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Dr. Dewan and Dr. Greenberg honored by SUNY for service and teaching

Upstate Medical University professors Mantosh J. Dewan, MD, and Roger P. Greenberg, PhD, are among 26 State University of New York faculty members to be appointed to the rank of Distinguished Service Professor and Distinguished Teaching Professor, as approved by the State University of New York Board of Trustees. These faculty ranks, together with the Distinguished Librarian and the Distinguished Professorship, constitute the highest system tribute awarded to SUNY instructional faculty.

“The genius of SUNY faculty lies not only in their intellectual capacity, but also in their surpassing excellence in teaching and in their ability to apply their scholarship and research in service to the campus and larger community in which we all live,” said SUNY Board of Trustees Chairman Carl T. Hayden. “These SUNY faculty attract students and scholars to our campuses, enhance the prestige of the entire university and they are most deserving of highest acad-

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Mantosh Dewan



Roger Greenberg

Findings from Upstate study to aid understanding of disease development

Significant and widespread cognitive problems appear to exist in schizophrenia in its earliest phase, making it very hard for people with the disorder to work, study or be social, according to a new study conducted by Professor Stephen V. Faraone, PhD, of Upstate Medical University’s Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, and researchers from Harvard Medical School. The study is titled “Neurocognition

in First-Episode Schizophrenia: A Meta-Analytic Review.”

Understanding the early and central role of cognitive problems may help clinicians to more accurately diagnose incipient schizophrenia by telling it apart from other neuropsychiatric disorders that also have cognitive problems, such as attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). It could also allow them to provide more appro-

priate treatment. Combining schizophrenia’s cognitive warning signs with family history and signs of worsening daily functioning may also aid early diagnosis. Should improved early treatments become available, early diagnosis could make it possible to ease or even prevent these problems.

The researchers examined 47 previously published, peer-reviewed studies

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Andrea's Art Auction and Sale to benefit Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital will be held May 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Camillus Senior Center, First Street, Camillus. For more information, visit www.aartfund.com.

Motorcyclists are invited to participate in the 15th Annual Miracle Ride May 30, at 10:30 a.m., beginning at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant, 7384 Thompson Road, North Syracuse. Registration is from 9 to 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.kidsmiracles.org/miracleridesyracuse.

A free pre-retirement seminar for New York state Employees Retirement System members will be held June 3, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Liverpool Fire Department Hall, 1110 Oswego St., Liverpool. Register by calling 1-800-726-7732 by May 29.

The Fifth Annual Walmart Charity Golf Tournament to benefit the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital will be held June 3 at Foxfire at Village Green, Baldwinsville. Registration is at 8 a.m.; shotgun start is 9 a.m. Register online at www.wmtgch.org.

Patient First Nursing Grand Rounds will be held June 4, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and again from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., 103 Weiskotten Hall. Participants may receive 1.0 contact hours. For information, e-mail greenmam@upstate.edu or call 464-6572.

Megan Coleman, the early morning weekday anchor for WSTM's "Action News 3 Today in Central New York," will emcee Upstate Medical University's Employee Recognition Day June 4, to begin promptly at 11 a.m. at the Oncenter. Employee Recognition Day honors Upstate employees who have achieved their five-year incremental milestone of service as of June 30, 2009.

"All About Balance" will be presented by Betsy Fisher, MS, RD, of Upstate's Food and Nutritional Services, at the Cardiac Device Support Group meeting June 3, from 5 to 7 p.m., at HealthLink/Oasis at ShoppingTown Mall in DeWitt. The meeting, open to individuals who have implanted cardiac devices, their family members and interested healthcare professionals, is sponsored by Upstate's Cardiology Division, Electrophysiology /Arrhythmia Services.

Paige's Butterfly Run to benefit the William J. Waters Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders will be held June 6, beginning at 9 a.m. at the Federal Building Plaza, 100 S. Clinton St., Syracuse. To register or for more information, visit www.pbrun.org or call 635-0099.

The National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration will be June 7, from noon to 3:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Electronics Parkway in Liverpool. Cancer survivors of all ages will attend. For more information call 464-8668.

