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"To improve the health of the communities we serve through education, biomedical research and healthcare."

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Welcome, New Faculty!

We are excited to announce the new faculty members that will be joining the Department of Medicine as of July 1, 2015

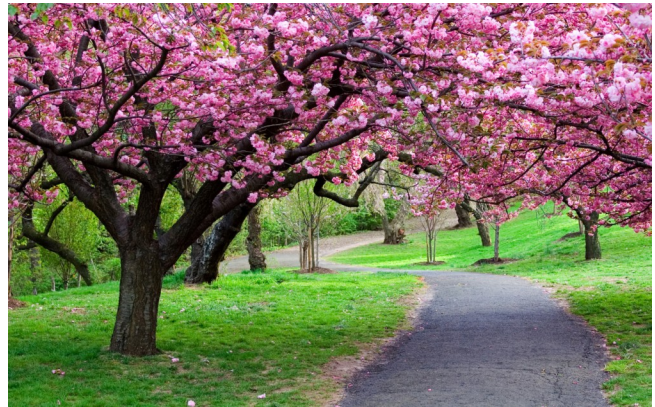
Muhammad Arif, MBBS, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Gastroenterology Division. He received his medical degree from Aga Khan Medical University in Pakistan. He did his residency and Gastroenterology Fellowship here at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse NY.

Nidhi Bansal, MBBS, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Endocrinology Division. She received her medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India. She did her residency at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY, and her Endocrinology Fellowship here as well.

Vikram Bisen, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Cardiology Division. He received his medical Degree from Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY and completed his residency and Cardiology Fellowship here as well.

Divey Manocha, MBBS, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Gastroenterology Division. He received his medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India. He did his residency and Gastroenterology and Hepatology Fellowship at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

Muhammad Naqvi, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Hematology/Oncology Division. He received his medical degree from Rawalpindi Medical College in Pakistan. He did his residency at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, NM. His Hematology/Oncology Fellowship was completed at University of New Mexico Cancer Center in Albuquerque, NM.



Avneet Singh, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Cardiology Division. He received his medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India. He did his residency and Cardiology Fellowship at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

Abirami Sivapiragasam, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the Hematology/Oncology Division. She received her medical degree from Tver State Medical Academy in the Russian Federation. She did her residency and Hematology/Oncology Fellowship at Winthrop University an affiliate of Stony Brook, in Mineola, NY.

Zachary Williamson, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, is joining the General Internal Medicine Division. He received his medical degree from Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY, and has completed his residency here as well.





Upstate Updates and News!



Department of Medicine

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Teaching Awards

I am pleased to announce that the College of Medicine, Class of 2015 has selected the Department of Medicine for the Medical Alumni Association Clinical Department Teaching Award this year.

In addition, **Dr. Amit Dhamoon** was selected by the College of Medicine Class of 2015 to receive the Medical Alumni Association Clinical Faculty Teaching Award. The awards will be given at the commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 17th 2015.



Congratulations and thank you to Dr. Dhamoon and the entire Medicine Faculty, whose dedication and performance have made the Department of Medicine well-deserving of these awards!

Upstate in the News

Dr. Sharon Brangman geriatrician, is quoted in an article that discusses sexuality in the elderly population. Her knowledge was sought out to engage issues such as nursing home changes to accommodate couples, as well as STD's in people aged 70+. You can read the full article titled "Sex & Aging," which can be found in the April/May 2015 issue of 55+.



Dr. Lynn Cleary coauthored a publication from the premier journal in medical education. Academic Medicine, March 17, 2015, Publish Ahead of Print. The article is titled "Changes in Medical Students' Exposure to and Attitudes About Drug Company Interactions From 2003 to 2012: A Multi-Institutional Follow-up Survey."



Dr. Elizabeth Reddy tells how and where to obtain the drug that reduces transmission of the AIDS virus on Health Link on Air Radio Show on March 8.

