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Study finds stimulant medications most effective in the treatment of ADHD

Stimulant medications, such as mixed amphetamine salts (MAS) and methylphenidates are significantly more effective than nonstimulant ADHD medications or novel stimulants, such as modafinil in treating children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) according to findings from an analysis of 29 controlled-treatment studies representing the past 25 years of research involving nearly 4,500 children with ADHD.



Stephen V. Faraone, PhD

Among stimulant medications classes, long-acting mixed amphetamine salts (MAS XR) and immediate-release mixed amphetamine salts showed a similar level of efficacy to short- or long-acting methylphenidates. The effectiveness of short- and long-acting stimulants did not differ from one another. “The larger effect sizes we calculated for stimulant ADHD medications, compared to nonstimulants or the novel stimulant

modafinil, leads us to conclude that amphetamine and methylphenidate based stimulant medications are more effective in treating symptoms of ADHD,” said Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, lead researcher and director of child and adolescent psychiatry at SUNY Upstate Medical University. “Our results should help physicians who have had to rely on qualitative comparisons among published trials, along with their own clinical experience, to draw conclusions about an ADHD medication’s relative efficacy because of largely absent direct head-to-head drug comparisons.”

The researchers compared study outcomes using effect sizes, a commonly used standard statistical measure to determine the magnitude of a particular effect resulting from an intervention, such as a drug used on a population, irrespective of the population size. Effect sizes are generally categorized as small (0.2), medium (0.5) and large (0.8). Standardized mean averages, or effect sizes, for dependent measures in each study were computed by taking the mean of the active drug group minus the mean of the placebo group and dividing the result by the pooled standard deviation of the groups. After adjusting for the influence of

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University Hospital rolls out ACE team to enhance geriatric medicine

University Hospital will introduce the “ACE” team, a new multidisciplinary approach in geriatric medicine, beginning July 1.

ACE, which stands for Acute Care for the Elderly, will be implemented through SUNY Upstate’s Geriatrics Program in the Department of Medicine.

According to Sharon Brangman, MD, the ACE team will provide mandatory consults on University Hospital patients aged 75 years or older who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease, including all dementias, and/or who are admitted from a nursing home.

“The goal is to intervene and improve patient care as soon as the patient is admitted,” said Dr. Brangman, division chief of geriatric medicine at University Hospital who will direct the team. “We also hope to reduce the patient’s length of hospital stay and the decline of physical function that sometimes happens when older patients are admitted to the hospital.”

The ACE team, comprises a geriatrician, geriatric nurse practitioner and physician assistant, a social worker and pharmacy staff member who will perform initial consults on the patient

and contact the patient’s primary medical team with suggestions on patient care.

The ACE team is based on a model that has been used in other hospitals across the country for a number of years, usually with a designated unit for geriatric patients.

“We hope to have a special ACE unit in the future with the completion of the vertical expansion,” said Dr. Brangman. “In the meantime, the ACE Team will be a mobile team that will evaluate patients on all medical and surgical floors, except the intensive care units.”

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C A M P U S B R I E F S

SUNY Upstate Medical University will honor Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, with a celebration picnic and an academic tribute June 28 and 29 in recognition of his 14 years of leadership as the university's fifth president. The picnic, free and open to the SUNY Upstate community, will be held Wednesday, June 28, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the top level of the new Upstate parking garage. Five experts in the fields of medicine and ethics will present an academic tribute to Dr. Eastwood June 29, from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. Dubbed "Festschrift," the tribute celebrates Dr. Eastwood's career by presenting lectures in the fields that interest him most. Festschrift is free and open to the public.



Gregory L. Eastwood, MD

Registrations are being accepted for Paddle for the Cure to benefit the Carol Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund and breast cancer research at SUNY Upstate. The event will be held July 22, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at Jack's Reef Port of Call Restaurant in Memphis, N.Y. Pre-registration is \$20; day of event is \$30. For more information call 464-6276.

Lukie's "Holes Fore Hope" Golf Open will be held Saturday, July 22. The Golf Open will begin at 8 a.m. at Woodcrest Golf Club, Route 173 Manlius. Proceeds benefit the upcoming Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital. Call 689-3059 or visit www.lukiesoul.org for details.