June 10 is the deadline to register for the JPMorgan Corporate Challenge Upstate team. Register by visiting www.upstate.edu/cc, click "join a company" and select Upstate Medical University, then follow the prompts. The entry fee of \$30 includes Upstate and Corporate Challenge T-shirts, and post-race refreshments. The event will be held June 23, beginning at 6:25 p.m. at the Onondaga Lake Parkway, Liverpool. For more information, call 464-4845 or e-mail cerior@upstate.edu.

The HANYS' Summer 2009 Workplace Leadership Series includes the following webconferences to be held in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall: "The Bounce-back Factor: Developing Resiliency During Tumultuous Times," June 17, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; "Legacy: A Strategy for

Re-engaging People," July 15, from 10 to 11:30 a.m.; "The Practice of Forgiveness and Gratitude: Strategies for Creating a Positive Workplace," Aug. 19, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Register at <http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training/index.cfm?go=1&searchtext=h> anys.

Upstate's Clean Up Day will be held June 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for areas located in University Hospital, the Computer Warehouse Building and the Regional Oncology Center. Clean Up Day is presented by the Clean Up Committee of Upstate and University Hospital. A campuswide Clean Up Day will be held in the fall. For more information, call Susan Campanaro at 464-6576.

Upstate's 2009 Honorary Degree Committee is soliciting nominees to be honored at Upstate's 2010 Commencement. The deadline to submit nominees is June 3. Honorees will be considered in three categories: candidates who have had a direct affiliation with and have made major contributions to Upstate; national leaders who have made major contributions to programs represented at Upstate; and celebrities who have brought national attention to a major health-related issue of importance to Upstate. Ineligible candidates are: persons who already hold an honorary degree from any SUNY campus; current SUNY employees or members of teaching or administrative staff; individuals whose conferral could create a conflict of interest; and current holders or candidates for New York elective public office. Nominations may be sent to Margaret Bourke, Office of the Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, 1010 Jacobsen Hall, or bourkem@upstate.edu.

Computerworld recognizes Upstate's pediatric telemedicine program

A telemedicine program at Upstate Medical University that enables children with medical needs to attend school from their hospital bed or while recovering at home has been honored by the Computerworld Honors Program.

The program, Staying Connected is Good Medicine, has been named a finalist of the Laureate Award from Computerworld, a leading source of technology news and information for technology people worldwide. Upstate will be recognized during ceremonies in June in Washington, D.C.

Staying Connected is Good Medicine enables children to see their classmates and teacher and vice versa, get assignments and participate in lessons in real time right from their hospital or treatment room or kitchen table.

Mary Ellen Michalenko, an Onondaga Cortland Madison BOCES teacher based at Upstate's University Hospital, says the program's benefits aren't solely about staying current with assignments.

"The program offers children the opportunity to maintain social and emotional relationships with their classmates," she said. "The students continued presence in the classroom through videoconferencing allows them to return to school more comfortably without the anxiety of being misunderstood since staff and classmates are aware of the physical changes they've experienced."

Patients participating in the program also receive in-hospital and at-home tutoring.

Hospitalized children or those recovering at home use a portable teleconferencing unit produced by Tandberg that includes video and audio capabilities and laptop computer to link in with their classrooms and classmates. The link is made through a broadband connection. If broadband service is not currently in place, Time Warner installs the connection and keeps it operational during the duration of the child's partic-



Submitted photo

Naomi Glenister, a student in the Sandy Creek School District, attends class while at home recovering from treatment at University Hospital through the hospital's telemedicine program, Staying Connected is Good Medicine. The

program, which allows children with medical needs to attend school from their hospital bed or while recovering at home, is being honored by Computerworld this month.

ipation in the program.

Patients can pan, tilt and even zoom the camera to see study packets and other course materials up close.

Since launching in 2004, the program has served students in the Sandy Creek, Fulton, Massena, Central Square and Mexico school districts.

One mother of a student participating in the program said Staying Connected gave her daughter a reason to get up in the morning, get dressed and look her best, just like she was on her school schedule again.

