. The tournament, which includes lunch, a reception and an awards dinner, will benefit the CNY Children's Miracle Network and the CNY Children's Hospital at University Hospital. For registration information, call 464-4416.

The Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund of CNY will present the Second Motorcycle Ride for Research, Aug. 13. The 60-mile ride begins 10:30 a.m. at Marcellus Park. Registration is from 8 to 10:30 a.m. The event also features a cookout, a 50/50 and prizes. Proceeds benefit breast cancer research at University Hospital and the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund of CNY. Call 673-1950 for more information.

Spiritual Care Services has opened a temporary Chapel/Meditation Room in 6703A University Hospital, open 24 hours a day, Monday through Friday. The chapel can be accessed from the hallway door of the Pulmonary Function Laboratory. After hours, non-hospital personnel will require an escorted visit that can be arranged by calling Campus Security at 464-4000.

Volunteers are needed for SUNY Upstate Medical University's participation in the Light the Night Walk to be held Sept. 29 at Clinton Square in downtown Syracuse. Individuals who are interested in serving as a team captain for their department are invited to the Light the Night kick-off breakfast Aug. 16 at 8:30 a.m. in the East Lounge of the C.A.B. (call 464-4523 for an invitation). SUNY Upstate individuals who have been diagnosed with leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, Hodgkin's disease or other blood related cancers are needed to share their personal stories to create

community awareness in support of research. Volunteers are needed to work at several fundraising events related to the walk. Call Rita Holbrook or 464-4523 for more information.

SUNY Upstate's Research Administration/ Development website provides information to the public about active clinical trials at SUNY Upstate for the purpose of recruiting participants. SUNY Upstate researchers who wish to have their studies included on this site should contact Donna Welch at 464-4317 or e-mail: welchdo@upstate.edu for details.

The CNY Children's Hospital at University Hospital will have a booth in the Hall of Health in the Science and Industry building at the New York State Fair from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5. Community members with interactive games, brochures, pictures and information on the new hospital are welcome to participate. The booth will also feature a contest on behalf of the children's hospital. SUNY Upstate employees who wish to volunteer at the booth will receive free admission and parking to the fair and a children's hospital t-shirt. For more information, call 464-9389 or e-mail adigunb@upstate.edu.

The SUNY Upstate Mixed Bowling League is seeking members. The league bowls Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m. at CoolCatz in Westvale Plaza, 2318 W. Genesee Street. To join or for more information call 464-7882 or e-mail benwarded@upstate.edu or 464-2312, mieczkoc@upstate.edu.

The Advocates for Upstate Medical University will sponsor an art sale featuring canvas and print framed art from Artistic Impressions Inc. Aug. 10, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in University Hospital's second floor cafeteria annex. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Advocate 2006-07 grant funding

program.

The State of New York United University Professions Affirmative Action/Diversity Committee is accepting applications for the Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program for leaves beginning Spring 2006. All UUP employees are eligible to apply. The application deadline is Aug. 1. Types of support include: tuition and fees for course work; registration fees for conferences; course-related supplies; travel related expenses for research or study; and equipment lease or purchase. For guidelines and an application, visit <http://www.nysuup.lmc.state.ny.us>. For additional information, call Maxine Thompson at 4-5234 or Ron Daloia at 422-5028.

IN THE NEWS

Sharon Brangman, MD, was quoted in an Associated Press story on the need for older Americans to be physically active.

Dan Olsson, MD, discussed the impact of a blood shortage on hospital emergency rooms on News10Now. **Karla Lauenstein** was quoted in a *Post-Standard* article and interviewed on WSYR-AM570 about the impact the blood shortage has on surgical procedures.

Robert Levine, MD, discussed his drug-induced liver injury study in a *Post-Standard* article.

Shawky Badawy, MD, was profiled in the July issue of *In Good Health*.

Bruce Simmons, MD, was interviewed by WRVO-FM on SUNY Upstate's smoke-free policy, which goes into effect Aug. 1.

David Feiglin and Jeremy Shefner named to head two key departments

Steven J. Scheinman, MD, executive vice president of SUNY Upstate Medical University and dean of the College of Medicine has announced two key appointments.

David Feiglin, MD, has been named chair of the Department of Radiology. He has served as interim chair of the Department since January 2004.