You can listen to her presentation by following the link below. See more at: <http://blogs.upstate.edu/healthlinkonair/>



Karen Litwak, NP from the Oneida Hematology/Oncology office was honored by the Oneida Area Zonta Club on March 18, 2015 as the recipient of the 2015 Status of Women Award.





Upstate Updates and News Cont...

Employee Recognition

The following list contains the names of employees in the Department of Medicine who have reached (as of June 30, 2015), their five year milestone for service recognition. Medicine alone has a combined total of 860 years of expertise and experience!



Congratulations to all those being honored!

FIVE YEARS:

Toryona Hodge - Ambulatory Medicine
Kimberly Snyder - Ambulatory Medicine
Mary Lu Sobon - Ambulatory Medicine
Denise Guralny - Cardiology
Dr. Kan Liu - Cardiology
Dr. Robert Michiel - Cardiology
Jeffrey Montalbano - Cardiology
Shannon Huggins - Designated Aids Center
Melissa Napierkowski - Designated Aids Center
Jennifer Davis - Gastroenterology
Jessica Colver - Hematology/Oncology
Patricia Curtin - Hematology/Oncology
Mary Guyette - Hematology/Oncology
Lisa Mantz - Hematology/Oncology
Patricia Markham - Hematology/Oncology
Stephanie O'Brien - Hematology/Oncology
Susan Rourke - Hematology/Oncology
Lynn Siriswasdi - Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Brian Changlai, Jr. - Hospitalist Program
Dr. Tanya George - Hospitalist Program
Dr. Housam Hegazy - Hospitalist Program
Dr. Karthikeyan Sitaraman - Hospitalist Program
Helen Anastasiou - Infectious Diseases
Monique Cooper - Joslin Diabetes Center
Michelle Dart - Joslin Diabetes Center
Dr. Rachel Hopkins - Joslin Diabetes Center
Khuyet Le - Joslin Diabetes Center
Mary Liptak - Joslin Diabetes Center
Katherine Taber - Joslin Diabetes Center
Dr. Apurv Khanna - Nephrology
Jayson Perez - Nephrology

TEN YEARS:

Carol Fitzgerald - Ambulatory Medicine
Amy Tetrault - Cardiac Cath Lab
Dr. Saktipada Mookherjee - Cardiology
Emily O'Hern - EP Lab
Angela Frechette - Hematology/Oncology
Michelle Scott - Infectious Diseases



Dr. Jennifer Kelly - Joslin Diabetes Center
Paula Fus - Nephrology

FIFTEEN YEARS:

David Hynes - Ambulatory Medicine
Josephine Sauro - Ambulatory Medicine
Michelle Haight - Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism
Holly Briere - Hematology/Oncology
Jelica Price - Hematology/Oncology
Carrie Whitmarsh - Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Hom Neupane - Rheumatology

TWENTY YEARS:

Karen Falise - Ambulatory Medicine
Sharlene Nemitz - Ambulatory Medicine
Patricia Tuori - General Internal Medicine
Laurie Davies - Hematology/Oncology
Lori Spicer - Hematology/Oncology

TWENTY FIVE YEARS:

Mary King - Ambulatory Medicine
Dr. Robert Carhart - Cardiology
Dr. Sharon Brangman - Geriatrics
Dr. Teresa Gentile - Hematology/Oncology
David Green - Hematology/Oncology
Kay Howard - Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Jonathan Wright - Hematology/Oncology
Deborah Tuttle - Medicine Administration

THIRTY YEARS:

Michael Cutillo - Designated Aids Center
Linda Fingar - General Internal Medicine
Dr. David Small - General Internal Medicine
Joanne Chilton - Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Stephen Graziano - Hematology/Oncology

THIRTY FIVE YEARS:

Laura Kilburg - Hematology/Oncology
Dr. Jyotirmoy Nandi - Infectious Diseases



Upstate Updates and News Cont...

