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**David R. Smith, MD, named sixth president of SUNY Upstate Medical University**

David R. Smith, MD, 52, a pediatrician, former chancellor of the Texas Tech University System and former Texas Commissioner of Health, has been named the sixth president of the State University of New York Upstate Medical University by the SUNY Board of Trustees, effective Sept. 1.

Dr. Smith succeeds Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, who stepped down as president of SUNY Upstate June 1 and who is currently serving as interim president of Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

“David Smith rose to national prominence through his leadership ability, experience in children’s medicine, public health policy, and as the chancellor of the Texas Tech University system,” said Board Chair

Thomas F. Egan. “We are very pleased to have one of the country’s foremost educators and healthcare professionals lead Upstate Medical University.”

A native of Ohio, Dr. Smith received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and completed his pediatrics residency at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. He received his bachelor’s degree from Cornell University in Ithaca and has said that he and his wife, Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH, also a pediatrician, are enthusiastic about returning to an area familiar to them.

“Central New York is a wonderful place to live and work, and my wife and I have roots here,” said Dr. Smith.

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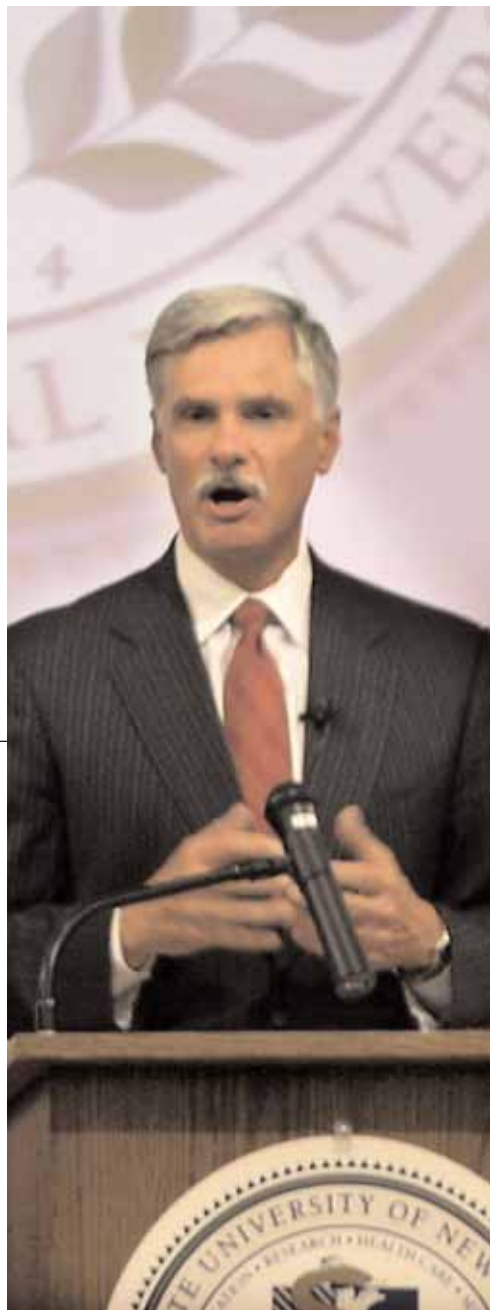


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**Research program features an all women class**

For the first time in its seven-year history, SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Program features an all women class, with an average grade point average of 3.71.

The highly competitive program that partners college juniors with world class scientists on real-life scientific studies attracted 96 applications worldwide; 65 from women. Nine women were selected to participate in the program.

The program began June 5, and runs through Aug. 11 at SUNY

Upstate.

“It is certainly encouraging to see women so involved in science education and research, but what I think is more encouraging is that these young people are committed to scientific discovery, and are devoting most of their summer to research,” said Mark Schmitt, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and director of the SURF program.

During the 10-week program, students will be assigned a laboratory and may find themselves

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

**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 Café 750. 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 miniature golf tournament will be held July 15, from 8 a.m. to noon at the Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf Course, Onondaga Road, Syracuse.** Proceeds benefit the Olivia Louise Pietrafesa Center for Children's Surgery at University Hospital. For more information call 464-3636, 673-9800 or e-mail steckels@upstate.edu.