A miniature golf tournament to benefit the Olivia Louise Pietrafesa Center for Children's Surgery at University Hospital will be held July 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf Course, Onondaga Road, Syracuse. The event will feature best ball and three-round stroke play formats. The winner of the three-round stroke play tournament will claim a \$200 first prize; second place wins \$100 and third, \$50. Top finishers will be eligible to compete in the U.S. Open ProMiniGolf Tournament and the Masters U.S. ProMiniGolf Tournament. Greens fees are \$25 per individual or \$75 per foursome. Green fees for 12 and under are \$12 per child. For more information call 464-3636, 673-9800 or e-mail steckels@upstate.edu.

A nationally accredited paramedic program will be offered by the Department of Emergency Medicine from Sept. 6, 2006 to Aug. 17, 2007 at the department's MedSTAR Center, 550 E. Genesee St, Syracuse. Classes will meet Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 to 9 p.m. and two Saturdays a month,

The SUNY Upstate Medical University campus has been entirely smoke-free since Aug. 1, 2005. Smoking is prohibited on property owned or leased by SUNY Upstate. *Upstate Update* features a series of questions and answers about the smoke-free campus.

- Q.** How does this new smoke-free policy differ from the previous policy?
- A.** The previous policy prohibited smoking inside University Hospital or any SUNY Upstate buildings, but allowed patients, visitors and staff to smoke in designated outdoor areas. The new policy states that smoking within the buildings, grounds, or vehicles owned or leased by SUNY Upstate Medical University is entirely prohibited.

For information on smoking cessation, call 464-4426.

from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Clinical and field rotations will be scheduled in addition to classroom hours. The course is open to individuals who hold New York State certification as a Basic EMT. Application to the program can be done online at upstate.edu/emergency/medstar/paramedic. For more information, call Gail Weinstein, paramedic program director at 464-4851 or email weinsteg@upstate.edu.

Attention walkers: SUNY Upstate's Pathway to Wellness committee is taking orders for pedometers, each priced at \$13.50, through July 7. Pre-payment is required. Free walking logs with space for entering miles and tips for success is also available. In addition, SUNY Upstate employees may use the Institute for Human Performance (IHP) track for walking. To purchase a pedometer, learn more about the IHP track or receive a free walking log, e-mail greethas@upstate.edu or call 464-4579.

SUNY Upstate's summer blood drive will be held July 20, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and July 21, from 7 a.m. to noon in University Hospital's Caf  750. Two-hundred units of blood are needed to help meet the needs of patients. To encourage new donor recruits, Advocates for Upstate Medical University will give gift certificates for the hospital lobby snack bar to first time donors. Donating blood at other locations does not count toward the University Hospital donation quota. To make an appointment, call 464-5738.

A P P O I N T M E N T S

Nancy A. Nussmeier, MD, named chair of Department of Anesthesiology

Nancy A. Nussmeier, MD, director of Cardiovascular Anesthesia Research at the Texas Heart Institute in Houston, has been named chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, effective Sept. 25.

“Dr. Nussmeier is a nationally recognized leader in cardiac anesthesiology who will bring to SUNY Upstate extraordinary academic, clinical and leadership skills,” said Steven J. Scheinman, MD, SUNY Upstate executive vice president and dean of the College of Medicine.

At the Texas Heart Institute, Dr. Nussmeier directs an aggressive research enterprise dedicated to improving anesthesia and surgical care in patients with cardiovascular disease. Some of Dr. Nussmeier’s studies at the institute and those of her colleagues include how to protect the brain during cardiac surgery and gender-related outcomes after cardiac surgery. Other key projects include the investigation of novel drugs for the treatment of pain after cardiac and thoracic surgery, as well as anesthetic management for people with severe heart failure.

Dr. Nussmeier’s research has been



Nancy A. Nussmeier, MD

published in a variety of journals, including the *The New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Journal of Thoracic Cardiovascular Surgery*, *Anesthesiology*, *Anesthesia and Analgesia*, and *The Journal of Cardiothoracic Vascular Anesthesia*. She has contributed to nearly a dozen medical textbooks.

Dr. Nussmeier also serves as a professor of anesthesia at Baylor College of Medicine and as an attending anesthesiologist at Texas Heart Institute at St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital.