Clinical Research Office



Interested in developing a research program? How about expanding a current program? The Clinical research Initiatives Office is here for you.

The Clinical Research Initiatives Office, serves as a first point of contact for clinical faculty interested in developing a research program, or expanding their current research program. Comprehensive information on the clinical research infrastructure and centralized resources are available.

The office will provide individualized guidance to clinical faculty that includes information on protocol development, study startup, study conduct, study closeout, regulatory requirements, funding and budgetary considerations, and campus collaboration.

If you have any questions or want to learn more, feel free to contact Mary Lou Watson the Director of Clinical Research Initiatives.

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Gold Standard Awards



Drs. Kan Liu & David Small Honored with Gold Standard Award

At the 8th Annual Celebration of the Faculty on March 12, two Medicine faculty were honored as recipients of the Gold Standard Award. This award recognizes members of the faculty that have demonstrated dedication, passion, vision, and commitment to their work and to Upstate. This is not about publications, funding or RVUs. It is about commitment, vision and sincerity. Gold standard honorees truly live the values of Upstate by exemplifying innovation, respect, service and integrity. Congratulations to Drs. Kan Liu and David Small for exemplifying these characteristics for this well-deserved award.

In addition to Medicine faculty, six other celebrated members of the Upstate community received a Gold Standard Award, Stephen Glatt, PhD, Imad Nsouli, MD, Bradley Olson, MD, MS, Josephine Przepiora, MS, MT, (ASCP), SM, Matthew Sarsfield, MD, and Joyce Scarpinato, DNP, PNP-BC, FNP-C.

Kan Liu, MD, PhD - Medicine pauses for a picture with president Gregory Eastwood and Dr. Vincent Frechette, and shakes president Eastwood's hand (below right) as he receives his award.



David Small, MD - Medicine shakes hands with president Gregory Eastwood (left). He poses with president Eastwood and Dr. Vincent Frechette for a picture with his award, (bottom right).





National Doctors' Day

Physicians Recognized on Doctor's Day

On Monday, March 30, physicians across the country were honored during **National Doctors' Day**, a day set aside to celebrate the exceptional care, expert guidance, and dedication that physicians offer patients every day. In honor of National Doctors' Day and in recognition of the extraordinary care provided by Upstate physicians, on March 24th and 25th, the Upstate Foundation delivered testimonials sent in by grateful patients and families as part of National Doctors' Day. The doctors recognized also received a certificate of achievement. Nearly 50 Upstate doctors who have not been recognized in previous years, received testimonials from grateful patients. The hundreds of patients that responded to the Foundation's request for tributes and the hundreds more that send notes of thanks throughout the year, are a testament to the extraordinary care Upstate physicians provide each and every day. We are so pleased to report that **33 physician's from the Department of Medicine** received tributes this year.



Congratulations!

Faculty

Dr. Vikram Aggarwal

Dr. Sam Benjamin

Dr. Mitchell Brodey

Dr. Debra Buchan

Dr. Robert Carhart

Dr. Thomas Coyle

Dr. Timothy Creamer

Dr. Timothy Ford

Dr. Vincent Frechette

Dr. Ageet Gajra

Dr. Teresa Gentile

Dr. Stephen Graziano

Dr. Hiroshi Kato

Dr. Barbara Krenzer

Dr. Mijung Lee

Dr. Kan Liu

*Dr. Barbara Mols-
Kowalczewski*

Dr. Sriram Narsipur

Dr. Bernard Poiesz

Dr. Archana Rao

Dr. Sekou Rawlins

Dr. Birendra Sah

Dr. Dana Savici

Dr. Rahul Seth

Dr. Dinesh Subedi

Dr. Suman Swarnkar

Dr. Daniel Villarreal

Dr. Ruth Weinstock

Dr. Jonathan Wright

Residents/Fellows

Dr. Ganesh Aswath

Dr. Ian Pinto

Dr. Simrit Walia

Dr. Osei Whyte





Resident AΩA Awards

Each year AΩA students select residents to receive the Alpha Omega Alpha Gamma Chapter Excellence in Teaching Awards. This year the fourth year AΩA students honored Dr. Alisha Hemraj, (pictured right) Dr. Omar Mousa, (lower left) and Dr. Arpan Patel (lower right) for their contributions to the students' education and developing careers.