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

**Lukie's "Holes Fore Hope" Golf Open will be held July 22, beginning at 8 a.m. at Woodcrest Golf Club, Route 173 Manlius.** Proceeds benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital. Call 689-3059 or visit [www.lukiesoul.org](http://www.lukiesoul.org) for details.

**The 19th Annual Children's Miracle Open will be held Aug. 11, beginning at noon at Rogue's Roost, 1086 Route 31, Bridgeport.** Entry fee includes lunch, dinner, greens fees, carts, prizes, refreshments on the course and hole-in-one registrations. Proceeds benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital. Call 464-KIDS (5437) for a registration form.

**A 60-mile Ride for Research will be held Aug. 12, beginning 8 a.m., starting at Marcellus Park, Main St., Marcellus.** The event includes a cookout, 50/50 and prizes. The cost for pre-registration (by Aug. 5) is \$30. Registration the day of the event is \$35. Registration fees include the cookout, tee-shirt and pin. Passenger fee is \$10 and includes the cookout only. Proceeds benefit the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Foundation and breast cancer research at SUNY Upstate. To register, call 673-1950 or visit [www.upstate.edu/events](http://www.upstate.edu/events).

**Wal-Mart is looking for artists and craftspersons to participate in a craft show to be held in the parking lot of Wal-Mart of East Syracuse, 6438 Basile Rowe July 29, from**

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. What if I do not want to quit smoking?

A. SUNY Upstate's policy is not meant to make anyone quit. The policy has two goals: to remove smoking from SUNY Upstate property to help those who are trying to quit while they are here; and to make a clear statement that good health and healthcare do not include the use of tobacco.

For information about smoking cessation, call 464-4426.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (rain date is July 30). A \$25 (per table) participation donation will benefit the Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital. Individuals who are interested in participating must pre-register by July 17. Registration forms are available in the Craft Department of Wal-Mart of East Syracuse or by calling 434-9873 (ask for Pansy in the Craft Department). Wal-Mart of East Syracuse will sponsor its own table, featuring a raffle for a sewing machine, children's crafts and food for purchase with proceeds benefitting the children's hospital. To donate items for Wal-Mart to sell at its table, call 434-9873, ask for the Craft Department.

**SUNY Upstate's 101-member Race for the Cure team raised \$1,402 to provide breast care services for Central New York's underserved populations.** The event was held May 13 at the New York State Fairgrounds.

**Individuals who wish to participate in SUNY Upstate's team for the JPMorgan Chase Corporate Challenge must register on-line only by July 19 at [www.jpmmorganchasecc.com](http://www.jpmmorganchasecc.com).** The entry fee of \$25 includes a SUNY Upstate team shirt and post-race refreshments. To receive an Upstate team shirt, e-mail [paynej@upstate.edu](mailto:paynej@upstate.edu) by July 14 (indicate shirt preference: men or women tank top (adult small to XL) or tee shirt (adult small to 3XL). Team shirts and run numbers may be picked up July 31, from noon to 1 p.m. in the second floor lobby of University Hospital. The Corporate Challenge 3.5 mile walk or run event will be held Aug. 1, beginning 6:25 p.m. at the Onondaga Lake Parkway.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

**Stalder is Pharmacist of the Year**

Bruce Stalder, senior pharmacist and critical care pharmacist, received the 2006 Pharmacist of the Year Award from the New York State Council of Health System Pharmacists (NYSCHP) at its annual meeting May 6 at the Sagamore in the Adirondacks.

Stalder also holds faculty appointments in SUNY Upstate's College of Nursing and the Albany College of Pharmacy and a residency faculty appointment at University Hospital.

The award is presented annually to a pharmacist who has been recognized by his or her peers for achieving significant accomplishments in advancing patient care.