Upstate's Telemedicine Program Manager Jo Ann Shupe said the response to the program, not just from parents and their children, has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Everyone involved in this telemedi-

cine initiative, from Tandberg to Time Warner to the area school districts, has seen how it changes the lives of the students," she said. "They are excited about being involved in a program that showcases how powerful and effective technology can be, especially in the area of medicine and education."

Michalenko said the real importance of the program extends beyond books, grades and friendship. "Ensuring that a child remains involved in their school work and classroom experience is vital because it reinforces the expectation that the child will get better and their life return to normal."

The program is expected to expand to additional school districts when the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital opens in September.

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emic rank the university can bestow. My sincere gratitude and hearty congratulations go to them all.”

Dr. Dewan, professor and chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, received a Distinguished Service Professorship for his extraordinary service to the Upstate campus, to SUNY and to his local and global communities.

Dr. Dewan has for many years contributed his time and expertise to increasing the accessibility and quality of public community-based mental health services in Onondaga County and beyond.

He was instrumental in saving Hutchings Psychiatric Center and he re-established a fellowship in child psychiatry to give children and families access to highly-trained practitioners and that made a child psychiatrist available to youngsters at the Hillbrook Detention Facility. Dr. Dewan developed a multi-county training and consultation program, including a Website, on treating adults with co-occurring psychiatric and addictive disorders. He established a psychiatric assessment and treatment program for children entering foster care and he was instrumental in establishing a highly successful clinical consultation and training service with public mental health providers in Greene, Lewis and Jefferson counties. He designed and obtained funding from the State Office of Mental Health for a child psychiatry consultation service that provides training and case specific phone consultation to pediatricians and family practitioners in Onondaga County and the four surrounding counties.

Under his leadership, his department has developed psychiatric services in Watertown to serve Fort Drum soldiers and their families. Dr. Dewan also spearheaded a program for residents to earn a master's in public administration at Syracuse University's Maxwell School. He serves on a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services committee to develop a

national rural mental health plan, and a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration planning group to tackle the serious mental health issues in Iraq. He was one of three non-Iraqi physicians invited to participate in the Iraqi Action Planning meeting in Egypt where he demonstrated how to deliver evidence-based treatments in impoverished rural areas of Iraq based on the model he developed in Syracuse. Dr. Dewan is also a visiting professor at the University of Mumbai.

Dr. Greenberg, a professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences, received a Distinguished Teaching Professorship for his “mastery of teaching, outstanding service to students and commitment to their ongoing intellectual growth, scholarship and professional growth.”

Dr. Greenberg has earned an international reputation as a notable scholar, teacher, mentor and program director.

He has served as director of Upstate's Clinical Psychology Training Program since 1971 and head of the Division of Psychology since 1993. The training program has been continuously accredited by the American Psychology Association since 1970 and the program was selected in a national survey of directors of University Clinical Psychology Doctoral Graduate Programs as one of the 10 best in the country.

He has served as a mentor, teacher and clinical supervisor to more than 250 psychology trainees, hundreds of psychiatric residents and numerous medical students. He is the recipient of Upstate's 2007 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Dr. Greenberg has produced more than 225 articles and presentations that have had a major impact on the field of psychiatry and behavioral sciences. Long a leading scholar of Freud's work, he is the author of the definitive analysis, *The Scientific Credibility of Freud's Theories and Therapies*, written with Dr. Seymour Fisher, that was selected as one of the 10 best books in

the behavioral sciences by the National Library Association as well as by *Psychology Today*. In 2008 he published two book chapters, two papers, an invited paper and a book review.

Dr. Greenberg has given invited lectures at many national conferences as well as prestigious institutions such as Oxford University, University of Toronto, and Cornell University where he was selected to give the first Catlin Memorial Lecture.

He has influenced many of his trainees to become academics themselves—his mentorship has included publishing more than 35 articles with former students.

Dr. Greenberg also has been active in the application of academic standards in assessing programs and student performance at the national level. He has been an active member of the American Psychological Association since 1969 and has served as a site visitor for psychology training programs for the purpose of accreditation for over 35 years. He has mentored and trained a number of new site visitors who have learned well by his example.