AΩA was founded in 1902 by medical students at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The motto of AΩA is "Be Worthy to Serve the Suffering." Its values include honesty, honorable conduct, morality, virtue, unselfishness, ethical ideals, dedication to serving others, and leadership. Members have a compelling drive to do well and to advance the

medical profession and exemplify the highest standards of professionalism. The AΩA's goals of emphasizing scholarship and professionalism have not changed since its founding.



We are proud to have such outstanding examples to the medical profession as Drs. Hemraj, Mousa, and Patel. They will be receiving the AΩA Gamma Chapter Award at the annual induction dinner that will be held Friday, May 15, 2015 at The Genesee Grande.



Research Award

Dr. Omar Mousa (pictured above) also received the **Resident Award for Research**. He has shown extensive scholarship including numerous research awards and research projects, as well as many publications and abstracts. The Resident Award ceremony is to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 from 12-1 PM in the Regency Ballroom of the Sheraton University Hotel.



Grants

Ajeet Gajra, MD, PI
Celgene Corp.
Safety and Efficacy of nab-Paclitaxel (Abraxane) in Combination with Carboplatin as First Line Treatment in Elderly Subjects with Advanced Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC): A Phase IV, Randomized, Open-Label, Multicenter Study.
8/29/14-8/28/15
\$7,350

Teresa C. Gentile, MD, PhD, PI
Dana Farber Partners CancerCare Inc.
A Randomized, Phase III Study Comparing Conventional Dose Treatment Using a Combination of Lenalidomide, Bortezomib and Dexamethasone (RVD) to High-Dose Treatment with Peripheral Stem Cell Transplant in the Initial Management of Myeloma in Patients up to 65 Yrs.
12/19/14-12/18/15





Grants Cont...

Stephen Graziano, MD, PI

Heat Biologics, Inc.

A Phase 2, Multicenter, Randomized Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of Viagenpumatumucel-L (HS-110) in Combination with Low Dose (Metronomic) Cyclophosphamide Followed by Sequential Chemotherapy vs. Chemotherapy Alone in patients with Non-small Cell Lung Adenocarcinoma after Failure of Two Previous Treatment Regimens for Advanced Disease.
1/29/15-1/28/16

Sarah Lappin, DO, PI

Lown Institute

RightCare Young Innovator Grant

Learning to Talk: Overuse; An Inter-Professionalism Communications Curriculum Focused on the Nexus of Overuse and Patient-Centered Care.
11/01/14-10/31/15

11/01/14-10/31/15

\$7,350

Dorothy C. Pan, MD, PI

Infinity Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase 3 Study of IPI-145 in Combination with Rituximab vs Rituximab in Subjects with Previously-Treated Follicular Lymphoma.
12/12/14-12/11/15

12/12/14-12/11/15

Andras Perl, MD, PhD, PI

NIH- National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases

Metabolic Control of T-cell Lineage Specification in SLE.

2/1/15-1/31/16

\$2,021,458

Rahul Seth, DO, PI

Merck Sharp and Dohme Corp.

A Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial of Pembrolizumab (MK-3475) vs. Paclitaxel, Docataxel or Vinflunine in Subjects with Recurrent or Progressive Metastatic Urothelial Cancer.
12/15/14-12/14/15

12/15/14-12/14/15

Rahul Seth, DO, PI

Prometheus Laboratories, Inc.

