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SUNY Upstate tests non-surgical approach to relieve lower back pain

A clinical study to test the effectiveness of a non-surgical approach to resolve or manage chronic low back pain (LPB) is currently under way at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

The purpose of the study is to determine if a therapeutic protocol using computer-assisted decompression technology will improve the health of the disc, leading to reduced disc protrusion, less pain and increased activity levels for LPB patients.

According to John Finkenstadt, MD, few treatment approaches specifically attempt to resolve the underlying causes that lead to a high probability of recurrence of LBP. Dr. Finkenstadt, a research scientist in the Department of Family Medicine who also holds private practice, is conducting the study with William D. Grant, EdD, a research professor in the Department of Emergency Medicine.

“Our study addresses the underlying problem of intervertebral disc lesions and degenerative disc disease, namely vertebral pressure on the vital structures of the

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photograph courtesy of SpineMed Treatment Center

Computer-assisted decompression technology is used in SUNY Upstate study of non-surgical approach to relieve lower back pain.

University Hospital receives outstanding achievement award for cancer care

University Hospital has been selected as one of 31 facilities nationwide to receive an outstanding achievement award from the Commission on Cancer (CoC) of the American College of Surgeons. Only six percent of the institutions surveyed received this honor.

The CoC Outstanding Achievement Award recognizes cancer programs that provide excellent care to cancer patients. The award was presented in April at the 33rd Annual Education Conference of the National Cancer Registrars Association.

This is the second honor University Hospital has received for its cancer care from the CoC in the past year. In 2006,

the hospital was granted a three-year commendation from the CoC in recognition of its cancer program.

University Hospital received the award after a rigorous on-site evaluation last year that reviewed the full scope of the hospital's cancer program, including cancer committee leadership, cancer data management, clinical services, research, community outreach and quality improvement.

“This additional recognition from the Commission on Cancer is further evidence of the high level of integrated cancer care patients receive here at University Hospital,” said Leslie J. Kohman, MD, vice chair of the cancer committee at University Hospital. “The

recognition also speaks volumes about our commitment to ensuring that Central New York has access to the very best in cancer care.”

University is the only hospital in Syracuse to receive the Outstanding Achievement Award and to have a cancer program accredited by the American College of Surgeons.

University Hospital, which treats more than 16,000 cancer patients for current and supportive care annually, offers comprehensive cancer treatments for a broad range of cancers, including thoracic, breast, brain, spine, blood, bone, gynecologic and genitourinary.

CAMPUS BRIEFS

The 20th Children's Miracle Open will be held Aug. 10 at Rogue's Roost in Bridgeport. East Course foursomes start at \$1,000; West Course at \$500. Proceeds benefit everyday pediatric needs at University Hospital. To register, call 464-4416.

New or gently used backpacks, school supplies and books for children pre-K through college will be accepted July 25 through Aug. 10 to support Mary Nelson's sixth annual Back-to-School Barbeque that provides school supplies to area needy children. Donations of school supplies can be dropped off at the following locations: University Radiology, 550 Harrison St., Suite 105 (Attn. Mary); Jacobsen Hall lobby; 1401 University Hospital; the Weiskotten Hall Information Desk; and the Mayor's Office in City Hall, 233 E. Washington St., (Attn. Sharon). Volunteers are also needed to help at the barbeque, to be held Aug. 18 at the corner of South Salina Street and Wood Avenue in Syracuse. Two shifts are offered: 8 a.m. to noon (set-up); and the distribution of backpacks, from 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Nelson at 464-8486 or 403-0220.

The Neurology Department has added new telephone numbers. To reach the Cerebrovascular Division (Stroke Team), call 464-5014; for general information, call 464-4627; and call 464-3938 to reach the Neurology Infusion Center at UHCC.

The Pediatric 3R Committee is selling Golisano Children's Hospital sweatshirts. Hooded sweatshirts are available in pullovers for \$30 or full-front zips for \$35. To place an order, call Kelly Martini at 464-6060.