Dr. Greenberg has served as an elected board member of the Central New York Psychological Association since 1986 and as its president in 2001 and 2002. He received the group's highest honor, the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2004.

At Upstate Medical University, Dr. Greenberg has served on the Institutional Review Board for the past 17 years and as his department's representative to Upstate's Mission-based Management Committee. He has served on virtually all the committees in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He is currently on the Executive Committee, the Resident Evaluation Committee, the Research Committee, the Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee, and the CME Committee and is one of the founding members of the department's Syracuse Center for Psychotherapy.

Register for workshops at www3.upstate.edu/hr/training.click Management Development.

HealthLink Seminars are free, unless otherwise noted, and are open to all. Call HealthConnections at 464-8668 or visit upstate.edu/healthlink to register.

May 27. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Quality Management and Outcomes Measurement" will provide managers with a general overview of University Hospital's Organizational Quality, Management and Improvement Plan, including tracking and trends performance improvement in the areas of volume, clinical quality, customer satisfaction, and financial efficiency.

May 27. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "The Ethical Dilemmas of Transplanting Organs" will discuss the moral and ethical dilemmas of organ transplant.

June 3. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital: For Managers" will focus on why University Hospital has a compliance program, the program's details and the responsibilities necessary to maintain institutional compliance.

June 4. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Swine Flu Update" will discuss how it is spread and available treatment options.

June 9. 8:30 a.m. to noon. Genesee Grande Hotel, 1060 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

Workshop. "Childhood Obesity Prevention and Reduction" offers a review of expert guidelines and strategies for building a community coalition. Free. Register at kozmal@upstate.edu by May 29. For more information, call 464-2045.

June 10. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Good, Bad, or Just Ugly: Should I Worry About This Spot?" will discuss the changes of skin in the aging process and when changes warrant further examination.

June 11. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Hiring for CSEA - Represented Employees" will cover review of appropriate paperwork, documentation and Civil Service requirements.

June 11. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Need Help Paying Your Healthcare Bills? We Can Help" will discuss free legal services may be available and why Advanced Directives are important.

June 15. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Snoring Does Not Always Mean Good Sleep." Snoring and sleep disturbances in children can affect cognitive and behavioral development. This seminar will discuss the signs

parents should recognize to determine when medical help is needed.

June 17. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Virtual Reality Exposure for Combat Related Post Traumatic Stress Disorder" will discuss a computer assisted therapy program for veterans who are returning from the war with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

June 23. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Why Do Teens Become Short of Breath During Exercise." For teenagers, shortness of breath during exercise may be diagnosed as asthma, but other causes of shortness of breath are more common. This seminar will discuss the different causes and treatments for each.

June 25. 9 to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Fundamentals of PEF and CSEA Performance Evaluations" will provide supervisors with a basic knowledge and understanding of the process.

June 30. 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "UUP Performance Management Fundamentals" will review the purpose, process and timelines associated with developing UUP performance programs and performance evaluations in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding.

HealthLink on Air focuses on health issues affecting Central New Yorkers.

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Wednesday, May 27

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (Licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Post Stroke Depression." Amandeep Dhillon, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. "Surgical Management of DRUJ Arthritis." David Goren, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Quality Management and Outcomes Measurement." 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Chromosomal Microarray: New Diagnostic Frontier." Ryan T. Miller, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

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

Vocera. 1 to 3 p.m. Institute for Human Performance, Classroom C. Contact Derek Hawkins at 464-1400 or at hawkinsd@upstate.edu with questions.

HealthLink Seminar. "The Ethical Dilemmas of Transplanting Organs." Amy Friedman, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Thursday, May 28

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

Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). (PSC, monitor techs, psych therapy techs).

8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (RN, LPN, GN, GPN, CT, UST). 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "What Does Dave Do? Symbolic Experiential Family Therapy." Rebecca King, MD, Upstate Medical University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St. Syracuse.

Vocera. See 5/27 listing.