Open-Label, Randomized, Multi-Center Study Comparing the Sequence of High Dose Aldesleukin (Interleukin-2) and Ipilimumab (Yervoy) in Patients with Metastatic Melanoma.
1/19/15-1/18/16

1/19/15-1/18/16

Anna M. Stewart, PhD, MPA, PI

Syracuse University

Linking Vector Dispersal and Remotely Sensed Breeding Sites to Generate High Resolution Risk Maps of Malaria Transmission.
1/1/15-6/30/15

1/1/15-6/30/15

\$1,700



Kudos

University Geriatricians

“Under the circumstances, it was a very good experience.” “Again cannot say enough about the wonderful treatment & concern of **Christine Heagle Bahn** & the entire staff.” “**Christine Heagle Bahn** is the most caring medical related person I have ever dealt with. She & her staff are wonderful people. I always feel up after a visit with them.” “**Dr. Heagle Bahn** is outstanding; she takes as much time as needed. I did not feel rushed. Above average excellent.” “**Dr. Heagle Bahn**-all her nurses are great.” “**Christopher Norman** - I am liking this practice better now that we are seeing him. I was not satisfied with previous practitioner.” “**Betsy** is always very good.” “Everyone very pleasant & easy to understand.” “Very pleased with everything - Always!” “Everyone was very professional & caring.” “**Isabel Kliss**- very caring, thorough & knowledgeable.” “**Christine Heagle Bahn** - she is very professional, knowing, & special!” “**Christine Heagle Bahn**-very good at listening to problems & concerns of patient & caregiver.” “All good!” “**Dr. Berg & Mike** the nurse are excellent.” “Very fine!” “**Mike** is patient and listens.” “I have been treated terrific and I would recommend **Dr. Berg** and the staff to anyone else.” “**Dr. Berg** listens, and is very efficient.” “Bright, clean place.” “Super!” “Very nice people who care.” “**Dr. Berg** is terrific and explains things very well. She is a good listener and she makes me comfortable when she gives her opinion and what to do.” “**Dr. Berg** is excellent, understanding and calm. **Mike** the nurse is caring, and very cordial.” “99% of the time we wait less than 10 minutes.” “Receptionist was very helpful. All are nice & helpful.” “**Dr. Berg** is very professional. She is very caring, supportive, pleasant, and helpful. I feel I am a person not just another patient. I respect, admire and appreciate her.”





Kudos Cont...

Joslin Center for Diabetes

“Well informed, personable.” “No wait time at all.” “Professional.” “**Khuyet Le** is an excellent provider that takes time and knows our son's history and takes great care of him.” “**Dr. Concilla** was very good. He allayed my concerns and explained things well. I thought his exam was thorough. **Fran**, his nurse, was also very pleasant and made me comfortable with how the visit would proceed.” “Very nice.” “Good.” “The doctor spent over an hour with me and explained everything. Very impressed.”

University Cardiology

“The nurses and receptionists are very very good!” “Always a great job done.” “No pain present.” “All of them are very friendly and helpful.” “**Dr. Carhart** - exceptionally receptive to patients needs. Nurse in room very friendly - thorough.” “Everyone in the office did a great job.” “Very good experience.” “**Dr. Hani Kozman**, of all the doctors I see is the VERY best! Always relieves my cares & worries. Explains every need & procedure. He is the BEST.” “Always a great job.” “The person I saw before the actual doctor came in- he seemed to listen and care about what I said.” “Everyone is ‘family’ almost!” “**Jamie; Jennifer; Robert Michiel**. All of his team are truly sterling examples of their profession - kind, thoughtful, knowledgeable - a home team for me!” “Everyone was kind.” “Would highly recommend this practice, and **Dr. Szombathy**.”



