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JUNE 10 THROUGH JUNE 24, 2009

Upstate receives \$1.96 million NIH grant for study of blood cancers

Researchers at Upstate Medical University are conducting a \$1.96 million NIH-funded study using a genetically modified mouse model to better understand the cause and progression of a closely related group of blood cancers known as myeloproliferative disorders (MPDs). Findings from the study may lead to new and more effective therapies to treat the conditions.

M. Golam Mohi, PhD, assistant professor of pharmacology at Upstate, serves as the principal investigator for this five-year study titled "Role of JAK2V617F in the Pathogenesis of Myeloproliferative Disorders." The study is funded by the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute.

According to Dr. Mohi, classic MPDs include Polycythemia Vera (PV), Essential Thrombocythemia (ET), primary myelofibrosis (PMF) and Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML).

"MPDs are caused when bone



Photograph by William Mueller

M. Golam Mohi, PhD, is conducting an NIH-funded study to better understand the cause and

progression of a closely related group of blood cancers known as myeloproliferative disorders.

marrow cells that produce blood cells develop and function abnormally, resulting in the excessive production of one or more of blood cell types," says

Dr. Mohi. "The outcome makes an individual more susceptible to a host of problems, including thrombosis and/or

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Upstate wins federal grant to study heart-related birth defects

Upstate Medical University has been awarded \$341,280 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to advance research and treatment for heart-related birth defects.

The grant, part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was announced recently by U.S. Sens. Charles Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand.

While progress has been made in

understanding heart defects, in many cases the underlying cause is unknown. This project focuses on mechanisms that control heart development to identify genes that may aid in the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of congenital heart disease.

The research will be conducted by Jeffrey Amack, PhD, assistant professor of cell and developmental biology. Dr. Amack's research interest focuses on how organs, in particular the heart,

take shape during embryonic development.

"Federal funding for medical research and training is needed now more than ever," said Schumer. "In these difficult economic times, it is critical that we continue to invest in cutting edge medical research to push the boundaries of medicine and promote long-term economic growth. I will continue to fight for federal funds

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

Central Stores will be closed at 8 a.m. June 11 through 8 a.m. June 12 for inventory. Emergency orders on June 11 should be directed to Hospital Purchasing at 464-6039 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

NYS-Balance, a free, confidential resource and referral service to help state employees balance work and life is available at www.nysbalance.ny.gov. The program offers services 24/7 and provides information on several issues including budgeting, home repair, finding child care or a summer camp, health and wellness, elder care issues, retirement planning, college preparations, parenting strategies, useful resources, articles, links, and interactive tools. The service is for state employees who are represented by CSEA, PEF, UUP and designated M/C employees and their families. For information, visit www.nysbalance.ny.gov (username: nys; password: balance) or www.goer.state.ny.us/, or call 1-866-320-4760.

The reusable Hospital Week/Think Green travel mugs that were distributed to Upstate employees in May entitles users to a 10-cent discount on coffee at Café 750 in University Hospital, the C.A.B. Snack Bar and the Weiskotten Hall Ninth floor cafeteria. The discount does not apply at Espresso Oasis. The U.S.-made, 16-ounce biodegradable mugs are produced from recycled materials and are free of BPA, a chemical used in production of polycarbonate plastics and epoxy resins. The mugs reduce the cost and environmental waste of single-use polystyrene cups on campus. Upstate employees who did not receive a mug may contact Liz Estera at 464-4401.

The 17th annual Rev. Jerry Shave Clergy Day will be held June 11, from 8:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. at University Hospital. The program includes a presentation, "Let's Not Meet by Accident for Clergy: Trauma, Emergency Surgery, Organ

Donation and The Role of Clergy" and a tour of the new East Tower. Clergy Day is open to spiritual care providers and those with an interest in spirituality in medicine. To register, call Health Connections at 464-8668.

Upstate is a sponsor of the 2009 Juneteenth celebration June 12 and 13 featuring the following events: "The Winston Gaskin Community Walk for Wellness" to be held June 12, at 3 p.m. from Manley Field House to Jubilee Park; and "The Families United Then and Now Parade" to be held June 13, at 10 a.m. beginning at Dr. King School and ending in Clinton Square at noon. To participate in the events as part of Team Upstate, contact Edgar Johnson at johnsone@upstate.edu or 464-4924.