In response to a request from the President's Engaging Excellence Select Task Team for Students, the Health Sciences Library now opens at 7 a.m. instead of 8 a.m., Monday through Friday with staff available at the

Library Services Desk beginning at 7:30 a.m., Monday through Friday. The library's summer hours are: Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library hours and holiday schedules are available at <http://www.upstate.edu/library/info/hours.php> or by calling 464-4580.

SUNY Upstate's 41-member WalkAmerica team, coordinated by Mary Jensen, raised \$2,500 for the March of Dimes. Assisting Jensen in the effort were Karen Davis and Mary Ellen Hane. Top fundraisers were Majorie Aubry and Sarah Doolittle. WalkAmerica was held April 29 at Long Branch Park in Syracuse.

SUNY Upstate's "Paddle for the Cure" team of 20 paddlers raised more than \$4,500 in corporate sponsors and donations for the Carol M. Baldwin Breast Cancer Research Fund and breast cancer research at University Hospital. The event was held June 30 at Jack Reef's Port of Call Restaurant on the Seneca River. A top fundraiser was Marty Topor of SUNY Upstate.

Employees who are interested in learning more about the Civil Service Merit System are invited to attend "Understand the Merit System workshop Sept. 12, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in the East Lounge of the C.A.B. Registration is required by visiting <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/> - enter in keyword: career. For more information, call 464-5463.

University Hospital healthcare professionals and children who have received care at the hospital will serve as models at the third annual "Looking at the Stars" fashion show, luncheon and auction Aug. 4, at Drumlins, 800 Nottingham Road, Syracuse. Fashions from area retailers will be featured, including Cara's Boutique, Charney's, the Children's Place, Eastern

Mountain Sports, Macy's, Showoff's Boutique and Spy Baby Boutique. The auction, featuring more than 50 items, will start the event at 11 a.m. Luncheon is at noon and the fashion show at 1 p.m. Amy Robbins of 93Q is mistress of ceremonies. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$450 for tables of 10. Tickets must be purchased by Aug. 1. To purchase tickets, call Holly Dailey at 378-9774.

The Consortium for Culture and Medicine (CCM) will offer the following courses Aug. 27 through Dec. 7: "History of Public Health in America," "Dying and Death in American Literature," "Ethics and the Health Professions," and "Representations of the Nurse in Literature, Film and Television." For details, call Peg Braungart at 464-8454 or e-mail braungam@upstate.edu.

SUNY Upstate Medical University became a smoke-free campus on Aug. 1, 2005, and over the last two years has served as a leader and a resource for other healthcare facilities that have also become smoke-free. As a smoke-free campus, smoking is prohibited on all owned or leased property including Sarah-Loguen and Elizabeth Blackwell streets, the bus shelters (located near the entrance of the new parking garage), the park area in front of the hospital, the landscaped areas along the East Adams Street sidewalk and all parking areas. Maps that are available at the information desks showing the campus boundaries. The mission of SUNY Upstate is to improve the health of the communities it serves. By maintaining a smoke-free campus, SUNY Upstate furthers this mission.

For questions related to smoking cessation, nicotine replacement, or smoking cessation programming, contact Cindy Cary at 464-4426.

Arnold Moses, MD, named a SUNY Distinguished Service Professor

Arnold Moses, MD, has been named a Distinguished Service Professor by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. The announcement was made May 31 by then-SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan. Dr. Moses is professor of medicine, director of the Clinical Research Unit, medical director of the Metabolic Bone Disease Center and professor of medicine at SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is a 1954 graduate of SUNY Upstate's College of Medicine.

"SUNY faculty who receive appointment to the distinguished ranks provide a glimpse of the broad service contributions and the career achievements being made on our campuses across New York State," said Ryan. "Each of these



Arnold Moses, MD

individuals has met and exceeded the requirements for these honors and I

commend the Board of Trustees for recognizing their talent and service by approving their appointments to distinguished ranks."

The rank of Distinguished Service Professorship honors and recognizes faculty for extraordinary service. Service must also extend over multiple years and must involve the application of intellectual skills drawing from the candidate's scholarly and research interests to issues of public concern.