Dr. Nussmeier has held faculty

posts at the University of Washington School of Medicine, Seattle, and the University of California, San Francisco. She serves on the editorial boards of numerous publications, including *Anesthesia and Analgesia* and *The Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Anesthesia*. She is a member of the board of the Society of Cardiovascular Anesthesiologists, where she serves as chair of its Committee on Research and co-chair of its Task Force for Philanthropy; serves on the American Heart Association Council on Cardiovascular Surgery and Anesthesia Leadership Committee; and has held leadership positions with the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Dr. Nussmeier received a bachelor’s degree from Purdue University in 1975, and a medical degree from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1979. Her postgraduate training includes a surgery internship at Massachusetts General Hospital and Waltham Hospital, Boston (1980), anesthesia residency at Massachusetts General Hospital (1982) and a cardiothoracic anesthesia fellowship at Emory University Hospital, Atlanta (1983).

Dr. Sun joins Department of Orthopedic Surgery

Mike H. Sun, MD

Mike H. Sun, MD, has joined the Department of Orthopedic Surgery as assistant professor, specializing in spine surgery. His research interests include gene therapy and bone biology.

Dr. Sun received his undergraduate training at Yale University, majoring in molecular biophysics and biochemistry. He received a medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Sun completed his residency training in orthopedic surgery at the University of Chicago and fellowship training in spine surgery at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. Published in the area of orthopedic and spine surgery, Dr. Sun was the recipient of the 2005 Cervical Spine Research Society Traveling Fellowship.

Tim Gorman joins the Office of University Counsel

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Tim Gorman has joined the Office of University Counsel as an associate counsel. A graduate of LeMoyne College and Syracuse University College of Law, he is a former partner of the law firm of Costello, Cooney & Fearon where his practice centered on healthcare, health insurance and real estate law.

Gorman served as the general counsel of Prepaid Health Care Plan, (PHP), Univera Health Care—Central New York and Health Services Medical Group in Radisson and as the managing counsel of Univera Health Care of Central and Western New York prior to its merger with Excellus.

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Neal Seidberg, MD, honored for achievement in applied medical informatics



Neal A. Seidberg, MD

Neal A. Seidberg, MD, has received an award from the Association of Medical Directors of Information Systems (AMDIS) for excellence and outstanding achievement in applied medical informatics. He will be honored at the 15th annual Physician Computer Connection Symposium, to be held July 19 through 21 in San Diego.

The AMDIS awards honor individuals who have taken on a greater role in acquiring, installing and supervising the utilization of information technology. Dr. Seidberg, clinical assistant professor of pediatrics, was specifically cited for his leadership role in establishing Computerized Physician Order Entry (CPOE) at University Hospital.

Judging criteria include demonstration of a

Dr. Seidberg is honored for his leadership role in the roll out of CPOE.

successful medical information systems/ technology application; use of information systems to improve patient care; use of information technology to support a more effective medical practice; and use of information systems/technology to improve work flow and contain health costs.

CPOE provides University Hospital with another level of safety for patients by requiring computer entry of all physician orders. CPOE has the potential of reducing errors in a number of areas, especially those caused by illegible hand-writing.

AMDIS is a non profit organization representing over 1,200 physician leaders who have a high level of interest in and are responsible for information technology in their organization.

APPOINTMENTS

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Gorman has been engaged in the private practice of law in Armory Square and has recently served as the director of corporate compliance and attorney at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Utica. He is also a former Onondaga County legislator, former president of the Onondaga County Bar Foundation and was the Democratic candidate for the New York State Senate in 2004 in the 50th State Senate District.

Anthony Carey has been named operations manager for the night/floor crew/operating room and **Carissa McNeilly** has been appointed as contract/office/operations manager for Environmental Services. Carey has four years of supervisory experience with the military service in the U. S. Navy, where he supervised cleaning crews. McNeilly, who most recently served as linen supervisor for Environmental Services, has experience with State purchasing and procurement procedures and Press Ganey initiatives.

Linda McAleer, RN, BSN, has been named associate director of nursing for surgical services, effective July 10. McAleer is a graduate of Saint Elizabeth Hospital School of

Nursing and SUNY College of Technology. She has held many positions since joining University Hospital in 1989, most recently as the nursing manager of the Pediatric and Adolescent Center and of the Pediatric Specialty Center.

Jeffrey Buckman has been named principal medical practice plan administrator for the Department of Radiation Oncology, succeeding Richard Kilburg, who was named associate administrator for Ambulatory Services. Buckman previously served as business manager for cardiovascular/surgery in Hospital Administration; market analyst and assistant director of market research and business planning in the Office of Marketing and University Communications; and cardiology assistant in the Department of Medicine.