WebCAIS for Travel RNs. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance. Contact Barb Bennett 464-9267 or e-mail bennettb@upstate.edu with questions.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Friday, May 29

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

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Surgery and Healing in the Developing World." Glenn Geelhoed, MD, George Washington University Medical Center. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (Non-licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

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

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

Andrea's Art Auction and Sale. 6 to 9 p.m. Camillus Senior Center, First Street, Camillus.

Saturday, May 30

15th Annual Miracle Ride. Registration: 9 to 10:30 a.m. Ride: 10:30 a.m. Spinning Wheel Restaurant, 7384 Thompson Rd. North Syracuse.

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

Sunday, May 31

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

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

Monday, June 1

Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). See 5/28 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. "Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. Green Hills Market, 5933 S. Salina St., Syracuse.

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

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B. E-mail vandresd@upstate.edu for information.

HealthLink Seminar. "Free Community Smoking Cessation Class. (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Tuesday, June 2

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

HealthLink Seminar. "Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Vocera. See 5/27 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, PM & R Dayroom, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician's Office Bldg., Irving Avenue, Syracuse.

Wednesday, June 3

Fifth Annual Walmart Charity Golf Tournament. Begins at 8 a.m. Foxfire at Village Green, Baldwinsville.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m.

Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

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

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (Licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Not Quite the Last Lecture." Michael Ratner, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Understanding Compliance at University Hospital: For Managers." 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 5/27 listing.

Vocera. See 5/27 listing.

Webinar. "Five Ways Improving Patient Satisfaction Can Put Money in Your Pocket." 2 p.m. 1307D University Hospital. Register at hydeg@upstate.edu.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds. "Remembering Rev. George Craik." Rev. BJ Norrix. 4 to 5:15 p.m. First Floor Conference Room, Setnor Academic Bldg.

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

Cardiac Device Support Group Meeting. "All About Balance." Betsy Fisher, MS, RD, Upstate Medical University. 5 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Free Community Smoking Cessation Class. (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University.

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

Thursday, June 4

Medicine Grand Rounds. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Employee Recognition Day. 11 a.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

Psychiatry Meeting for Full-time Faculty. Noon to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St. Syracuse.

Patient First Nursing Grand Rounds. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Vocera. See 5/27 listing.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

HealthLink Seminar. "Swine Flu Update." Shelley Gilroy, MD. Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Friday, June 5

Obstetrics/Gynecology Residents' Day Scientific Forum. 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marley Education Ctr.

WebCAIS/Groupwise Class (Non-licensed). 7:30 a.m. to noon. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

• **Mass.** See 5/29 listing.

Saturday, June 6

Paige's Butterfly Run. Begins at 9 a.m. Federal Building Plaza, 100 S. Clinton St., Syracuse.

Duck Race to End Racism. Noon to 4 p.m. Syracuse Inner Harbor.

• **Mass.** See 5/30 listing.

Sunday, June 7

National Cancer Survivors Day Celebration. Noon to 3:30 p.m. Holiday Inn, Electronics Parkway, Liverpool.

The Color Purple Buffalo Theatre Day Trip. Reservations only.

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Healthlink on Air. See 5/31 listing.

• **Mass.** See 5/31 listing.

Monday, June 8

HealthLink Seminar. “Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. Green Hills Market, 5933 S. Salina St., Syracuse.

• **Mass.** See 6/1 listing.

Webinar. “Patient Experience Improvement Collaborative (Part I). 2 to 3:30 p.m. 1307D University Hospital.

Yoga Class. See 6/1 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. “Free Community Smoking Cessation Class. (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink /Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Tuesday, June 9

Conference. “Childhood Obesity Prevention and Reduction.” 8:30 a.m. to noon. Genesee Grande

Hotel, 1060 E. Genesee St., Syracuse.

HealthLink Seminar. “Free Community Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. HealthLink /Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 6/2 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, PM & R Dayroom, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases

Conference. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician’s Office Bldg., Irving Avenue, Syracuse.