Dr. Moses is internationally recognized for his research activities that include clinical trials of new therapeutic agents for the treatment of osteoporosis and Paget's disease of the bone.

Four awarded 2007 SUNY Chancellor's Awards for Excellence



Robert B. Barlow, PhD



Nancy Dobbins



Chaitanya V. Haldipur, MD



Paula Trief, PhD

Robert B. Barlow, PhD, Nancy Dobbins, Chaitanya V. Haldipur, MD, and Paula Trief, PhD, have received 2007 Chancellor's Awards for Excellence. The announcement was made May 31 by then-SUNY Chancellor John R. Ryan.

Robert B. Barlow, PhD, professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Neuroscience and Physiology and director of the Center for Vision Research, has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities.

Nancy Dobbins, instructional support specialist in the Department of Cell and Developmental Biology, has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Professional Service.

Chaitanya Haldipur, MD, professor

in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Paula Trief, PhD, professor in the department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences with joint appointments in the Departments of Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery and senior associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development for the College of Medicine, has received the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service.

"These awards acknowledge and honor SUNY faculty members who are truly the best of the best," said Ryan. "The Awards for Excellence are particularly rewarding for those chosen because they have been nominated by

their colleagues on campus and viewed as role models among their peers. It is my pleasure to join the SUNY campuses in honoring these individuals and thanking them for their hard work and dedication throughout the year."

The Chancellor's Awards provide system-wide recognition for consistently superior professional achievement and to encourage the ongoing pursuit of excellence. Candidates must be individuals of achievement, committed to SUNY and its students, respected by the campus community and worthy of emulation by colleagues and students on the home campus and across the SUNY system.

Each recipient receives a certificate and a Chancellor's Excellence Medallion.

IN THE NEWS



Robert Shprintzen, PhD

Robert Shprintzen, PhD, was featured in *USA Today*, NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, the *Post-Standard* and on WSTM-TV3 about Velocardiofacial Syndrome, the creation of the International Center for Velocardiofacial Syndrome at SUNY Upstate and a Washington, D.C. gala that raised funds to support the international center.

The Rev. Dick Olmsted was quoted in *Newsweek* regarding how chaplains and soldiers struggle to keep faith under fire. Rev. Olmsted, a SUNY Upstate on-call clergy volunteer and hospital mental/spiritual health team member, served three tours of duty as an Army Chaplain (Lt. Col.) deployed to Kuwait and Iraq in 2004.

Joy Ganley, RN, was quoted in *Healthcare Informatics* regarding a nurse computerized order entry system at University Hospital and the nurses' role in helping physicians use a computerized order entry system.

Patricia Knox, RN, and **Carol Braund, RN, PhD**, were interviewed on NYSUT.org, the website for the New York teachers union, regarding the End-of-Life Companion program at University Hospital.



Sharon Brangman, MD

Sharon Brangman, MD, was quoted in *Esquire Magazine* on smell and the geriatric population.

Alice O'Donnell and **Edgar Johnson** were quoted in the *Central New York Business Journal* regarding career awareness.

An article in the *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle* noted that **SUNY Upstate Medical University** is a partner in the **Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute** at the University of Rochester, which will be the hub of the Upstate New York Research Consortium. The center hopes to energize the region's research and drug development initiatives.

Jeffrey Bogart, MD, was quoted in the Business Journal's Healthcare Quarterly about University Hospital's Image Guided Radiation Technique (IGRT) to treat tumors.



From left, Richard Aubry, MD, MPH, Mary Jensen, MSW, Jeannette LaSala, RN, BSN

The *Post-Standard* highlighted and carried an editorial about a SUNY Upstate program that is helping at risk moms to receive prenatal care they otherwise may not receive. The program involves the city court system and is funded by the March of Dimes. Quoted in the story from SUNY Upstate are **Richard Aubry, MD, MPH**, **Mary Jensen, MSW**, and **Jeanette LaSala, RN, BSN**. The editorial said the "endeavor holds promise that the concept should be expanded throughout the entire court system" and said that more initiatives like the Upstate program are desperately needed."