Rolf Grage, MD, has been named director of the Radiology Residency program, effective July 1, 2006. **Kimball Clark, MD**, will assume the responsibility of associate program director and mentoring assistant to Dr. Grage.

ADHD study — *continued from page 1*

individual study design features, the researchers calculated effect size based on total ADHD scores. Long-acting and short-acting stimulant medications showed the largest effect size among all medications ($E = 0.83$ and $E = 0.9$ respectively), followed by nonstimulant or modafinil based stimulants medications ($E = 0.62$). Statistically significant differences in effect size occurred in comparisons between nonstimulant/modafinil based stimulant medications and long-acting ($p = 0.004$) as well as short-acting stimulants ($p = 0.002$).

For the analysis, Dr. Faraone and his colleagues used data from 29 double-blind, placebo-controlled treatment studies of 4,465 children with ADHD, with an average age 10 years, published during or after 1980.

Designs for all of the studies were randomized, double-blind with placebo controls that lasted for two or more weeks in populations diagnosed with ADHD as defined using criteria

from the American Psychiatric Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Revised Third Edition or Fourth Edition (DSM).

The analysis included 15 drugs using 17 different outcome measures of ADHD symptoms, including hyperactive, inattentive, impulsive or oppositional behavior. The most commonly identified treatments included both methylphenidate and amphetamine compounds. Nonstimulant drugs included in the analysis were atomoxetine, bupropion, modafinil and desipramine.

ADHD is a neurological brain disorder that manifests as a persistent pattern of inattention and/or hyperactivity-impulsivity that is more frequent and severe than typically observed in individuals at a comparable age and maturity level.

ACE Team — *continued from page 1*

In addition to Dr. Brangman, members of the ACE team include geriatrician Khatuna Stepkovitch, MD; physician assistant Eileen Rosecrants, P.A.-C; nurse practitioner Christine Heagle-Bahn, R.N., N.P.; social worker Andrea Zurbruegg, L.M.S.W.; Adrienne Smith, PharmD; Luke Probst, PharmD; and William Darko, PharmD.



Sharon Brangman, MD

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Upstate Update Production Schedule

Issue: July 26 to Aug. 9

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C O N F E R E N C E S , W O R K S H O P S , S E M I N A R S

Free Health Seminars are open to all. To register, call Health Connections at 464-8668 or register via www.upstate.edu/healthlink. To register for workshops, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/training/form.shtml>

Register Online for workshops at <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/>

July 11. 8:30 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Workshop. "ABCs of Hospital Finance" discusses the hospital operating and capital plan, departmental budget preparation, monthly reporting, and quarterly variance analysis.

July 13. 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Tracker Training" offers a working knowledge of the Tracker educational Oracle database. The course involves hands-on simulations as well as time for individual questions.

July 13. 9 a.m. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Healthcare Diversity Management" looks at the legal, moral, and business cases for valuing diversity in a healthcare environment and focuses on building skills and modifying behaviors.

July 19. 9 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Workshop. "New Manager Mentoring - Train The Mentor" helps individuals who want to become mentors to

understand the organizational expectation, gain insight as to how adults learn and to learn of the benefits of a good mentoring program.

July 19. 1 to 2 p.m. 1541 University Hospital

Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs" teaches GroupWise, Microsoft Word, and Internet skills. Open to any level of computer ability. PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome. Evening classes can be arranged by calling 464-4407.

July 24. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "From 'Rut-Row' to 'Hello': Telephone Skills For Today" will provide practical and effective techniques regarding telephone etiquette.

July 25. 10 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Workshop. "If Disney Ran Your Hospital" is the sequel to Customer Service: Priceless! This session, will focus on the need to create customer experiences and perceptions.

July 31. 8 a.m. to noon. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "ABN (Advance Beneficiary Notice)" provides information about University Hospital's policy covering ABNs, as well as nCoder and CAIS, and the use and placement of Modifiers in CAIS when entering charges.

Wednesday, June 28

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

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Doral Column Stimulators." Muhammad Zaman Khan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. "Delayed Union, Non-Union, Malunion: Clinical Examples." Thomas Smallman, MD. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Workshop. "GOER Practical Skills for Supervisors." 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

On-site Blood Drive registration. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Second Floor Lobby, University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. 11 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Health Sciences Library Tour. Noon. First floor, Wsk. Hall. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7112.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Trauma Conference. Noon to 1 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Celebration Picnic for Gregory L. Eastwood, MD. 1:30 to 4 p.m. New SUNY Upstate Garage, Adams St.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series. GM Cancer Research Conference. 3 p.m. 318 Health Sciences Library, Wsk. Hall.