"Bruce has consistently put patient care as his first priority and serves as a role model clinical practitioner at University Hospital," said Roy Guharoy, PharmD, director of Pharmacy Services at University Hospital.

Stalder was instrumental in developing a system for documenting drug information services provided by University Hospital pharmacists; a pharmacoeconomic form for documenting drug cost minimization; and developing and implementing a pharmaceutical care plan for clinical monitoring.

Stalder joined University Hospital as a pediatric clinical pharmacist in 1992 upon graduating with a bachelor's degree in pharmacy from SUNY Buffalo.

He received University Hospital's Outstanding Pharmacist award in 2002 and serves as a member of the hospital's Clinical Pharmacy Improvement team and the Critical Care Quality Management team. He is the pharmacy representative to the Nursing Practice Council and a member of the Central New York Society of Health Systems Pharmacists.



Bruce Stalder

**Dr. Daly honored for healthcare ethics**

Robert W. Daly, MD, professor of psychiatry and of bioethics and humanities, was recognized for his long time leadership role in the field of healthcare ethics at the annual meeting of the Institute for Ethics in Health Care, held June 7 at LeMoyne College.

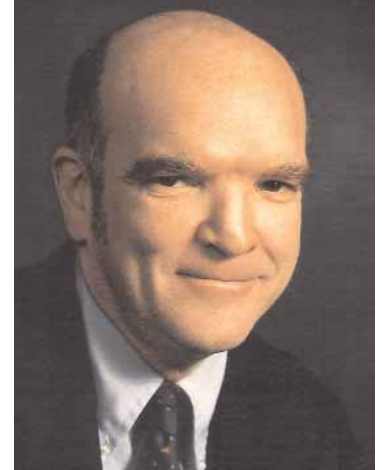
Dr. Daly is a clinical supervisor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and teaches courses in ethics, American culture, and religion.

He teaches courses in bioethics in the Center for Bioethics and Humanities and was the first chair of the University Hospital Ethics Committee and of its Ethics Consultation Service.

Dr. Daly has been a Visiting Scholar in philosophy at the University of Cambridge (King's College) and a Senior Fellow of the National Endowment for the Humanities. He has lectured in Europe and China as well as throughout the United States.

He was a founder of the Consortium for the Cultural Foundations of Medicine (currently named the Consortium for Culture and Medicine) and the Institute for Ethics in Health Care, an organization he led from 1995 to 2004.

Dr. Daly is an editorial consultant for the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*; *Literature and Medicine*; and *Philosophy, Psychiatry, and Psychology*. He has also served as a consultant to the National Center for the Humanities. His writings appear in such publications as *Philosophy and Medicine*, *Literature and Medicine*, the *Journal of Religion and Health*, *Psychiatry*, *HEC Forum*, *Nutrition*, the *Psychoanalytic Review*, and the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. Dr. Daly received the Distinguished Service Award of the Onondaga County Medical Society and the SUNY Research Foundation's Chancellor's Award for the Social Sciences and Humanities in 2002. In 2004, Dr. Daly received the Sol Feinstone Alumni Award for Humanitarian Service from St. Lawrence University.



Robert W. Daly, MD

**Upstate Update  
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**Issue: Aug. 9 to Aug. 23**

**Deadline: July 24**



photo by Deborah Rexine

*Patricia J. Numann, MD, shows her surprise as hundreds of her friends and colleagues lined the halls leading to the operating room suite following her*

*final operation before retiring June 30 as a surgeon. To the left is Paul R. Cunningham, MD, chair of the Department of Surgery.*

## “Halls of Gratitude” formed to honor Dr. Numann on her last day in the OR

Hundreds of SUNY Upstate Medical University employees lined the halls leading to University Hospital’s operating room suite as a tribute to Patricia J. Numann, MD, following her final surgery before retiring June 30 as a surgeon at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

In an e-mail delivered system-wide to the SUNY Upstate community, Dr. Numann thanked everyone who celebrated her final surgery. “It was very special and so are all of you,” she said. “I have had a great time working with all of you for these many years. There are so many great people here who do such a great job. Thank you so very much for this special day.”