A Web site regarding Upstate's search for a senior vice president of hospital affairs and chief executive officer of University Hospital can be found at www.upstate.edu/hr/uhceo search. The site is updated regularly and contains a listing of search committee members, a timeline of search activities, an overview of the position and its responsibilities and general information about Upstate and University Hospital. Comments and suggestions about the site may be directed to Patty Brecht at brecht@upstate.edu or by calling 464-4938.

Winners of the National Hospital Week drawings are: Theresa Homer, Catherine Smith, Linh Loftus, Jeannine Crawford, Lisa Shelton (\$25 Carousel Center gift certificate); Brenda Perez, Michael Morrell, Lynn Zehr, Donald Gray, Christiane Sauter, Daniel Bishop (\$15 Hess gas card); Laurie Deperno, Robin Dow, Dr. Nelson, Jason Hemenway, Jennifer Lambert (\$15 Fast Track gas card); Eric Davis (\$20 P&C gift card); Alice Decastro (\$15 Starbucks gift card); Elaine McCue, Cassandra Askew, Wendy Eddy (Delta Sonic car wash certificate); Gail O'Reilly (Second Chance Orchard gift certificate);

Marilyn Nolan (spring gardening kit); Mary Scott (\$25 Macy's gift card); Emily Bigelow (Avon basket); David Lowell (Taco Bell Two-Combo meals for one year); Carolyn Towers (Walmart gift card); Mary Menapace (Concept Day Spa manicure/pedicure and Aveda candle); Brian Pratt and Bonnie Chapman (nursing attache bag and a \$15 Morrison gift card). Winners who have not claimed their prizes may contact Liz Estera at 464-4401.

2009 graduates of Upstate's Project Search will present their internship opportunities to incoming students at the Project Search End-of-the-Year Luncheon June 18, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the East Lounge of the C.A.B. The luncheon is open to the graduating students and their families, Project Search staff and partners, incoming students and their families, teachers and staff who supported the students.

The 22nd annual Children's Miracle Open, featuring a Captain 'n Crew format, will be held July 31, at Foxfire at Village Green. Start times are 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Awards will be made in three divisions: Women, Men, Mixed. For information about fees, sponsorship packages or registration, call visit www.upstateopen.org.

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Photo submitted by Dan Hurley

Regional strategy takes shape

Upstate Medical University President Dr. David R. Smith speaks with Fort Drum MEDDAC Commander Jerome Penner at a meeting at the Army base called by the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization.

Upstate unveiled its partnership plan designed to create a branch campus in the Fort Drum/Watertown region to an audience of North Country stakeholders.

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that will advance Upstate Medical University in Syracuse as a world class research institution and vital source of jobs for Central New York.”

“It is critical that we invest in the life saving research and personnel training at our world-class medical facilities in Syracuse,” said Gillibrand. “Federal funding for this cutting edge research will help save lives while supporting economic growth in Central New York. I will continue to work with

Senator Schumer to ensure that New York receives its fair share of federal dollars and improved health care initiatives.”

Research at Upstate is a nearly \$40 million enterprise focused on research into cancer, infectious diseases, disorders of the nervous system and diabetes, metabolic disorders and cardiovascular diseases.



Jeffrey Amack



Photograph by William Mueller

Bruce Dearing Writing Award winners are, from left, front row: Basilia Nwankwo, Mehr-Afarin Hosseini, Robin Nagowski, Joan Cofrancesco. From left, back row: Sam Mackenzie, Upstate President David R. Smith, MD, Guy Perry. Not pictured: Gary Weinstein

Winners of the 2009 Bruce Dearing Writing awards announced

Seven Upstate Medical University individuals received 2009 Bruce Dearing Writing awards at a ceremony April 15 in Weiskotten Hall.

The annual award competition is sponsored by Upstate's Center for Bioethics and Humanities.