Thursday, June 29

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

Workshop. "Computer Skills For PSLs." 10 to 11 a.m. 1541 University Hospital.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "What is Psychodynamic Psychotherapy Really?" Fred Griffin, MD, University of Alabama School of Medicine. 12:30 to 2 p.m. 713 Harrison St.

*** Weekly Devotions.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Zen Meditation. 12:30 p.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Festschrift in Honor of Gregory L. Eastwood, MD. 1 to 4 p.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Friday, June 30

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

Clinical Hands-On Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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*** Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting. 3:45 p.m. 2N Day Rm., University Hospital.

Saturday, July 1

*** Mass.** 4 p.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Sunday, July 2

*** Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Monday, July 3

*** Communion Service.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

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

Tuesday, July 4

Workshop. "I Don't Have Time to Come to the Library. Finding Those Elusive E-Journals." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library. To register, visit <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/index.cfm?go=1&category=26>.

Weight Watchers at Work Program. Noon to 12:45 p.m. 5303 Wsk. Hall. Call 464-9017 for details.

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

Department of Medicine Infectious Disease Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physicians Office Building.

Wednesday, July 5

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

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 6/28 listing.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 6/28 listing.

Burn Survivors Support Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 University Hospital.

Thursday, July 6

Medical Grand Rounds. David Duggan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

*** Weekly Devotions.** See 6/29 listing.

Zen Meditation. See 6/29 listing.

Friday, July 7

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

*** Mass.** See 6/30 listing.

Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting. See 6/30 listing.

Saturday, July 8

*** Mass.** See 7/1 listing.

Sunday, July 9

*** Mass.** See 7/2 listing.

Monday, July 10

*** Communion Service.** See 7/3 listing.

AA Open Meeting. See 7/3 listing.

Tuesday, July 11

90-Day Retention Program. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. and 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. 7128 University Hospital.

Workshop. "ABCs of Hospital Finance." 8:30 to 10 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Finding Evidence-based Information." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library. To register, visit <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/index.cfm?go=1&category=26>.

Weight Watchers at Work Program. See 7/4 listing.

*** Weekly Prayer Service.** See 7/4 listing.

Department of Medicine Infectious Disease Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physicians Office Building.

Pilates Class. 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Gymnasium, Institute for Human Performance. Call 464-4579 to register.

Wednesday, July 12

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

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

Multidisciplinary Orientation (MDO). 8 to 10:15 a.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

30-Day Retention Program. 10:30 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. "How CDC Responds to Injury." Richard C. Hunt, MD, CDC. 11 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Trauma Conference. Noon to 1 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 6/28 listing.

*** Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 6/28 listing.

Thursday, July 13

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

Medical Grand Rounds. "Geriatrics." 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Tracker Training Class." Lauren Brady, Upstate Medical University. 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

*** Weekly Devotions.** See 6/29 listing.

Zen Meditation. See 6/29 listing.

Friday, July 14

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

Clinical Hands-On Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

*** Mass.** See 6/30 listing.

Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting. See 6/30 listing.

Saturday, July 15

Trip. "Finger Lakes Wine Festival at Watkins Glen." Sponsored by C.A.B. Reservations only.

*** Mass.** See 7/1 listing.

Sunday, July 16

*** Mass.** See 7/2 listing.

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

Watch SUNY Upstate's news program *Upstate Magazine* on Staff Ed TV Channel 62 or by visiting <http://www.upstate.edu/edcom/upstatemag>

I N T H E N E W S

Sharon Brangman, MD, was quoted in two articles in *USA Today* on obese baby boomers.

Wendy Holtz, NP, and **Joy Tompkins, RN**, appeared in a *Post-Standard* photograph and were interviewed by News10Now, NewsChannel 9, WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5 and WSYR-AM570 regarding the progress being made in fighting AIDS. **Kathy Contello, NP**, and **Leonard Weiner, MD**, were also quoted in the *Post-Standard* regarding the 25th anniversary of AIDS.

Leslie Kohman, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* regarding an endowment to fund lung cancer research at SUNY Upstate.