Dr. Numann has made history in the medical profession by breaking through barriers for women in medicine, particularly in the field of surgery, and by creating new, improved methods in the delivery of patient care.

Her accomplishments include: the first woman surgeon at SUNY Upstate; the first woman medical director of University Hospital; the first woman chair of the American Board of Surgery; and the first woman vice-chair of the American College of Surgeons. She is the founding member of the Association of Women Surgeons and is currently involved in establishing an international chapter of the Association. In her career as a surgeon, she has seen more than 12,000 patients.

Dr. Numann, who earned her medical degree from SUNY Upstate in 1965, founded Central New York’s first comprehensive breast care program, the Breast Care Center at University Health Care Center. The center became the first program of its kind, offering prompt attention to patients with breast concerns at a time when waiting weeks for an

appointment was the norm.

In 2004, Dr. Numann was inducted into the International Women in Medicine Hall of Fame, established by the American Medical Women’s Association and, this past February, she received the Association’s Elizabeth Blackwell, MD, award for her outstanding contributions as a woman in the field of surgery.

Her career as a surgeon, educator, researcher and administrator has spanned nearly four decades and gained for her the prestigious titles of the Lloyd S. Rogers, MD, Endowed Professor of Surgery at SUNY Upstate, SUNY Distinguished Service Professor and SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor.

While she retires as a clinician June 30, she will continue as medical director for University Hospital.

## Volunteer initiative enhances patient satisfaction during hospital stay

Volunteer Initiatives is offering regular volunteer support to University Hospital units 5A and 5B. According to Donna Stoner, the service began as a pilot program in January to test the effectiveness of having volunteers assigned to a unit on a regular basis, including holidays.

“The new service was created following a request by Robin Wenzel, RN, who was then the patient service leader for 5A and 5B,” said Stoner, director of Volunteer Initiatives. “Robin thought that the daily presence of volunteers would make her patients and their family members more comfortable and more satisfied during

their hospital stay. Follow-up patient surveys proved this to be true.”

Stoner adds that great care was taken to develop the role and activities of the 5A/5B volunteers and to build awareness among staff to ensure the success of the service.

“We selected our 5A/5B volunteers based primarily on their ability to communicate effectively with staff, patients and families and to be empathetic listeners,” she said. “A positive, service-oriented attitude and the ability to show initiative, be flexible and work independently were also high on our list of qualifications.”

The primary role of the 5A/5B

volunteer is to visit patients and orient them to their rooms. The volunteers also offer patients companionship, comfort and comfort items such as blankets, answer questions, provide reassurance or diversion and act as a liaison between the patient and staff.

There are currently seven volunteers assigned to 5A and 5B who report to the patient service managers.

“We thank the 5A and 5B staff, led by Mary Martinez and Janeen Stewart, who have been so supportive of our 5A and 5B volunteers,” said Stoner. “It is expected that this model will be shared on other patient floors in the future.”

### SURF Program — continued from page 1



photo by Rich Whelsky

For the first time ever, all of the participants in this year's Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program are women. They are, from left: Yekaterina Gurnevich, SUNY Stonybrook; Yvette Rada, SUNY Plattsburg; Laura Dishaw, LeMoyne College; Ariba Chowdhury, Syracuse University; Chelsea Schiano, SUNY Geneseo; Bethany Smith-Packard, Clarkson University;

Whitney Oswald, Utah State University; Tatyana Fedotova, Baskir State University (Cameron); and Chrissa Wright, SUNY Plattsburg. Seated are, from left, SURF Director Mark Schmitt, PhD, associate professor of biochemistry and molecular biology, and Maxwell Mozell, PhD, dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

studying brain circuits controlling cognitive function in Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia, spinal cord injury, cancer or retinal regeneration.

Students live on campus and receive a \$3,000 stipend.

Before the session is over, they will have written a research paper, presented their work and attended research seminars and journal clubs.