Maureen Famiglietti, RN, was quoted in the Utica *Observer Dispatch* regarding the high rate of lead poisoning among children in Oneida County.

John McCabe, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* on the recent rash of stabbings and shootings that have been seen in the Emergency Room.



Walter Hall, MD

Walter Hall, MD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* on the malpractice insurance rate hike announced by the state.

A letter to the editor the *Post-Standard* by **William Grant, EdD**, discussed SUNY Upstate's decade-long educational outreach efforts with China, such as EMS training and faculty and student exchanges.



Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD

Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD, said in a statement to NewsChannel 9 that the Joslin Diabetes Center would accommodate new adult patients as best it can in the wake of a DeWitt endocrine center shutdown this fall. Two endocrinologists are closing their practice leaving 3,000 patients without medical care.

College of Nursing offers a Registered Nurse First Assistant program

SUNY Upstate Medical University's College of Nursing is offering a Registered Nurse First Assistant (RNFA) program that will educate and train nurses to directly assist surgeons during surgical procedures, such as clamping vessels, closing incisions and suturing, and provide pre- and post-surgery patient care services.

The six-credit program, to be offered for the first time in Central New York this fall, will provide the necessary training for nurses to work in this specialized area of nursing. Only board certified or board eligible nurse practitioners or registered nurses with two or more years of peri-operative nursing experience are eligible for admittance in the program.

College of Nursing officials say providing this RNFA program comes at a time when these advanced nursing skills are in demand.

"As medical procedures continue to advance technologically and the need for specialized surgery increases, the

need for professional, highly trained surgical assistants is also growing," said program director Barbara Black, RN, clinical associate professor of nursing.

Black said that local nurses and nurse practitioners had sought out an RNFA program in Central New York so they could receive the extra training and still be near family and work responsibilities. Previously, RNFA training programs have been offered at the University of Rochester and SUNY Buffalo.

"We also know there is considerable interest among nurses from some of the area's rural hospitals," Black said. "The advanced skill sets these nurses would bring to rural hospitals would be especially desirable as it would expand access to surgical care for patients in those communities."

As of 2004, more than 8,000 nurses nationwide were trained as RNFAs and employed in various settings, including hospitals, physicians' offices and ambulatory care centers.

The program consists of two courses, one each taken during the Fall and Spring semesters.

The Fall course focuses on the theoretical concepts related to the delivery of care to surgical patients in all aspects of the surgical experience.

The Spring course is a clinical practicum, during which students will assist with preoperative, intra-operative and post-operative patient management.

A minimum of 225 hours must be spent in a clinical setting.

Upon completion of the program, nurses will be able to work as an RNFA. Certification as an RNFA, which requires passing a national certification exam, is not mandatory, but is often desirable for employers and reimbursement practices.

The College of Nursing program is based on the Association of Peri-operative Registered Nurses (AORN) educational guidelines and core curriculum.

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lumber region," said Dr. Finkenstadt. "We are using technology that is designed to expand the disc to allow it to heal and thus reduce protrusion, if any."

The researchers are using the computer-controlled SpineMed Decompression Table. The table is void of pulleys, ropes, belts, drums or traction boxes, but rather uses a simple pelvic restraint that applies only a slight pressure against the pelvis to secure the patient to the moving section of the table.

The table consists of three segments, allowing for accurate tilting of the pelvis during traction. Through accurate tilting, the focal point of the distractive force, or the force allowing for the disc expansion, can be moved so that specific spinal segments can be targeted, eliminating the unnecessary distraction of additional segments.

The study is double blinded. Patients are assigned to either a decompression treatment group or a control group by randomization software. Participants in each group receive 25 treatments at the rate of five sessions per week for five weeks.