"David Feiglin has provided excellent leadership in the Department of Radiology for over a year as interim chair at a time of major challenges," said Dr. Scheinman. "In this role he has been imaginative and collegial in addressing a number of critical problems successfully, and has earned the confidence of the department's faculty and of the broader campus. Dr. Feiglin is a widely respected expert in nuclear diagnostic techniques. We are fortunate that he is willing to devote his considerable talents to direct this important department."

Dr. Feiglin joined the SUNY Upstate faculty in 1995 as an associate professor of radiology in the Department of Nuclear Medicine and clinical director of the Magnetic Resonance Research Laboratory. He was promoted to full professor of radiology and medicine in 1997.

He has held several leadership positions within the department, including co-director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine (1999-2005); co-director of the Radiology Residency Training Program (1999-2003); director of the Division of Nuclear Medicine (2001 to 2005); and director

of the Nuclear Radiology Fellowship Program (2001-2005).

The recipient of numerous grants, funded externally and internally, his clinical interests involve non-invasive techniques using magnetic resonance (MR) and nuclear medicine (NM) in measuring bi-ventricular functional parameters of the heart. His research interests are related to the application of molecular imaging (MR, PET and NM) in the evaluation of the diseased heart and more accurate diagnosis of breast cancer; and clinical evaluation of radio-labeled monoclonal antibody imaging.

Dr. Feiglin's work has been published in numerous scholarly journals and other publications. He has presented seminars, courses and symposia as well as abstracts and papers at scientific meetings, most recently at the European Association of Nuclear Medicine International Symposium, held in February in Helsinki.

He is a member of several professional societies.

Jeremy Shefner, MD, PhD, has been named chair of the Department of Neurology. He had served as interim chair of the department since February 2004. Dr. Shefner has been a member of the faculty at SUNY Upstate since 1996.

"I am delighted that Dr. Shefner has agreed to chair the Department of Neurology," said Dr. Scheinman. "Dr. Shefner is a nationally-recognized leader in research on ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) and in the care of patients with this disorder. He has served ably as interim chair of neurology for the past year. A national search brought candidates, and Dr. Shefner emerged with the endorsement of the committee for this leadership position. In addition to his role in the department of neurology, I have appointed him to the Dean's Research Cabinet and he will have an important role in our new Neurosciences Institute. I am thrilled that Dr. Shefner will bring his substantial talents and enthusiasm to these important functions."

Dr. Shefner has served as site investigator for dozens of clinical trials and studies related to ALS.

In 1995, he founded the Northeast ALS Clinical Trials Consortium, the largest ALS clinical trials group in the country. He has also been the principal or co-principal investigator of six multicenter trials, and is currently leading research efforts into new treatment therapies for ALS that will bring in more than \$1 million to SUNY Upstate.

David Feiglin, MD

Jeremy Shefner, MD, PHD

Jennifer Bowes, PharmD, of the Department of Pharmacy has received the credential of CACP (Certified Anticoagulation Care Provider) from The National Certification Board for Anticoagulation Providers.

Nancy Page, RN, is among 40 health-care leaders from 27 hospitals and health systems across the United States and Canada participating in the Fourth Health Research and Educational Trust (HRET) Patient Safety Leadership Fellowship class. The fellowship is a year-long educational program for senior health care leaders on advancing the process of creating improved cultures of safety

and promoting breakthroughs in patient care. Each fellow must submit a project to be worked on throughout the year-long fellowship. Page's project involves increasing IV medication safety for University Hospital patients. In addition, Page will take the new position of patient safety officer at the upcoming Central New York Children's Hospital at University Hospital. Formerly the coordinator for nursing practice at University Hospital, Page's prior experience includes pediatric diabetes educator, clinical nurse specialist for pediatrics and staff nurse in the pediatric intensive care unit at University Hospital.

Heidi Charland, a Sodexo dietitian responsible for University Hospital inpatient pediatric patients, has achieved board certification as a specialist in pediatric nutrition. Her designation is RD, CSP. Charland was certified by the Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR), the credentialing agency for the American Dietetic Association (ADA). Board certified specialists in pediatric nutrition work with children with special health care needs in a variety of settings.