Students participating this year represent a variety of universities,

including SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Stonybrook, SUNY Plattsburg, Clarkson University, LeMoyne College, Utah State, Syracuse University, and Baskir State University in Russia.



photo by George Reynolds

The Powerful Partnership Award was presented to Mary Zsemyle on behalf of the Center for Vision Care during the annual luncheon meeting of Advocates for Upstate Medical University in May. Displaying the award are: front row, from left: Lorraine Beake, Rosemary Roach and Mary Zsemyle. Back row, from

left: Candy Dowd, Karl Schindler, Pat Atinson and Pat Knox. Next to Knox are Rick Gary and Julie Abbott of NewsChannel 9-WSYR, who served as luncheon emcees.

## Center for Vision Care receives Volunteer Powerful Partnership Award

The Center for Vision Care has received the 2006 Powerful Partnership Award from the Office of Volunteer Initiatives at University Hospital. The award was created by the Volunteer Initiatives Advisory Council in 2005 to recognize University Hospital programs or departments that have built strong, effective staff-volunteer relationships based on three characteristics—preparation, impact and respect. The Center for Vision Care was nominated by Lorraine Beake and Candy Dowd who have served as volunteers for the center for more than one year.

“We nominated the center because of the respect shown to us by its staff,” said Dowd. “The people are so friendly and we thank them for embracing us. Lorraine and I definitely know how much we are appreciated. There isn’t a day that goes by that we are not thanked for our efforts.”

According to Volunteer Initiatives Director Donna Stoner, the relationship among department staff and their department volunteers is the single most important factor in a

successful volunteer program.

“We created the Powerful Partnership Award last year to celebrate these strong relationships that result in outstanding service to our patients and their families,” said Stoner, who added that 47,000 hours of volunteer service were devoted to University Hospital patients in the past year.

Beake confirms Stoner’s words when discussing Mary Zsemyle, COA, surgical coordinator and ophthalmic technician for the Center for Vision Care, who serves as the center’s liaison to volunteers.

“Mary is always prepared with our assignments. She, as well as everyone at the center, makes Candy and I feel that we are a valuable part of the team,” said Beake.

The Center for Vision Care is a full service ophthalmology center of SUNY Upstate Medical University’s Department of Ophthalmology. It accommodates a resident training facility and a sub-specialty consultation center and provides a clinical elective for medical students. The

faculty includes a wide range of specialists. Department of Ophthalmology physicians and faculty members are the ophthalmic tertiary care providers for this region.

Finalists for the 2006 Powerful Partnership Award were: Cardiopulmonary Intensive Care Unit and Step-Down, nominated by heart volunteers Marcia Hannett, Mary Andriello and John Henderson. Department volunteer coordinators are Cheryl Babrowicz, Lorrie Langdon, Lynn Ferraro and Margo Clancy; and the Regional Oncology Center, nominated by volunteer Barbara McKean. Department volunteer coordinator is Peggy McPhillips.

The name of the Center for Vision Care has been added to that of the 2005 award recipient—Palliative Care Services—on the Powerful Partnership Plaque, displayed in the Office of Volunteer Initiatives, 1401 University Hospital. The Center for Vision Care has also received a plaque.



University Hospital's 2006 teen volunteers

photo by George Reynolds

## Teen volunteers make a difference

More than 40 high school students and 18 college students are spending a good portion of their summer volunteering at University Hospital.

According to Rhonda Butler who is coordinating University Hospital's 2006 teen volunteer program, 15 of the high school students had volunteered at University Hospital in

2005 as well and some of the teen volunteers are returning for their fifth summer of service to University Hospital.

"Our high school and college student volunteers are so eager to learn and to be of service," said Butler. "Many of our teen volunteers are considering a health or medical career

and this experience gives them the opportunity to learn more about the field. For teens who are undecided about their career paths, volunteering with us helps to broaden their field of education and career choices."

