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AUGUST 5 THROUGH AUGUST 19, 2009

## Upstate Medical University receives nearly \$2 million in stimulus funding

Upstate Medical University has received nearly \$2 million in funding since April 1 through the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The funding is earmarked for four research investigations into multiple sclerosis, heart disease, the olfactory system and schizophrenia. The funding will be used in part to create new research positions at Upstate to stimulate the area's economy.

"This funding for biomedical research is a wise investment in the Central New York economy," said U.S. Sen. Charles E. Schumer. "Not only will these federal dollars help New York institutions tackle our biggest health issues, but we will be creating research and teaching positions in the region." Sen. Schumer announced the most

recent funding initiatives in a press release issued jointly with U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand last month.

• Paul Massa, PhD, serves as principal investigator for a genetic study of multiple sclerosis. Joining Dr. Massa in the project are Upstate faculty members Burk Jubelt, MD, of the Department of Neurology; Scott Blystone, PhD, of the Department of Cell and Development Biology; and Andras Perl, MD, of the Department of Medicine. Dr. Massa's total ARRA award of \$706,500 will span two-years. "The ARRA funds will be used to hire three additional researchers to work on this project over the next two years and hopefully beyond," said Dr. Massa, professor of neurology.

According to Dr. Massa, many diseases of the human central nervous

system (CNS) are caused by inflammation.

"Inflammation in the CNS is caused by cells called leukocytes that enter the CNS from the blood for unknown reasons and release toxic molecules that damage the brain. In the human disease multiple sclerosis (MS), leukocytes move into the brain and cause inflammatory damage to a part of the brain called myelin, which results in severe neurological symptoms," said Dr. Massa.

To discover why this happens, Dr. Massa's team is studying an enzyme expressed in leukocytes called SHP-1, shown to protect against inflammation of myelin in animal models of MS and most recently shown to be deficient in leukocytes of MS patients.

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## John McCabe, MD, named chief executive officer of University Hospital

John McCabe, MD, who has served in various key leadership positions at Upstate Medical University during his 22-year association with the university, has been named chief executive officer of University Hospital and senior vice president for hospital affairs. Dr. McCabe has served as interim chief executive officer since June 1. The appointment, effective immediately, was announced by Upstate President David R. Smith, MD.

"John has been an outstanding leader at Upstate Medical University and has brought distinction to all the areas he has guided at the university,"

said Dr. Smith. "The multifaceted leadership he brings to this position with his outstanding knowledge of clinical issues, academic medicine, hospital finances, our role in the SUNY system and throughout the region, will serve University Hospital and the public well as we move forward on many issues."

"John's success as a leader and his ability to articulate a vision and build successful teams to implement that vision is a chief skill of his that will benefit this institution greatly," Dr. Smith added.



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John McCabe

## CAMPUS BRIEFS

**Yoga with Tony Riposo are held each Monday in August, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the East Lounge of the Campus Activities Building.** Classes are \$12 each. For information, contact Dawn Van Dresar at vandresd@upstate.edu or 464-9391.

**The Medical Executive Committee is holding a reception honoring Shawky Badawy, MD,** for his many years of service as chair of the Clinical Quality Improvement Committee Aug. 19, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Setnor Academic Building Atrium. RSVP to Medical Staff Services at 464-5733 no later than Aug. 12.

**The Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Maureen Knopp** of the Department of Radiation Oncology Aug. 17, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. in the small cafeteria in University Hospital. Knopp's career at Upstate has spanned 44 years.

**Volunteers are needed for Mary Nelson's Eighth Annual Youth Day Barbecue Aug. 15,** from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the corner of S. Salina Street and Wood Avenue in Syracuse. Volunteers can help by donating new or gently used backpacks, school supplies and books for children pre-K through college or by volunteering at the barbecue. School supplies may be dropped off through Aug. 10 at: University Radiology, 550 Harrison St., Suite 105 (attn: Mary, 403-0220); the Jacobsen Hall lobby; 1401 University Hospital; the Weiskotten Hall Information Desk; or Mary Nelson's Youth Center, 2849 S. Salina St. Volunteers are needed the day of the event from 8 a.m. to noon for set-up or from 1 to 5 p.m. to help with backpack distribution.

**A "Seasoned Nurses Luncheon," sponsored by University Hospital's Nursing Recruitment Office,** will be held Aug. 19, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in 1328B University Hospital. Staff members will be recommended by their

managers to attend this luncheon that will be offered in a focus group/open forum format.