Thank a Caregiver

Deborah M. Pelkey, NP has provided expert and devoted care to me, since I first met her nearly 20+ years ago at Oswego County OB-GYN practice where I was a patient. What a relief and comfort to find her now working with Dr Seth in his Oswego office, equally as hard, and with the competence, dedication and compassion I have admired in her for these many years. I cannot adequately express my gratitude for her careful listening and accurate assessment of the concerns and side-effect troubles I encountered with my chemotherapy treatment. Mine were minor struggles in the scheme of things, problems that paled when compared to the deep pain and ravages cancer has wreaked on other patients, to my left and right, in the chemo-room, yet Deb took the time and effort to listen to me, to make the call with pinpoint precision to ease my physical discomforts, as well as tend to my uncertainties. She helped me with a suggestion for medication which offered me real relief. Yet better than that, she has been steady in her concern for me and my situation, genuine awareness for my circumstances which has buoyed me, steadied me in the face of so much unknown.

I extend my most sincere thanks to Deborah Pelkey for professionalism of the highest order, for patient care of the deepest magnitude. Sounds like hyperbole, but for me it's a spot-on assessment. She is a true asset to Dr. Seth's office, to the Upstate Oncology department. I'm grateful to be under her care.

Sincerely,

Grateful Patient

Medicine Subspecialties

“All persons that helped me were excellent. Very professional.” “**Dr. Neupane** explains everything to you and cares for you as an individual.” “I was seen quickly on Christmas eve when I really needed help.” “They are all wonderful & very helpful.” “Nurse and dr. were very friendly & attentive.” “Nurse **Ralph** was excellent and kept you at ease. **Dr. Allam** is always very caring and concerned.”



Kudos Cont...

Thank a Caregiver



Dear Dr. Poiesz,

I write to you today in the hopes that you take a moment and read these words. I'm very sure that your accomplishments and dedication to your practice and business of healthcare is second to none, so this letter is not about those wonderful attributes. However, the business end of healthcare can be daunting and frustrating. As the director of the Hematology/Oncology Center you have an enormous challenge to work through many obstacles without compromising your central mission of caring for patients. We often hear that the healthcare delivery is broken; and I must say it has much room to improve.

This past week I received infusions at the Hill Medical Hematology/Oncology Center. I received a newly FDA approved drug. I was able to receive this drug as a result of many hours and weeks of dedicated professionals' efforts and the attitude of those that were going to make it happen. I won't map out all the steps that needed to be taken, but to say that many people needed to do their job and then some is an understatement. I would like to acknowledge a few exceptional individuals.

Kay Howard, Head Pharmacist, led the charge. She worked with Pam Kirsch, NP Neurology, Gynzyme, Upstate legal department, staff in servicing and with me. She continued her hands-on "get this done" attitude all throughout my infusions. We had a few infusion obstacles to overcome and she did it with expertise, calm and confidence. This infusion would not have happened without Kay and Pam.

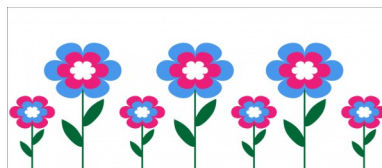
Michael (I don't know his last name), housekeeping worked tirelessly and quietly to assure that the environment was clean and comfortable. Due to a few reaction delays, my infusions were extended much later than his normal work hours. I asked him to please go ahead and clean so he could go home. He said "no mame, I will wait until you are done." He seemed more concerned about me getting my treatment than finishing up so he could go home.

Stephanie O'Brien, RN was my nurse. From the moment Steph walked into my room and introduced herself I knew I had been blessed with the best. She is intelligent, professional and experienced. However, she has something that is a special gift; she gets it! She was on top of every issue, not just for me, but for all her other patients as well. She made my care personal, not task oriented. She worked without complaint or frustration. This lady has no idea how she touches lives everyday; its just her way.

I worked in healthcare for 36 years, so I am well aware of the obstacles. You go through life controlling your journey and then one day things change and you start a new journey. Perspective is an enlightening lesson. So please take a moment today and know that with all your challenges and frustrations you face everyday, you and your team "got this"! Funding, laws, policies, quality, administrations, etc will continue to be variables; the key is each person's interaction with the patient and you and your team have got it.