"Because treatments are computer-controlled for the control group, the decompression table is programmed to deliver "sham" or less than effective treatments to the control group," said Dr. Finkenstadt. "Indicators, readouts and reports generated by the decompression device indicate typical treatment parameters, while the device is in fact delivering a sham treatment."

Outcomes are compared across the two groups for changes over time. For example, pain is measured using a 0-10 visual analog scale. Other assessment tools are used to measure the study participant's physical and social

activities, quality of life, functional health, depression, treatment satisfaction and pain reduction.

Each participant undergoes MRI before their first session and following the final session to measure the thickness of the disc, the extent of disc bulging and intervertebral alignment.

"No significant side effects from decompression treatment have been documented in the literature," said Dr. Finkenstadt. "We hope that this type of treatment, using the most advanced decompression technology, will lead to more relief for patients with lower back pain."

The study, titled "SpiDERS," is funded through a two-year, \$318,000 grant from CERT Health Sciences, LLC. For more information about the study, contact Nicole McPeck at 315-424-0104.

Upstate Update to highlight SUNY Upstate volunteerism in the fall

In response to comments received in an Upstate Update readership survey, Upstate Update will run a special "SUNY Upstate Volunteers!" insert this fall to recognize the volunteer efforts of SUNY Upstate employees and

students.

To ensure that your volunteer effort is included, log-in your volunteer hours and community service information at www.upstate.edu/teamupstate. Here's how:

Logging hours:

Employees: Log on to the AIS Self-Serve site, enter your Oracle username and password, and click on Community Service under the My Information menu.

Students: Log on to the Student ISIS Banner website, enter secure area, log in using your SUNY Upstate identification number (User ID) and your Personal Identification Number (PIN), click on Personal Information, then Community Service. Click on Add Entry to begin entering your community service hours.

Visit the Team Upstate website for links to volunteer opportunities at Upstate and in the community, and highlights of student and employee volunteerism!

www.upstate.edu/teamupstate

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS

Free HealthLink 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 www.upstate.edu/hr/training/form.shtml

July 26 and Aug. 2. Noon to 1 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt. (Attendance at all sessions is required.)

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking For Good... And For Free" will discuss nicotine replacement therapy options and maintenance and relapse prevention techniques.

Aug. 9. 9 to 11:30 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "If Disney Ran Your Hospital" will teach ways to identify and create perception for customers.

July 30 (1 to 4 p.m.) and Aug. 22 (9 a.m. to noon). 1328B University Hospital.

Workshop. "Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations and Bad Behavior" will help participants learn to rapidly improve results and relationships.

Aug. 2. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Counseling and Discipline Training (Employee Relations)" will provide constructive tools that supervisors and managers can use to address concerns regarding employee work performance and/or job-related behaviors and will review the specific level and type of actions that can be taken that are in accordance with contractual and policy requirements.

Aug. 14. 9 to 11 a.m. Classroom D,, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Tracker Training" will give participants a working knowledge of the Tracker educational Oracle database. The course involves hands-on simulations and time for individual questions.

Aug. 14. 10 to 11:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "HANYs Webcast: Leadership Strategies for Getting Results" explores two of the latest approaches leaders are using—appreciative inquiry and polarity

management—to effectively execute processes that result in improved workflow for employees and an enhanced workplace. Advance registration is required. To register, visit <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/> - enter "HANYs" and "search." Open to SUNY Upstate leaders and managers.

Aug. 15. 10 to 11 a.m. 1541 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs" will teach Groupwise, Microsoft Word and Internet skills. Open to any level of computer ability. PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome.

Aug. 16. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Fundamentals of PEF and CSEA Performance Evaluations" will review the purpose, process and timelines associated with developing PEF and CSEA performance programs and performance evaluations.

Wednesday, July 25

Anesthesiology Grand

Rounds. 7 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

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.

* Rev. Weez's Storytime.

Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

HealthLink Seminar.

"Memory Loss: When to Worry About Those Senior Moments." Sharon A. Brangman, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Thursday, July 26

SUNY Upstate New Employee

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

ATLS Student Course.

7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. 550 E. Genesee St. Call 464-4773 for more information.