David Feiglin, MD, was quoted in *Post-Standard* on the various imaging options available for mammograms.

Peter Sadowitz, MD, was interviewed on WSTM-TV3 about coping with the heat.

Kevin Antshel, PhD, was interviewed on WSTM-TV3 regarding Intermittant Explosive Disorder.

Richard Cantor, MD, was interviewed on NewsChannel 9 and James D'Agostino, MD, was interviewed on WTVH-TV5 regarding the prevention of lawn mower accidents.

Tree Carter was quoted in *In Good Health* regarding her workout routine.

Vincent Frechette, MD, was quoted in *In Good Health* on why men avoid going to the doctor.

Jodie Purdy, RN, was quoted in *In Good Health* on why nursing opportunities at University Hospital are first rate.

Michele Caliva, RN, was quoted in the *Utica Observer Dispatch* regarding the dangers of using cleaning products around children.

Michael Lax, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* and interviewed by WTVH-TV5 and NewsChannel 9-WSYR on health risks related to asbestos exposure. The *Post-Standard* also listed SUNY Upstate's Central New York Occupational Clinical

Health Center as a resource for health effects of asbestos exposure and/or evaluations.

Bruce Simmons, MD, was interviewed by NewsChannel 9 regarding SUNY Upstate's smoke-free policy.

Teresa Gentile, MD, was profiled in the *Oneida Dispatch* June 8. Gentile, who also heads University Hospital's Bone Treatment Program, was noted for her participation in the Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society fundraiser.

Usha Satish, PhD, was interviewed by Newsradio 570-WSYR and WSTM-TV3 regarding SUNY Upstate's Strategic Management Simulation laboratory.

R O U N D S

Eileen Friedman, PhD, Jones-Rohner Professor of Pathology, presented a lecture at the 107th annual meeting of the American Gastroenterological Association May 21 in Los Angeles and a lecture at the pharmaceutical company AMGEN, May 23 in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Mary Hare, MEd, RT(T), (CT), CMD, received the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists (AAMD) 2006 Varian Award of Excellence for her outstanding contribution to the field of medical dosimetry at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the AAMD in Vancouver, Canada. Hare is an assistant professor and clinical education coordinator in the Department of Radiation Therapy in the College of Health Professions. She has served as president of the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists and of the Medical Dosimetrists Certification Board (MDCB); chaired the MDCB's Medical Dosimetrists Scope of Practice Research Committee; and presently chairs the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology's Medical Dosimetry Subcommittee. A medical dosimetrist works with medical physicists and medical oncologists in

the design of treatment plans to deliver prescribed doses of radiation to tumors while ensuring that the surrounding healthy tissue is not harmed.

Stephen E. Mercer, an MD/PhD candidate, class of 2007, was the lead author of an article published in the journal *Cancer Research*. Senior author was **Eileen Friedman, PhD**, professor of pathology. Co-authors included **Daina Z. Ewton, PhD**, **Sejal Shah, MD**, and **Asghar Naqvi, MD**.

The preliminary report for accreditation of the **Medical Biotechnology Program in the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences in the College of Health Professions** has been approved by The National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS). NAACLS has recognized **Linda Miller, PhD**, as the approved program director. Upon acceptance of a self-study report due in March 2007, students in the Medical Biotechnology program will be eligible to sit for the certification examination in Molecular Pathology offered by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP).



Usha Satish, PhD, associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, with Syracuse University students in SUNY Upstate's Strategic Management Simulation laboratory.

Students tackle management simulation

Ninety-eight Syracuse University graduate students visited the Strategic Management Simulation (SMS) laboratory at SUNY Upstate Medical University on June 14 and 15 to test their effectiveness as leaders and decision-makers during an emergency crisis. The students, who are pursuing a master's degree in public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, completed the simulation as part of their Executive Leadership class. The SMS laboratory—the only laboratory of its kind in the world—uses computer-assisted, real-world simulations to assess decision-making performance and

cognitive function. Designed by SUNY Upstate researchers, Usha Satish, PhD and Professor Siegfried Streufert of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, SMS technology is used by clients worldwide, including Fortune 500 companies to enhance overall productivity and leadership skills among its ranks. The technology is also used by the medical and pharmaceutical industries to determine how a disease, injury or medication may affect cognitive function; and by medical school residency programs to assess residents for competency in critical decision-making skills.

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