**The Ninth Annual Biomedical Sciences Retreat will be held Sept. 10, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the Welch Allyn Lodge, 4355 State Street Road in Skaneateles. The retreat includes a poster session; breakfast, lunch, and late afternoon social hour; and a keynote address by Anne Messer, PhD, of the Wadsworth Center of the state Department of Health and professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Albany. The retreat is sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies.

**Tickets are on sale through Sept. 14 in the Foundation for Upstate Medical University office** for the 2009 Turning Stone Resort Championship, to be held Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 at the Turning Stone Resort's Atunyote Golf Club in Vernon. Tickets sold by the Foundation will benefit the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, courtesy of the Tickets for Charity program of the Oneida Indian Nation and the Upstate New York Empowerment Fund. Tickets are \$25 each and are good on any day of the tournament. There are no shipping, handling or convenience charges for tickets purchased through the Foundation. Credit cards will not be accepted for this offer. Tickets will be mailed via registered mail within one week following receipt of the order. To order tickets, visit the Foundation Office at 326 C.A.B., Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or email Robin Grabowski for a ticket order form at grabowsr@upstate.edu. For more information on purchasing tickets through the Foundation, contact the Foundation for Upstate Medical University at 464-KIDS (5437). For more information on the Turning Stone Resort Championship, visit [www.turningstonechampionship.com](http://www.turningstonechampionship.com).

**Parking is prohibited in areas near Silverman Hall, including Lot B4,** through Aug. 10 to accommodate the construction and demolition crews and equipment working on various campus projects. After-hours parking during the week and on the weekend will be permitted in Lot B3 for employees and in both Lot A and B3 for students. Individuals who are assigned to park in A and B lots may park in Garage East during this time. For more information, contact the Parking Office at 464-4801.

**The Central New York Master of Public Health program of Upstate Medical University and Syracuse University** will offer the following courses this fall "Population Health Across the Life Span in Developing Countries"; "Principles of Biostatistics"; "Principles of Epidemiology"; "Public Health Administration"; "Public Health Practice I"; and "Social and Behavioral Dimensions of Public Health." Non-matriculated students are welcome to register. For more information, visit [www.upstate.edu/currentstudents/docman/index.php?cid=116,select='Enrollment Procedures.'](http://www.upstate.edu/currentstudents/docman/index.php?cid=116,select='Enrollment Procedures.')

**The Consortium for Culture and Medicine (CCM) will offer four courses this fall:** "AIDS in American Literature"; "Child Health Policy"; "Ethics and the Health Professions"; and "History of Public Health in America." Courses are open to upper division undergraduates, graduate students and faculty from Upstate Medical University, Le Moyne College and Syracuse University. Registration for students of SUNY Upstate's colleges of Medicine and Health Professions will be accepted at 203 C.A.B. College of Nursing students may register at the third floor of 545 Cedar St. College of Graduate Studies students may register at 1162 Weiskotten Hall. For more information, visit [www.upstate.edu/ccm](http://www.upstate.edu/ccm).

## Upstate Medical University welcomes students to campus August 19

SUNY Upstate Medical University will welcome students and families to campus with a full schedule of orientation activities that include white coat ceremonies, campus tours, academic and informational sessions and social events. Orientation will be held Aug. 19 to 23. Classes begin 24.

“Members of the Student Affairs staff have been busy preparing for the arrival of our new students for some time now,” said Julie R. White, PhD, dean of student affairs. “We intend to offer an orientation program that not only introduces new students to the academic rigor of our institution, but perhaps most important, we will be welcoming them to the wonderful community that is Upstate Medical University. We are delighted to have these new students join us and we have great expectations for their success.”

A President’s Welcome Convocation for parents and students will be held Aug. 20, at 9 a.m. followed by a Parents’ and Family Day Program at 10:30 a.m. at the Oncenter in downtown Syracuse. Other events include the College of Medicine’s Dinner with a Doctor and the College of Graduate

Studies’ Dinner with a Research Scientist Aug. 23 at 3 p.m. at various locations; and a dinner with faculty for students in the colleges of Health Professions and Nursing Aug. 23, at 5 p.m. in the ninth floor dining room in Weiskotten Hall.

Students will be welcomed to their college and the healthcare profession in the presence of their family and friends during Upstate’s White Coat ceremonies.

The College of Medicine and the Medical Alumni Foundation will present a White Coat ceremony Aug. 20, at 3:30 p.m. in the Oncenter Ballroom. Each College of Medicine first-year student will receive a white coat made possible by a grant from Excellus BlueCross BlueShield to the Parents and Family Association of the Medical Alumni Foundation. The grant also supports a reception following the ceremony.