Medical Grand Rounds.

8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking For Good...and For Free."

(Part of a Series.) Cynthia Cary, RRT, RPFT, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Friday, July 27

SUNY Upstate New Employee

Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

ATLS Student Course. See 7/26 listing.

Clinical Hands-On Practice

Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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

Saturday, July 28

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

Sunday, July 29

HealthLink on Air. 9 to 10 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

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

Monday, July 30

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

Spiritual Fitness Group

Meeting. 3:30 p.m. 2N, University Hospital.

Workshop. "Crucial Confrontations: Tools for Resolving Broken Promises, Violated Expectations and Bad Behavior." 1 to 4 p.m. 1328B University Hospital.

Tuesday, July 31

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

Weight Watchers at Work.

Noon. Wsk. Hall, E-mail przepioj@upstate.edu for more information.

Vocera Training Class.

1 to 3 p.m. 6408 University Hospital.

Pilates Class. 5:15 to 6:15

p.m. Gymnasium, Institute for Human Performance.

HealthLink Seminar.

"Tuberculosis: In the News." Shelley Gilroy, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Wednesday, Aug. 1

Anesthesiology Grand

Rounds. 7 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality

Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Training

Class (unlicensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds.

8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

* Rev. Weez's Storytime.

See 7/25 listing.

Burn Survivors Support

Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 University Hospital. Call 464-3600 for details.

Thursday, Aug. 2

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

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking For Good...and For Free." (Part of a Series.) See 7/26 listing.

Workshop.

"Counseling and Discipline Training (Employee Relations)." 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Friday, Aug. 3

WebCAIS/Groupwise Training Class (licensed). 7:30 a.m. to

noon. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

* **Mass.** See 7/27 listing.

Saturday, Aug. 4

* **Mass.** See 7/28 listing.

Looking for the Stars Fashion

Show, Luncheon and Auction. 11 a.m. Drumlins, 800 Nottingham Rd., Syracuse.

Sunday, Aug. 5

HealthLink on Air. See 7/29 listing.

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

Monday, Aug. 6

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

* **Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting.** See 7/30 listing.

Tuesday, Aug. 7

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.

* **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 7/31 listing.

Weight Watchers at Work.

See 7/31 listing.

Vascular Conference.

5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

Anesthesiology Grand

Rounds. 7 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality

Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds.

8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital. **Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds.**

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

* **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 7/25 listing.

Thursday, Aug. 9

SUNY Upstate New Employee

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

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

Workshop. "Customer Service: If Disney Ran Your Hospital." 9 to 11 a.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Friday, Aug. 10

20th Anniversary Children's

Miracle Open. Rogue's Roost, Bridgeport, NY. Call 464-KIDS (5437) for details.

SUNY Upstate New Employee

Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Clinical Hands-On Practice

Orientation (CHOP). See 7/27 listing.

* **Mass.** See 7/27 listing.

Saturday, Aug. 11

* **Mass.** See 7/28 listing.

Sunday, Aug. 12

HealthLink on Air. See 7/29 listing.

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

* Broadcast live from the Chapel on Channel 40.

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SUNY Upstate Medical University Art Gallery

Artist:

Neil Carsten Lang: Impressionist oil paintings

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A caring connection



Photograph by Kathleen Paice

Faculty, medical students and nurse practitioners from SUNY Upstate Medical University assisted the Onondaga County Department of Health in dispensing medication to guard against malaria to a group of Burundian refugees who recently came to the United States.

The medications were given as a precautionary measure to recent refugees from Africa after several malaria cases had been reported in some African countries.

Reviewing patient information are, from right, from SUNY Upstate, Lisa Commane and Peter Cronkright, MD, and interpreter Francois Rutagarama. Also participating from SUNY Upstate were Victor Yazbeck, MD; Bradley Olson, MD; Rana El Feghaly, MD, nurse practitioner Susan Mahar, Emmanuel Nketiah MSII; Sarah Averill, MSII; and volunteer Caitlin Welch.



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