Researchers seek clues in the brain—*con't. from page 1*

children with VCFS with those of healthy children to discover whether abnormal brain development may be a predictor of mental illness in VCFS sufferers. Her team is also investigating several other potential predictors, such as deficits in eye-tracking and neuropsychological function. Follow-up assessments, including repeat brain scans, will be undertaken over the next three years.

"We believe that there will be some children whose psychological functioning has deteriorated," Dr. Kates said. "By viewing and conducting fine-grained measurements of brain regions on these brain scans we hope to identify the changes in the brain that occur in these children."

While the research will help scientists and others broaden their understanding of the relationship

between brain growth in VCFS patients and their increased likelihood of developing psychiatric disorders, the findings may also enable clinicians to predict who among the VCFS community may be at risk of developing a psychiatric condition.

"This would be an encouraging development as we would be able to start treatment sooner and hopefully maintain a positive quality of life for these individuals," Dr. Kates said.

In a related study, Dr. Kates and her team of researchers are putting children—those with VCFS and those without—through a series of neuropsychological tests and computer-based exercises to compare the performance between the two groups of children.

"Children with VCFS have difficulty sustaining attention, and

have deficits in memory and sensitive functioning, planning and organization," Dr. Kates said. "By analyzing the relationship between brain growth and a child's performance with on these tests, we may begin to see a common link between the two that will give us a clearer understanding of what causes these deficits in function."

As scientists have increased their understanding of what genes cause specific medical problems, research into VCFS has increased. "The more we explore how the deleted genes in VCFS are linked to the various abnormalities children and adults have with this diagnosis, the closer we can come to developing, in our case, a model for human mental illness and how the brain structure contributes to that," Dr. Kates said.

SUNY Upstate hosts international conference on VCFS July 29 to 31

International researchers will offer new insight into the latest challenges facing the treatment, diagnosis and understanding of the genetic disorder Velo-Cardial-Facial Syndrome (VCFS), also known as Shprintzen Syndrome, during the 11th Annual International Scientific Meeting of the Velo-Cardial Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation, to be held July 29 to 31 in Syracuse.

A key presentation will highlight studies at SUNY Upstate Medical University that examine the use of brain images to detect abnormal brain growth that may lead to a host of psychiatric disorders in VCFS sufferers. The incidence of psychiatric disorders in

people diagnosed with VCFS may be as high as one in four. The syndrome, which is caused by the deletion of genes from chromosome 22, is seen as a model for studying how and what genes cause specific problems in people with VCFS and in the general public.

VCFS causes a variety of symptoms, including cleft palate, the fourth leading birth defect; heart defects; abnormal facial appearance; and learning problems.

"By being able to identify genes that may be responsible for mental illness and other VCFS abnormalities, such as congenital heart disease, we are moving ever closer to the development of new treatments for these diseases," said

SUNY Upstate's Robert Shprintzen, PhD, who in 1978 was one of the first scientists to describe the syndrome.

The meeting will address issues related to VCFS and its link to mental illness and behavioral problem, including the merits of using hypnosis to control anxiety, drug treatments for behavioral problems, how VCFS relates to Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and the latest surgical treatments for palate and facial deformities.

To access the conference program, visit <http://www.vcfsef.org/Foundation/Conferences/2005/index.htm>.

Conference will highlight research at SUNY Upstate's VCFS Center

There is good reason that the International Scientific Meeting of the Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome (VCFS) Educational Foundation is taking place at SUNY Upstate Medical University. It is home to the VCFS Center for Diagnosis, Treatment and Study.

Velo-cardio-facial syndrome is a genetic disorder that causes cleft palate, heart defects, abnormal facial appearance and learning problems. While the cause of VCFS is unknown, scientists have found that most children identified as having the condition are missing a small piece of chromosome 22. This condition can occur as often as one in every 2,000 births.

SUNY Upstate's center provides a multidisciplinary approach to treating the syndrome from a team of world-class scientists and physicians.

Foremost among these experts is Robert Shprintzen, PhD, professor of communication disorders and director of the center, who in 1978 became the first scientist to describe the disorder. Since then, VCFS also has been known as Shprintzen's Syndrome.

For parents, looking up Shprintzen Syndrome on the Internet will bring up



Britt Hilts and her sons, Parker (left) and Kaden, of Pompano Beach, Fla., have been diagnosed with velo-cardio-facial syndrome. They are among the hundreds of patients from across the United States who are treated at SUNY Upstate's VCFS Center for Diagnosis, Treatment and Study.

dozens of references to the syndrome, and a connection to Dr. Shprintzen himself.