### University Hospital college volunteers include:

Katerie Allard, St. Joe's Nursing School (Pediatrics)  
 Mike Anderson, Nazareth College (Regional Oncology Center)  
 Amber Brown, Penn State (Breast Care Center and Pediatrics)  
 Omair Chaudhary, Syracuse University (Express and Pediatrics)  
 Beth Davies, Ithaca College (Pediatrics)  
 Sarah Evans, Messiah College (Express and 5A)

Rachel Feuerstein-Simon, Lehigh University (Pediatrics)  
 Meghan Hall, Syracuse University (Express and Vision Care Center)  
 Darcy Hammil, Syracuse University (Express and 5A)  
 McKenna Knych, Williams College, (Express and Transplant Services)  
 Danielle Murphy, St. John Fisher (Pediatrics)  
 Jesse Navagh, Onondaga Community College (Spiritual Care Services and Pediatrics)

Justine Parmele, LeMoyne College (Pediatrics)  
 Robert Perelmut, University of Miami (5B)  
 Ashleigh Rio, Cornell University (Regional Oncology Center)  
 Katie Roach, SUNY Geneseo (Express and Oncology)  
 Andrea Rubin, St. John Fisher (Express and Surgical Specialties)  
 Jiangnan Yue, Syracuse University (Express and Surgical Specialties)

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

**Wendy Holtz, NP**, and **Joy Tompkins, RN, PNP**, 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 Intermittent Explosive Disorder.

**Richard Cantor, MD**, was interviewed on NewsChannel 9 and **James D'Agostino, MD**, was interviewed on WTVH-TV5 regarding the prevention of lawnmower 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* 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* 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

**Anne Ryan, RN**, emergency preparedness coordinator at University Hospital, completed a weapons of mass destruction training course sponsored at the Homeland Security's Center for Domestic Preparedness May 31 to June 3 in Anniston, Ala. The training helps to ensure that emergency responders are better prepared to respond to local incidents or potential weapons of mass destruction incidents. Ryan is active in the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA), an instructor in Trauma Nursing Core Course (TNCC), Emergency Nursing Pediatrics Course (ENPC), Pediatric Education for Pre-hospital Professionals (PEPP), Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS), Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) and Basic Life Support (BLS).

**Leola Rogers**, associate administrator for the upcoming Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital, has been accepted into the

Community Health Foundation of Western and Central New York Health Leadership Fellows program. The 18-month fellowship will provide intensive training of various issues, including patient-centered care, interdisciplinary teams, evidence-based care, quality improvement and information technology.

**Roy Guharoy, PharmD.**, director of Pharmacy Services and associate professor of medicine, presented five research papers at the annual meeting of the New York State Council of Health System Pharmacists May 6 at the Sagamore in the Adirondacks, and along with **Jonathan Bradshaw**, received a Clinical Pharmacy Services Research award for their project "Impact of adverse drug events on hospital readmission within 30 days in a tertiary care teaching hospital." Also at the meeting, **Dr. Guharoy** also received the Seymour and Elizabeth Katz award for his project on the impact of CPOE on system efficiency,

cost and improved patient outcome and **Adrienne Smith, PharmD**, received a research award for her project dealing with the evaluation of factor VIIa utilization and development of prescribing guidelines at a teaching hospital.

The **ultrasound practice at the Regional Perinatal Center** at SUNY Upstate Medical University has been reaccredited by the American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine's Ultrasound Practice Accreditation Council through 2008. Accreditation means the practice has voluntarily met the nationally accepted standards and has demonstrated consistent excellence in patient care in obstetrical ultrasonography. The accreditation process reviews patient care and safety and credentials, experience and training of physicians and sonographers, among other areas.

**Dr. Smith** — *continued from page 1*

Dr. Smith added that the opportunity to become actively involved in the Syracuse and Binghamton communities was an important part of their decision to come to SUNY Upstate.

“I am very impressed with Upstate Medical University and its accomplishments, the national renown of its faculty and the excellence of its students. I am looking forward to leading Upstate Medical University toward future accomplishment and advancement,” he said.

From July 2001 until February 2006 Dr. Smith served as chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, comprised of Texas Tech University and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center with combined enrollments of approximately 31,000 and a budget of almost \$1 billion. His term as chancellor was officially completed on Feb. 28, but he returned to Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Medical School as a tenured professor.