Also on Aug. 20 at 5:30 p.m., Key Bank joins the Office of the President, the Nursing Alumni Association and the Student Association of the College of Nursing (SACON) in hosting the College of Nursing White Coat cere-



Photograph by Richard Whelsky

*Students and their family members being helped at last year’s move-in day.*

mony for all nursing students in the ninth floor auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. Each undergraduate nursing student will receive a gift and each graduate nursing student will receive a white coat, courtesy of the College of Nursing Alumni Association.

The College of Health Professions and its Alumni Association will present a White Coat ceremony for its students and family members Aug. 26, at 5 p.m. in 9295 Weiskotten Hall. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

## Dr. Kane to chair the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

Professor Patricia M. Kane, PhD, has been named chair of Upstate Medical University’s Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology after serving as interim chair since January. She succeeds Richard L. Cross, PhD, who stepped down from the post in January and remains on the faculty.

Dr. Kane has been a member of the SUNY Upstate faculty since 1992, when she was appointed assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. She was promoted to full professor in 2003. She has served as vice chair of

the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology since 1998, and was acting chair of the department in 2003 to 2004. Her leadership roles within the College of Medicine include past chair the college’s Research Advisory Committee.

Dr. Kane’s research on the structure and function of the proton-ATPase and the control of cellular pH has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health since 1994, attracting more than \$5 million to the university.



Patricia M. Kane

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

Dr. McCabe takes leadership of the hospital at a time of great progress, with the recently opened East Tower with 108 private adult patient rooms, and next month's opening of the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and an upcoming groundbreaking for a cardiac care center.

In his more than two decades of service to Upstate, Dr. McCabe has been instrumental in developing key relationships locally, throughout the country and internationally.

Dr. McCabe assisted in the creation of a mass casualty unit and upgraded infirmary at the New York State Fairgrounds; developed an emergency medicine simulation center for the training of medical residents, and area EMS professionals; and spearheaded the university's creation of Katrina Response Unit to answer calls for medical assistance during the Hurricane

Katrina disaster in 2005. He oversaw the recent expansion of University Hospital's Emergency Room and its opening in 1996, and expanded the university's hyperbaric medicine program.

Nationally, Dr. McCabe has helped lead discussion on national health issues as president of the American College of Emergency Physicians and the American Board of Emergency Medicine. He also has served as a member of the executive committee of the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS).

Internationally, Dr. McCabe has developed medical conferences at universities in China and India, and has hosted delegations of international physicians to Upstate.

Dr. McCabe's appointments at Upstate include the positions of medical staff president, medical director of University Hospital, vice president and

vice dean for clinical affairs, senior associate dean for planning/resource management, and chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. McCabe's research interests have covered numerous aspects of emergency medical care, including the treatment of hemorrhagic shock, cardiac resuscitation, and the care of patients in the prehospital (EMS) environment.

Board certified in emergency medicine and undersea and hyperbaric medicine, Dr. McCabe received his medical degree from Upstate in 1979 and completed his residency at Wright State University School of Medicine.

He is active on numerous community organizations, including the Central New York Community Foundation, where he has served as a member of the board of directors.

LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND FORUMS

*Register for workshops and Webcasts at [www3.upstate.edu/hr/training.click](http://www3.upstate.edu/hr/training.click) Management Development. HealthLink Seminars are free, unless otherwise noted, and are open to all. Call UpstateDirect at 464-8668 or visit [upstate.edu/healthlink](http://upstate.edu/healthlink) to register.*

**Aug. 12, 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.**

Workshop. "Press Ganey E-Compass System" will teach participants about this internet-based performance analysis tool.

**Aug. 12, 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Using Social Networking Sites to Find Credible Health Information" will discuss Internet sites as resources for medical information.

**Aug. 13, noon to 8 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.**

Workshop. "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention" will teach how to respond effectively to the warning signs that someone is beginning to lose control.

**Aug. 13, 2 to 4 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.**

Workshop. "Diversity Management in Healthcare" will discuss the legal, moral and business cases for valuing diversity in a healthcare environment.

**Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dunbar Center, 1453 S. State St., Syracuse.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Making Healthy Food Choices" will discuss healthy food choices at the New York State Fair and at home. A free healthy lunch will be offered.