E-mails and phone messages for Dr. Shprintzen come from all over the world and throughout the United States, from parents and physicians alike. "These email and phone conver-

sations ultimately turn into an evaluation to our center," said Dr. Shprintzen, who estimates that nearly 95 percent of the center's patients come from outside New York state. He is currently seeing 1,200 patients.

Diagnosis and medical treatment are key services offered by the center, but a significant amount of the center's work is to foster a greater understanding of the disease and hopefully chart new courses for treatment.

Dr. Shprintzen has developed an aggressive research mission at the center, attracting top scholars to campus and with them some significant research projects.

A current focus of two key studies is the comparison of brain development in children with VCFS and in healthy children. What researchers find may help them predict those VCFS sufferers at risk for developing psychiatric disorders, which in turn may help provide more timely management and treatment of the disorders.

CONFERENCES, LECTURES, SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Register for workshops by visiting www.upstate.edu/hr/training/classes.shtml unless otherwise noted.

July 27. 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Oracle Tracker Education Database." This course teaches the tracker educational database and ways to access to employee and department educational compliance reports.

July 27, Aug. 12 and 18. 1 to 3:30 p.m. 5305 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Advanced GroupWise Email." This course covers the use of the calendar, scheduling appointments, using busy search, how to proxy to other accounts and sharing calendars, address books, and groups.

Aug. 4. 9 am. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "What Every Supervisor Needs to Know About Employee Absence." This workshop covers employee leave of absence, the Family and Medical Leave Act and reporting work-related injuries or illnesses.

Aug. 4, 11, 18 and 25 (Must attend all sessions). 10 a.m. to noon. E6408 University Hospital (Aug. 4 and 18); 1328b University Hospital (Aug. 11 and 25).

Workshop. "Getting Started with Medical Terminology, Part II." Participants will apply concepts and information from the introductory class to additional body systems, including blood, lymph, immune, musculoskeletal, genitourinary and endocrine.

Aug. 9. 9 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Workshop. "The FISH Philosophy." This workshop offers tips on reconnecting with the energy and enjoyment of the workplace.

Aug. 9. Lunch: 11:45 a.m. Lecture: Noon. 318 Weiskotten Hall.

Lecture. "Clinical Trials Office Standard Operating Procedures." The SUNY Upstate Medical University Clinical Trials Office will present an

overview of clinical research-related standard operating procedures (SOPs) to assist SUNY Upstate researchers and study teams in using resources and services. The lecture covers research coordinator position classifications, the clinical trial pre-award process; the Clinical Research Unit; clinical research budgeting process/institutional fees; clinical research billing process; and study close out process. Clinical research-related SOPs are available online at : www.upstate.edu/research/clintrial/sop.shtml. R.S.V.P. to 464-5476 or fergusos@upstate.edu. The lecture is applicable for one hour of SoCRA education credits.

Aug. 10. 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "Discovering Win-Win: Alternatives to Dealing with Conflict in the Workplace." This training will discuss conflict in the workplace and provide practical strategies for conflict reduction and resolution.

Aug. 11. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Purchasing Procedures 101." This workshop will offer an introduction to Hospital Purchasing services. Participants will receive a Hospital Purchasing Guide.

Aug. 11. 1 to 2:30 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "Video #3: Scripts for Dealing with Difficult Behavior." This workshop teaches skills to deal with difficult situations and people.

Aug. 15. 1 to 2:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Using Performance Improvement Tools When Working with Data." This class will teach ways to collect and display data to turn data into information. The basic principles of Statistical Process Control will be covered.

Aug. 16. 9 to 10:30 a.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "Module #6: Managing Transitions." The process of transi-

tioning will be summarized from the ending phase to the neutral zone and to the new beginning.

Aug. 16. Noon to 1 p.m. 1541 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs." Learn GroupWise, Microsoft word and Internet skills to make the PSL role easier. This hands-on workshop is open to any level of computer ability. Classes are limited to five people, PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome.

Aug. 16. 1 to 2 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "HIPAA Security Rule Training for Manager's." This training session provides new managers with information on the HIPAA Security rule, responsibilities associated with security oversight and awareness and practical security tips and guidelines that can be incorporated into everyday routines.