As chancellor of the Texas Tech University System, Dr. Smith developed a strategic plan with a student-based focus that included an accountability scorecard for the system. Under his leadership, the Texas Tech System launched, in 2004, an aggressive five-year \$450 million academic and research initiative designed to garner and invest resources in three critical areas: people, technology and facilities.

Prior to serving as chancellor, Dr. Smith served for more than five years as president of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center and dean of the School of Medicine and Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. During his tenure as president, more than \$150 million was secured from fundraising to improve the academic and research enterprise of the Health Sciences Center, the faculty was expanded and federally funded research tripled.

Before his service at Texas Tech University, Dr. Smith served for five



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*David R. Smith, MD, accepts questions from the media following a presentation to the SUNY Upstate Medical University community June 27 in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall.*

years as the commissioner of the Texas Department of Health, an agency with a \$7 billion annual operating budget.

From 1989 to 1992, he served as the senior vice president of Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, and as the chief executive officer and medical director of Parkland's Community Oriented Primary Care Program.

He has been a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics since 1985. Dr. Smith has served on numerous local and national boards throughout his career. In 1996, he was the recipient of the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Award, the organization's highest award for outstanding public service. He serves on the Board of Directors for the March of Dimes and, in September, will be officially elected to the Executive Committee of the National Board of Trustees for the March of Dimes in White Plains, N.Y.

In January 2005, Dr. Smith began

his tenure on the Board of Directors of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC), in Washington, D.C., the nation's oldest higher education association.

In 2006, Dr. Smith was appointed as a member of the National Institutes of Health, National Center of Minority Health and Health Disparities.

Donna Bacchi, MD, MPH, is also a board certified pediatrician and a member of the faculty at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Medicine. She is a member of the Pediatric faculty and directs the Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control. She will join the faculty of SUNY Upstate's Department of Pediatrics in the fall.

The Smiths have two children, Christopher, a third-year law student, and Jocelyn, a college sophomore.

## 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.** Noon. First floor, Wsk. Hall. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7112.

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

**Free Health Seminar.** "Summer Skin." Dona Ferguson, MSN, RN, Upstate Medical University. 3 to 4 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

## Thursday, July 13

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

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "Acute Care of the Elderly: The ACE Approach." Sharon Brangman, MD, Upstate Medical University. 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.

**Workshop.** "Healthcare Diversity Management Workshop." 9 a.m. to noon 205 Jacobsen Hall.

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

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

**Free Health Seminar.** "Protecting Yourself Against Lyme Disease." Dona Ferguson, MSN, RN, Upstate Medical University. 3 to 4 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

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

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

## Saturday, July 15

**Miniature Golf Tournament.** 8 a.m. to noon. Fairmount Glen Miniature Golf Course, Onondaga Road, Syracuse.

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

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

## Sunday, July 16

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

## Monday, July 17

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

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

**Free Health Seminar.** "Common Foot Problems." Gerard C. Saponara, DPM, Upstate Medical University.

6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

## Tuesday, July 18

**Workshop.** "RefWorks." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library. To register, visit [www.upstate.edu/hr/training/](http://www.upstate.edu/hr/training/)

**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.

**Pilates Class.** 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Gym, Institute for Human Performance. Call 464-4579 for more information.

## Wednesday, July 19

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

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

**Workshop.** "Train the Mentor." Holly Haines McCurdy, Upstate Medical University. 9 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 7/12 listing.

**\*Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 7/12 listing.

**Workshop.** "Computer Skills for PSLs." Lauren Brady, Upstate Medical University. 1 to 2 p.m. 1541 University Hospital.

**Free Health Seminar.** "Shoulder Pain: New Treatment Techniques." Matthew G. Scuderi, MD Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

## Thursday, July 20

**Medical Grand Rounds.** "Peripheral Vascular Disease." Danish Siddiqui, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

**Blood Drive.** 9:30 a.m. to 5

p.m. Café 750, University Hospital.