In the student category, tied for first place are Mehr-Afarin Hosseini, MS III,

"Baile de Aqua," and Robin Nagowski, MS IV, "Band-aids."

Honorable Mention winners in the student category are Basilia Nwankwo, MS I, "In the Beginning," and Samuel Mackenzie, MS II, "Interview with a Red Hydrangea."

Gary Weinstein, LCSW, took first place in the faculty/employee poetry

category for his story, "Ash."

Honorable Mention in the faculty/employee category was presented to Guy Perry, PhD, for his story, "Hoyo de los Estellos," and Joan Cofrancesco for "Neuro-Tangled Brain Haikus."

The award-winning essays will appear in the ninth issue of *The Healing Muse* in October 2009.

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hemorrhage, anemia, bone marrow fibrosis or acute leukemia."

Dr. Mohi's laboratory will specifically investigate how a mutation in gene JAK2 causes three of the four MPDs—PV, ET and PMF.

"The mutation in JAK2, known as V6717F, was discovered in 2005 in groups of patients who had these three classic cases of MPD," said Dr. Mohi.

"However it is still unclear as to how this single mutation can give rise to three different MPDs that have such distinct clinical features. To develop effective therapies, we first need to understand the role of this JAK2V617F mutation in the pathogenesis of MPDs."

Dr. Mohi's laboratory has created a genetically modified mouse model in which JAK2V617F is induced after birth. When this mutation is induced,

the mouse displays the same features as those found in human disease.

"This mouse model will help us to better characterize the blood disorders that are caused by the expression of the JAK2V617F, to assess the level of JAK2V617F activation that determines the type of MPD that is created, and to identify the critical signaling that is required for JAK2V617F to cause MPD," said Dr. Mohi.



Participating in the award presentation are, from left: Barbara Cassoni; Volunteer Advisory Council member Pat Atkinson; Linda deHority, manager of the Blood Bank; Kathy Namitz, Blood Bank technician; Karla Lauenstein, director of Clinical Pathology; Sherami Thines; and Paul Seale, chief operating officer for University Hospital.

Powerful partnerships

The Blood Bank of the Division of Clinical Pathology received the Powerful Partnership award from Upstate's Volunteer Initiatives Advisory Council (VIAC) at the annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration May 2 at the Genesee Grande Hotel. The award recognizes the impact of excellent staff-volunteer relationships. The Blood Bank was nominated by Express Volunteers Sherami Thines and Barbara Cassoni. Powerful Partnership Award finalists were the Breast Care Center and Endocrine Surgery and the 4B Pet Therapy Program.

LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

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.

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 11. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Fourth floor porch, Institute for Human Performance.

Orthopedic Surgery Continuing Medical Education Lecture. "Cervical Myelopathy: Diagnosis and Treatment," to be presented by William Lavelle, MD, of Upstate Medical University, is the first in a bimonthly series of lectures that will cover all aspects of orthopedic surgery. The lecture is CME approved. Free. Open to all MDs, NPs and Pas. Refreshments will be served. Call 464-4472 to R.S.V.P.

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.

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. "Osteolysis." Mason Stilwell, MD. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Diverticular Disease: A Compass or a GPS?" Richard Wells, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. Janice E. Brunstrom-Hernandez, MD, Washington University School of Medicine. 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.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

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.

17th Annual Rev. Jerry Shave Clergy Day. 8:15 a.m. to 1

p.m. 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. 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.

HealthLink Seminar. "Need Help Paying Your Healthcare Bills? We Can Help." Jim Williams, Esq. Legal Services of Central New York. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink /Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Friday, June 12
SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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

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

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

Saturday, June 13
• **Mass.** See 5/30 listing.

Sunday, June 14
Healthlink on Air. 9 to 10 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

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

Monday, June 15

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

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

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.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good...and For Free." (part of a series). Cynthia Cary, RRT, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Snoring Does Not Always Mean Good Sleep." Zafer Soutan, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Tuesday, June 16

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** 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.