**Aug. 18, 8 to 11 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.; Aug. 27, 1 to 4 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.**

Workshop. "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention: Refresher Course" is the annual certification refresher session for those who have completed the full CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention course.

**Aug. 18, 1 to 2 p.m. 318 Weiskotten Hall Library.**

Webinar: "Key Issues for Joint Commission Emergency Management Compliance"

will present information to develop, document, and use emergency resource inventories. To register, e-mail [hydeg@upstate.edu](mailto:hydeg@upstate.edu).

**Aug. 18, 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Perfexion™-Upstate's New Gamma Knife"... Pinpoint Precision With No Incision" will discuss radiosurgery for the brain and high spinal areas with Upstate's latest Gamma Knife- Perfexion™.

**Aug. 21, 10 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.**

Workshop. "Upstate Stars Recognition Program" will discuss the benefits of recognition, innovative ways to recognize employees and recognition tools.

**Aug. 26, 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.**

HealthLink Seminar. "Jump Off the Diet Treadmill" will discuss a non-diet meditation based approach to weight management.

## SUNY Upstate to participate in the 2009 New York State Fair

Visit the SUNY Upstate Medical University/University Hospital exhibit located in the Science and Industry/ Hall of Health Building at the New York State Fair Aug. 27 through Sept. 7, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Upstate Medical University will be spotlighted each day. Representatives from each department will be available for questions. Below is the schedule, as of Aug. 1, of departments that will be represented at the fair.

- Aug. 27** **NYS Designated Upstate Stroke Center.** Educational and informational materials.  
**Smoking Cessation Program.** Pulmonary function and carbon monoxide screenings for smokers. Educational and informational materials.
- Aug. 28** **Upstate New York Poison Center.** Interactive display. Informational handouts and giveaways.  
**Health Insurance and Financial Services (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.)** Representatives will be available to discuss community resources available to uninsured individuals.  
**Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.** Educational information regarding outpatient therapy services at University Hospital.
- Aug. 29** **Concussion Management Program.** Educational and informational materials. Representative available to answer questions about brain injuries.  
**Pediatric Development Assessment Center.** Educational and informational materials; give aways.  
**Health Insurance and Financial Services.** See 8/28.
- Aug. 30** **Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.** Educational and informational materials.
- Aug. 31** **Orthopedics: Bone and Joint Center.** Informational handouts. Building block activity for children.  
**New York State Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program (NYSOPEP).** Information handouts and giveaways.  
**UpstateDirect (formerly HealthConnections).** Informational handouts regarding UpstateDirect services; giveaways.
- Sept. 1** **Cardiology.** Free blood pressure screening, informational materials about heart disease; giveaways.
- Sept. 2** **Child Abuse Referral and Evaluation Program.** Information regarding reporting suspected child abuse, what to do if a child discloses abuse and why every child suspected of child abuse needs a medical evaluation.
- Sept. 3** **McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Site.** Educational and informational materials.  
**Ambulatory Care Services (University Health Care Center).** Educational and informational materials.
- Sept. 3** **Cancer Center.** Educational and informational materials.  
**Smoking Cessation Program.** See Aug. 27.  
**American Cancer Society.** Educational and informational materials.
- Sept. 4** **Health Sciences Library and Family Resource Center at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.** Educational and informational materials.  
**Radiology.** Powerpoint presentation showing ultrasound, CT and MRI scan images. Educational materials.  
**Health Insurance and Financial Services.** See 8/28.
- Sept. 5** **College of Health Professions.** Representatives from the departments of Physical Therapy, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Respiratory Therapy, Physician's Assistant, Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy Education will be available for questions.  
**Health Insurance and Financial Services.** See 8/28.  
**University Pathology: Laboratory Services.** Informational materials regarding services and draw sites; giveaways.
- Sept. 6** **Orthopedics.** Bones and surgical hardware educational information.  
**New York State Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program (NYSOPEP).** See 8/31.  
**Adult Emergency Department.** Educational and informational materials.  
**Public Health and Preventive Medicine.** Tobacco users will be invited to participate in an interactive survey using a touchscreen kiosk. Participants will be eligible for token gifts and larger prize drawings.