Wednesday, June 10

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

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

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. “Stent-Assisted Coiling of the Wide Neck Intracranial Aneurysm and Case Review.” Yahia Lodi, MD,

Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. “Diverticular Disease: A Copass or a GPS?” Richard Wells, MD, Upstate Medical University.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

• **Rev. Weez’s Storytime.** See 5/27 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. “Good, Bad, or Just Ugly: Should I Worry About This Spot?” Eleanor Abel, PA. Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

Thursday, June 11

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

60-Day Retention Program. 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. or 3:45 to 4:45 p.m. 1403 University Hospital.

Medicine Grand Rounds. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. “Hiring for CSEA-Represented Employees.” 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. “My Genome, My Self: How Genes, Environments and Their Interactions Inform the Study of Mental Health and Illness.” Wendy Kates, PhD, and Stephen Faraone, PhD, Upstate Medical University. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St. Syracuse.

WebCAIS for Travel RNs. See 5/28 listing.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

HealthLink Seminar. “Need Help Paying Your Healthcare Bills? We Can Help.” Jim Williams, Esq. Legal Services of CNY. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall.

Juneteenth Ancestral Celebration. 6 to 9 p.m. Institute for Human Performance. K. Bruce Simmons MD, keynote.

Friday, June 12

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

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. Amy Friedman, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Manley Education Ctr.

• **Mass.** See 5/29 listing.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). See 5/29 listing.

Juneteenth Walk for Wellness. P3 p.m. 3 mi. walk begins at Manley Field House.

Saturday, June 13

• **Mass.** See 5/30 listing.

Juneteenth Parade & Health Fair. Parade begins at 10 a.m.; health pavilion: 1 to 6 p.m. Clinton Square.

Sunday, June 14

Healthlink on Air. See 5/31 listing.

• **Mass.** See 5/31 listing.

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

Watch “Upstate Magazine” on Staff ED TV channel 62 by visiting upstate.edu/edcom/upstatemag.

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of first-episode schizophrenia that involved 43 separate samples comprising 2,204 patients and 2,775 largely age- and gender-matched control participants. Results of this new analysis appear in the May issue of *Neuropsychology*, published by the American Psychological Association.

The psychologists sorted the studies’ collective findings into 10 areas of neurocognition, including general cognitive ability, attention, memory, and various verbal, motor and visuospatial skills. Among their main findings:

• In the very first episode of schizophrenia, cognitive problems were already broad and serious. Early impairment approached or matched the

severity of problems seen in patients who had been sick for a while.

• People experiencing their first episode of schizophrenia had significantly worse performance on all cognitive measures than healthy controls who were largely matched for gender and age.

• Patients struggled the most with processing speed and with verbal learning and memory, especially when encoding information. Although many psychiatric and neurological illnesses, such as bipolar disorder, affect processing speed, schizophrenia seems to disrupt it more profoundly.

• Measured IQ and other cognitive abilities dropped the most between the high-risk period just before symptoms appear and the first acute phases. After that, these cognitive abilities were

stable. This cognitive pattern, when combined with other signs such as clinical symptoms and family history, could suggest a diagnosis of schizophrenia.

People with schizophrenia have experienced a high-risk period for a few months to two years before illness sets in, showing increased problems with daily living that foreshadow full-blown illness.

Early intervention for cognitive problems might lessen their intensity and duration, allowing for a better prognosis, lower relapse rates and better preservation of cognitive and social skills, and of family and social supports, according to the authors. The high-risk, or “prodromal,” period is now a focal point for prevention, diagnosis and treatment.



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Upstate awards 409 degrees at Commencement May 17

Upstate Medical University awarded 409 degrees to graduates of its colleges of Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine and Nursing at the university's 2009 commencement ceremony May 17 at the John H. Mulroy Civic Center. Syracuse Native Fay W. Whitney, PhD, RN, a pioneer in the practice and education of nurse practitioners in the United States, addressed graduates and received an Honorary Doctor

of Science degree from the State University of New York. Graduation weekend events also included convocation ceremonies, a reception at the Renaissance Syracuse Hotel and a breakfast at the Institute for Human Performance.



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