Aug. 17. 9 to 10:30 a.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Workshop. "Culture and Infrastructure: The Processes and Politics of Getting Things Done at University Hospital." This class will focus on the clinical and operational decision-making structures, how implementation teams used to accomplish change and managerial expectations related to process and politics. Case studies will be presented.

Aug. 23. 9 to 10:30 a.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "Video #4: Problem Solving Tips & Tools." The workshop will teach four basic steps to develop "win, win" scenarios.

**The deadline for the
Aug. 24 to Sept. 7
issue of
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is Aug. 8**

Wednesday, July 27

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Oracle Tracker Educational Database." 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Smoking Cessation Class. Noon to 1 p.m. 610 Jacobsen Hall. Call 464-8668 to register.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime.** Rev. Louise Shepard, Upstate Medical University. Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

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

Workshop. "Advanced GroupWise E-mail." 1 to 3:30 p.m. 5305 Wsk. Hall.

Thursday, July 28
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Medical Grand Rounds. "Refractory Angina." Humar Samar, MD, Syracuse VAMC. 8:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

*** Devotions.** Rev. Gerald Shave. Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

Mindfulness Meditation. 3:30 to 4:15 p.m. University Hospital Chapel.

Brain Tumor Support Group Meeting. Thomas E. Coyle, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7 to 8:30 p.m. HealthLink, Shoppingtown Mall, DeWitt.

Friday, July 29

11th Annual Int'l. Scientific Meeting of Velo-Cardial-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation. July 29 to 31. Sheraton University Hotel, Syracuse.

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

*** Mass.** Rev. David James. Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

*** Muslim Ju'mah.** 1:15 p.m. University Hospital Chapel.

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

Saturday, July 30

*** Mass.** Rev. David James. 4 p.m. University Hospital Chapel.

Sunday, July 31

*** Mass.** Rev. David James. Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

Monday, Aug. 1

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

*** Communion Service.** Chaplain Monica Czechowicz. Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

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

SUNY Upstate Medical University Smoke Cessation Class. 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. 5415 University Hospital. Call 464-8668 to register.

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B. Call 464-4579 for details.

Tuesday, Aug. 2

JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge. 6:25 p.m. Onondaga Lake Parkway.

Watcher Orientation. 8 to 10 a.m. E6408 University Hospital.

Workshop. "RefWorks." Noon. 220 Health Sciences Library, Wsk. Hall. Noon. Call 464-4581 or e-mail askalibrarian@upstate.edu to register.

Weight Watchers. Noon to 1 p.m. 5303 Wsk. Hall.

*** Weekly Prayer Service.** Noon. University Hospital Chapel.

Mindfulness Meditation. 5:15 to 6 p.m. Chapel, first floor lobby, University Hospital.

Wednesday, Aug. 3

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime** See 7/27 listing.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 7/27 listing.

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

Thursday, Aug. 4

Medical Grand Rounds. William Au Lectureship: Lionel D. Lewis, MD, Dartmouth Medical School. 8:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "What Every Supervisor Needs to Know About Employee Absence." 9 a.m. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Getting Started with Medical Terminology, Part II." 10 a.m. to noon. E6408 University Hospital.

*** Devotions.** See 7/28 listing.

Vascular Conference. "Endovascular Repair of Thoracic Artery Disease." Michael S. Makaroun, MD, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Mindfulness Meditation. See 7/28 listing.

Friday, Aug. 5

*** Mass.** See 7/29 listing.

*** Muslim Ju'mah.** See 7/29 listing.

Saturday, Aug. 6

*** Mass.** See 7/30 listing.

Sunday, Aug. 7

*** Mass.** See 7/31 listing.

Monday, Aug. 8

AA Open Meeting. See 8/1 listing.

*** Communion Service.** See 8/1 listing.

SUNY Upstate Medical University Smoke Cessation Class. See 8/1 listing.

Yoga Class. See 8/1 listing.

Tuesday, Aug. 9

Workshop. "The FISH Philosophy." 9 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Lecture. "Clinical Trials Standard Operating Procedures." Kathi Durdon, Upstate Medical University. Lunch: 11:30 p.m. Lecture: Noon. 318 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "InfoPOEMS & UpToDate." Noon. 220 Health Sciences Library, Wsk. Hall. Noon. Call 464-4581 or e-mail askalibrarian@upstate.edu to register.