## Wednesday, Aug. 5

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

### Surgery Morbidity/Mortality

**Conference.** "Trauma/Burns/SICU." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** "Shoulder Arthritis." Michael Potter, MD. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

### New York State Employees' Retirement System and Social Security

**Administration Information Sessions.** 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. 9295 Wsk. Hall.

**Clicker Camp 2009.** 9:30 a.m. to noon. 220 Health Sciences Library.

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

**Workshop.** "Upstate Stars Recognition Program." 2 to 3 p.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

**Burn Survivors Support Group.** 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 Wsk. Hall.

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Hypnosis for Medical Care: Myths and Truths." Ran Anbar, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

## Thursday, Aug. 6

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

**Medicine Grand Rounds.** "From Oops to Clutz: The Near Miss Registry." 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

**First Forensic Psychiatry Conference.** "Virginia Tech to Binghamton: An Analysis of Mass Murder." 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ninth Floor Aud., Wsk. Hall.

**Clicker Camp 2009.** See 8/5 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, Aug. 7

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

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

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

**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.

## Saturday, Aug. 8

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

## Sunday, Aug. 9

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

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

## Monday, Aug. 10

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

**Yoga with Tony Riposo.** 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

## Tuesday, Aug. 11

• **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.

## Wednesday, Aug. 12

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

**Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference.** "VA/Affiliated Hospitals." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** Scott Ekroth, MD. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

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

**Workshop.** "Press Ganey E-Compass System." 9 to 11 a.m. 1301 Institute for Human Performance.

**Pathology Grand Rounds.** "Antibody-Mediated Rejection in Renal Allografts and C4d as a Diagnostic Tool." Anjali A. Satoskar, MD,

Ohio State University. Noon to 1 p.m. 6717 University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 8/5 listing.

**Vocera.** See 8/11 listing.

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Using Social Networking Sites to Find Credible Health Information." Trisha Torrey, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

## Thursday, Aug. 13

**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.

**Workshop.** "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention." Noon to 8 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.

**Vocera.** See 8/11 listing.

**Webinar.** "Comply With the Language Services Federal Mandate and Improve Quality of Care and Patient Flow." 1 to 2 p.m. Location: TBA. E-mail hydeg@upstate.edu for more information.

**Workshop.** "Diversity Management in Healthcare." 2 to 4 p.m. 305 Jacobsen Hall.

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

## Friday, Aug. 14

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

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Making Healthy Food Choices." Heather Richardson, RD, Upstate Medical University. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dunbar Center, 1453 S. State. St., Syracuse.

• **Mass.** See 8/7 listing

## Saturday, Aug. 15

**Mary Nelson's Eighth Annual Youth Day Barbecue.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Corner of S. Salina Street and Wood Avenue, Syracuse.

• **Mass.** See 8/8 listing.

## Sunday, Aug. 16

**Healthlink on Air.** See 8/9 listing.

• **Mass.** See 8/9 listing.

## Monday, Aug. 17

**Maureen Knopp Retirement Reception.** 2 to 4:30 p.m. Small Cafeteria, University Hospital.

• **Mass.** See 8/10 listing.

**Yoga with Tony Riposo.** See 8/10 listing.

## Tuesday, Aug. 18

**Workshop.** "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention: Refresher Course." 8 to 11 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

• **Weekly Prayer Service.** See 8/11 listing.

**Webinar.** "Key Issues for Joint Commission Emergency Management Compliance." Susan B. McLaughlin. 1 to 2 p.m. 318 Wsk. Hall.

**Spiritual Fitness.** See 8/11 listing.

**HealthLink Seminar.** "Perfection: Upstate's New Gamma Knife." Lisa Mitchell, RN, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Health/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

## Wednesday, Aug. 19

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

**Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference.** "Univ. Gen Surg/Ad Lap." 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

**Orthopedic Grand Rounds.** "Pedicicle Screw Fixation." Nathaniel Ordway, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

**HANYS Summer Workplace Leadership Program.** "The Practice of Forgiveness and Gratitude: Strategies for Creating a Positive Workplace." 10 to 11:30 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall. Call. 464-4964 for more information.

**Seasoned Nurses Dinner.** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm. 1328B University Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 8/5 listing.

**Webinar.** "How to Engage Clinicians in Improving Patient Satisfaction." 2 p.m. Location: TBA. E-mail hydeg@upstate.edu for more information.

**Reception for Shawky Badawy, MD.** 4 to 6 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic

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**Thursday, Aug. 20**  
**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Location: TBA.