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 17

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.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Does Strep Infection Cause Exacerbations of Tics or OCD?" Roger M. Kurlan, MD, University of Rochester School of Medicine. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. "Axillary Nerve Injuries." Jon Loftus, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Teaching Awards. 8 to 8:30 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Team Upstate Second Annual Thank You Celebration and Reception. By invitation only. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. C.A.B.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Pediatric Neuro-ophthalmology: Common Cases First Seen by the Pediatrician." Melissa W. Ko, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

HANYS Summer Workplace Leadership Webconference. "The Bounce-back Factor: Developing Resiliency During Tumultuous Times." 10 to 11:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

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.

Pathology Grand Rounds. Noon. 6717 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 6/10 listing.

Vocera. See 6/16 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. "Virtual

Reality Exposure for Combat Related Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder." Robbi Saletsky, PhD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Thursday, June 18
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.

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

Psychiatry Graduation. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St. Syracuse.

Project Search End-of-the Year Luncheon. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Vocera. See 6/16 listing.

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

Friday, June 19
Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "John Hagan, MD, Memorial Lecture: Teenage Pregnancy in Onondaga County: Past and Present." Valerie M. Schulz, MD, Long Island Jewish Medical Center and Sandra Lane, PhD, MPH, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

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

• **Mass.** See 6/12 listing.

Saturday, June 20

• **Mass.** See 6/13 listing.

Sunday, June 21

Healthlink on Air. See 6/14 listing.

• **Mass.** See 6/14 listing.

Monday, June 22

HealthLink Seminar. "Free

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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 6/15 listing.

Yoga Class. See 6/15 listing.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good...and For Free." See 6/15 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.

Tuesday, June 23

Management Forum. 9:45 a.m. to noon. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 6/16 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. See 6/16 listing.

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

HealthLink Seminar. "Why Do Teens Become Short of Breath During Exercise?" Ran Anbar, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

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

Wednesday, June 24

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. "The Disease of 1,000 Names: Surgical Treatment of Intractable Pediatric Epilepsy." Zulma Tovar-Spinoza, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. "Pediatric Disc Herniation." Aaron Bianco, MD. 8 to 9 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 6/10 listing.

Thursday, June 25

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

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

Workshop. "Fundamentals of PEF and CSEA Performance Evaluations." 9 to 11:30 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "Assimilating Common Factor Treatment Components into Cognitive Therapy for Depression." Michael J. Constantino, PhD, University of Massachusetts-Amherst. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Building, 713 Harrison St. Syracuse.

WebCAIS for Travel RNs. See 6/11 listing.

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

Friday, June 26

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

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Adult ADD and ADHA: Women and Medications." William Beals, MD, private practice. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP). See 6/12 listing.

• **Mass.** See 6/12 listing.

Saturday, June 27

• **Mass.** See 6/13 listing.

Sunday, June 28

Healthlink on Air. See 6/14 listing.

• **Mass.** See 6/14 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.



Photograph submitted by Toni Gary

Miracle riders rev up donations

Hundreds of motorcyclists gathered at the Spinning Wheel Restaurant in North Syracuse May 31 to begin the annual Miracle Ride, raising nearly \$70,000 to support pediatric services at University Hospital. Overall, the annual event has raised \$700,000 for ill and injured children who are treated at University Hospital. "Our Miracle Ride for children is now in its 15th year," said Toni Gary, director of community relations for University

Hospital's upcoming Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. "It is wonderful to see so many people each year come together to help our children." Gary herself has made this event a family affair. Her husband is radio personality Rick Gary, a motorcycle enthusiast who served as honorary chair of the 2009 Miracle Ride.



Photograph by Richard Whelsky

A salute to employees

Nearly 900 Upstate employees were honored for their employment and service to the university June 4 during Employee Recognition Day ceremonies at the Oncenter in downtown Syracuse. Cardiologist Harold Smulyan, MD, (inset) was honored for 50 years of service. Honored for 45 years were: Raja Abdul Karim, MD; Richard Aubry, MD, MPH.; David Beach, PhD.; Robert Daly, MD.; Sally Gray; and Zahi Makuli, MD. Upstate's Employee Recognition Day is an annual event that honors

employees who achieve their five-year incremental milestone of service as of June 30, beginning with five years of service.



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