Weight Watchers. See 8/2 listing.

*** Weekly Prayer Service.** See 8/2 listing.

Vascular Conference. "Non-Invasive Testing of the Lower Extremity." Vivian Gahtan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Mindfulness Meditation. See 8/2 listing.

Wednesday, Aug. 10

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Discovering Win-Win: Alternatives to Dealing with Conflict in the Workplace." 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Art Sale. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Second floor cafeteria annex, University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. "Best Cases - 2005." 11 a.m. to noon. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime** See 7/27 listing.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 7/27 listing.

Thursday, Aug. 11

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

Medical Grand Rounds.

"Irritable Bowel, Irritable Doctor, Irritable Patient: An Update on IBS." Brian E. Lacy, PhD, MD, Dartmouth Medical School. 8:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Purchasing Procedures 101." 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Getting Started with Medical Terminology, Part II." See 8/4 listing.

Workshop. "Video #3: Scripts for Dealing with Difficult Behavior." 1 to 2:30 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

*** Devotions.** See 7/28 listing.

Mindfulness Meditation. See 7/28 listing.

Friday, Aug. 12

Children's Miracle Open. Registration: Noon. Shotgun Start: 1 p.m. Rogue's Roost, Bridgeport.

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

*** Mass.** See 7/29 listing.

*** Muslim Ju'mah.** See 7/29 listing.

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

Saturday, Aug. 13

Carol Baldwin Foundation Motorcycle Ride for Research. Registration: 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Ride: 10:30 a.m. Marcellus Park, Marcellus.

*** Mass.** See 7/30 listing.

Sunday, Aug. 14

*** Mass.** See 7/31 listing.

** Broadcast live from the Chapel on in-house Channel 40.*

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University Hospital welcomes 41 teens as summer volunteers

Forty-one teens from area high schools are spending their summer volunteering at University Hospital, giving them the opportunity to explore careers in the medical and health professions. Special thanks to Jeff Johnson and Tom Perkins of Environmental Health and Safety; Maryann Fields of Trauma Services; and Daniel Jones of Respiratory Therapy for making the Teen Volunteer Orientation program a success.



Included among the teen volunteers are: front row from left: Amanda Kraus and Ranjana Venkatesh; middle row from left: Kelly Kraus, Zavia Dotson and Amanda Reed; back row from left: Moveed Chohan, Shariq Shaikh, Amir Shaikh, Moeed Chohan.

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do,” he wrote. “This is squarely within the mission of SUNY Upstate, which is dedicated to preventing disease and improving health through education, research and health care. Smoking on the Upstate campus contradicts that mission.”

All the university’s labor unions, which represent more than 4,600 employees, have endorsed the smoke-free policy.

The American Cancer Society, one of SUNY Upstate’s strongest supporters in its desire to become smoke free, applauded the new policy. Donald Distasio, CEO of the American Cancer Society, Eastern Division, thanked SUNY Upstate for its efforts in “improving the lives of the thousands of employees, patients, students and visitors who walk through its doors each year by making clean air available

to everyone.”

When the institution announced it was to become smoke free, administrators introduced a series of free smoking cessation programs and began providing nicotine replacement therapy for employees who wanted help in quitting smoking.

“We wanted to make sure that every person who wanted to quit smoking had the resources and opportunity to make that happen,” said Bruce Simmons, MD, director of student and employee health and chair of the university’s smoke-free advisory committee.

In the past year, more than 200 individuals have participated in the programming. Dr. Simmons said the programs will continue as long as there is interest.

In addition, presentations and

education forums on the new policy have been held over the last several months so employees can fully understand the new policy and help educate others about it. Letters on the policy are sent to all patients in their pre-admission packets, and new campus signage informs all visitors about the policy.

For visitors to campus who want assistance in quitting, smoking cessation counselors will be available, as will brochures with tips on how to quit.

“The smoke-free policy ensures that all who come to our campus to work, study, volunteer, visit, or receive medical care can do so in a smoke-free environment,” Dr. Eastwood said. “I believe this policy will create a healthier SUNY Upstate for all.”

Note: Contact the Human Resources Department for address changes and corrections.

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