**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.

**Orientation Program:**

**President's Welcome Convocation.** 9 a.m. Oncenter Ballroom, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

**Orientation Program: Parents' and Family Day Program.** 10:30 a.m. Oncenter, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

**College of Medicine White Coat Ceremony.** 3:30 p.m. Oncenter Ballroom, 800 S. State St., Syracuse.

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

**WebCAIS for Travel RNs.** See 8/6 listing.

**College of Nursing White**

**Coat Ceremony.** 5:30 p.m. Ninth Floor Auditorium, Wsk. Hall.

**Friday, Aug. 21**  
**SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation.** 7:30 a.m. to noon. Location: TBA.

**Workshop.** "Upstate Stars Recognition Program." 10 to 11 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

**Clinical Hands-on Practice Orientation (CHOP).** See 8/7 listing.

• **Mass.** See 8/7 listing

**Saturday, Aug. 22**  
• **Mass.** See 8/8 listing.

**Sunday, Aug. 23**  
**Healthlink on Air.** See 8/9 listing.

• **Mass.** See 8/9 listing.

**Orientation Program: College of Medicine Dinner With a Doctor.** 3 p.m. Depart from C.A.B.

**Orientation Program: College of Graduate Studies Dinner With a Research Scientist.** 3 p.m. Depart from C.A.B.

**Colleges of Health Professions and Nursing Dinner With Faculty.** 5 p.m. Ninth Floor Dining Room, Wsk. Hall.

• 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](http://upstate.edu/edcom/upstatemag).

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"We will analyze possible genetic defects that lead to SHP-1 deficiency and whether correction of abnormal SHP-1 deficiency will decrease inflammatory activities of leukocytes in MS," said Dr. Massa.

• Jeffrey Amack, PhD, assistant professor of cell and developmental biology, received a two-year ARRA award of \$691,110 to advance research and treatment for heart related birth defects. The funding in part will support the addition of a post-doctoral fellow to assist in the investigation. Dr. Amack's study particularly focuses on how organs, in particular the heart, take shape during embryonic development. His laboratory is using zebrafish as a model vertebrate embryo to study the genetics and cell biology of organ morphogenesis.

• Barry Knox, PhD, professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and ophthalmology at Upstate, is the co-principal investigator for Upstate for a multi-site study of the olfactory system. Also serving as Upstate co-principal investigators are Steven L. Youngentob, PhD, professor of neuroscience and physiology at Upstate and Gino Cingolani, PhD, formerly of Upstate Medical University. His two-year ARRA award of \$431,750 will be used in part to hire an additional

researcher for the project. According to Dr. Knox, there is a growing demand to understand the structural basis for the selective binding of molecules like hormones or odorants to their membrane protein receptors. "This is particularly important for rationale drug design and producing molecular detectors," said Dr. Knox. The project is aimed at elucidating the three dimensional structure of olfactory receptors, a large family of proteins that detect a wide variety of molecules with diverse molecular structures. The long-term goal of the research project is to determine the structure of olfactory receptors at the atomic level using x-ray crystallographic techniques to understand how odorants interact with these specialized receptors.

"Having even one structure, in hand, would open up many possibilities to study other odorant receptors using homology modeling," said Dr. Knox. "The proposed research is significant because the preliminary data generated from this work is expected to open a line of investigation that will advance and expand our understanding of the molecular factors important to odorant molecule/receptor interactions."

• Serving as Upstate's principal investigator for a multi-site investigation titled, "Genetic Study of Schizophrenia in Oceanic Palau," is Marina Myles-Worsley, PhD, of

Upstate's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. Her research study has received a one-year ARRA supplement award of \$108,864.

The principal objective of the parent study is to identify genetic variation that underlies liability to schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders in the isolated island nation of Palau. The supplement will fund additional genotyping and validation experiments to be conducted by Frank Middleton, PhD, director of the Core Microarray Facility, to further explore genetic variants that have been identified in Palauan families with schizophrenia.

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*John McCabe, MD, chief executive officer of University Hospital and senior vice president for hospital affairs, joins Christine Rutan, CPHQ, senior director of Quality Improvement Initiatives for the American Heart Association, in displaying the achievement award for stroke care.*

## University Hospital awarded for higher standard of stroke care

*University Hospital has received the American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines—Stroke Silver Performance Achievement Award for its commitment and success in implementing a higher standard of stroke care. To receive the award, University Hospital consistently complied with the requirements in the Get With The Guidelines—Stroke program. The requirements include aggressive use of medications like tPA, antithrombotics, anticoagulation therapy, DVT prophylaxis, cholesterol reducing drugs, and smoking cessation. In 2006 University Hospital became central New York's first hospital to receive Stroke*

*Center designation from the New York state Department of Health. The hospital recently opened a floor dedicated to neuroscience in the new East Tower consisting of 46 private spacious state of the art patient rooms.*



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