**Workshop.** "Finding Great Health Information for Patients." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library. To register, visit <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/>

**\*Weekly Devotions.** See 7/13 listing.

**Zen Meditation.** See 7/13 listing.

## Friday, July 21

**Blood Drive.** 7 a.m. to noon. Café 750, University Hospital.

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

**\*Mass.** See 7/14 listing.

**Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting.** See 7/14 listing.

## Saturday, July 22

**Paddle for the Cure.** Begins 7:30 a.m. Jack's Reef Port of Call Restaurant, Memphis, N.Y.

**Lukie's "Holes Fore Hope" Golf Open.** Begins at 8 a.m. Woodcrest Golf Club, Route 173, Manlius.

**\*Mass.** See 7/15 listing.

## Sunday, July 23

**\*Mass.** See 7/16 listing.

## Monday, July 24

**Workshop.** "From Rut-Row to Hello: Telephone Skills for Today." Renae Rokicki, Upstate Medical University. 9 to 11 a.m. 1328b University Hospital.

**\*Communion Service.** See 7/17 listing.

**AA Open Meeting.** See 7/17 listing.

## Tuesday, July 25

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

**Workshop.** "If Disney Ran Your Hospital." Holly Haines McCurdy, Upstate Medical University. 10 a.m.

to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

**Workshop.** "Medline on the Web." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library. To register, visit [www.upstate.edu/hr/training/](http://www.upstate.edu/hr/training/)

**Weight Watchers at Work Program.** See 7/18 listing.

**\*Weekly Prayer Service.** See 7/18 listing.

**Pilates Class.** See 7/18 listing.

**Free Health Seminar.** "Your Medical Records: Getting and Using Them." Trisha Torrey, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

## Wednesday, July 26

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

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

**Health Sciences Library Tour.** See 7/12 listing.

**\*Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 7/12 listing.

## Thursday, July 27

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

**Medical Grand Rounds.**

"Gynecologic Malignancies." Robert Morris, MD, Wayne State University. 8:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**\*Weekly Devotions.** See 7/13 listing.

**Zen Meditation.** See 7/13 listing.

## Friday, July 28

**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. See 7/14 listing.  
**Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting.** See 7/14 listing.

**Saturday, July 29**

**Arts and Crafts Show** to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital at University Hospital. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wal-Mart of East Syracuse,

6438 Basile Rowe, East Syracuse.

\*Mass. See 7/15 listing.

**Sunday, July 30**

\*Mass. See 7/16 listing.

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

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## CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

Free Health Seminars are open to all. To register, call Health Connections at 464-8668 or register via [www.upstate.edu/healthlink](http://www.upstate.edu/healthlink).

To register for workshops, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/training/form.shtml>

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

**July 17. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

Free Health Seminar. "Common Foot Problems," covers causes and treatments of foot problems such as heel pain, neuromas, skin and nail disorders and plantar fasciitis.

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

Workshop. "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 19. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.**

Free Health Seminar. "Shoulder Pain: New Treatment Techniques," discusses the most common causes of rotator cuff tears and prevention tips, treatment options and pain management.

**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," the sequel to Customer Service: Priceless, will focus on the need to create customer experiences and perceptions.

**July 25. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

Free Health Seminar. "Your Medical Records: Getting and Using Them," discusses how to obtain medical records, use them for research and keep track of them for future needs.

**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.

This new interview-format radio show focuses on health and medical issues affecting Central New Yorkers. As with its parent, University Hospital's free HealthLink seminar series at ShoppingTown, *HealthLink On Air* was created to help Central New Yorkers become smarter health care consumers.

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## Rockin' for a good cause

The Residues, a band featuring SUNY Upstate Medical University faculty members Barry Knox (left) and David Gilbert (center), along with Roy Lubetkin and drummer Peter Harrington (partially obscured), perform at the Rockin' the Red Cross concert April 28 at the Landmark

Theater. SUNY Upstate was one of six area institutions, corporations that fronted a band for the concert, which raised more than \$6,000 for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

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