Most Sincerely,

Grateful Patient



Adult Medicine

"I had no pain to report to the dr." "Love my doctor - **Debra Buchan!**" "The doctor & nurses always wear gloves & wash hands after exam." "I have never experienced such promptness & courtesy in any other doctor's office." "Both my doctor & the nurses make a good impression. They explain all procedures to me & I always feel comfortable with them." "All of staff impressed me during visits." "I 'love' the receptionist, whose name I really don't know." "The staff in the waiting area is always pleasant & efficient." "Good." "Good provider with all their staff." "Good and caring." "**Dr. Debra Buchan** is just a great dr. who I always look forward to seeing." "Good, without having trouble." "Staff is always helpful and courteous." "**Heidi Dimeis**, dermatology, is awesome!" "Very good service." "**Heidi Dimeis** is caring, attentive, and takes time with me." "Very good over all and they are well organized." "Every one in firm is always friendly & helpful." "All the staff/workers provide effective services and thanks."





Kudos Cont...

Hem/Onc

“All of the nurses are super.” “Front desk staff was respectful and courteous.” “Very good care.” “The best place to go for cancer treatment.” “Every body is great.” “They were very good & concerned with my health. Thank you.” “**Deborah Cloonan, PA** was very receptive to my questions.” “All of the nurses in infusion are great. They are taking very good care of me. **Jen, Kim, Darlene** - thank you! Sorry I can't remember everyone's name.” “Could not ask for more professional care & concern - certainly made procedure much easier to take. Thanks.” “Each person handled their area with great professionalism - and asked & requested questions - super people.” “Staff was great - very open & easy to talk with - huge help in just being honest about my condition & progress.” “Everyone is very helpful and courteous. During this very trying time they have eased my fears and helped with my overall well being.”



“Everyone is great. **Will** totally took care of me & assured my husband he would when my husband couldn't come. Not only with me, **Will** goes way above his ‘job description’ in being there (immediately), for anything you need. He is the first person who greets you when you arrive. It's so important to be welcomed and he goes WAY above caring for everyone!” “So many... **Gary, Bill & Joe** on wheel chairs, all gals in main lobby, **Liz** in waiting room; everyone went over & above to make me comfortable.” “**Darlene**-She took extra time & care with me on my first treatment. She made a bad day much better.” “I am very impressed by all the nurses in infusion. They are friendly, caring and always cognizant of my comfort, concerns and well being. I have always been treated with respect by everyone at Oncology/Hematology.” “Great people & made every move much more at ease.” “Drs. & nurses are the best.” “Friendly staff, very accommodating.” “Very good experience.” “The entire staff is extremely proficient at their jobs and very attentive to every need and concern.” “I would recommend this facility to anyone having a cancer issue. Very dedicated and professional staff who really care for those they are treating.” “**Dr. Gajra** is my oncologist, and he is a very compassionate and caring doctor.” “All of the radiological technicians and nurses were very warm and outgoing, making my experience at Upstate a very relaxing one.” “**Dr. Gentile** and infusion staff are professional, helpful and caring.” “There are so many nurses I could name, but the one person that is so kind, concerned and compassionate is **Dr. Teresa Gentile**. She's great.” “Infusion nurse **Lynn** is the most compassionate, skilled, and dedicated nurse we have had the pleasure of meeting. Her optimistic energy adds so much hope to our cancer journey since 2009!! Her smile lights up a ROOM.” “Yes, I would recommend you.” “The lady's there are so nice and careful. The nurses are great too. My doctors are the best.” “**Dr. Seth** is great.” “**Mary Ryan** - she was the most awesome person I ever met. So caring, helpful, all out awesome lady! Overall, everyone was awesome. Thanks for caring so much!” “The nurse, wish I remembered her name, was taking my temp and got the thermostat under my denture we laughed so loud we cried.”



*For your Patience and Caring,
Kind Words and Sharing,
I just want to say, Thank you!*





Recent Faculty Publications

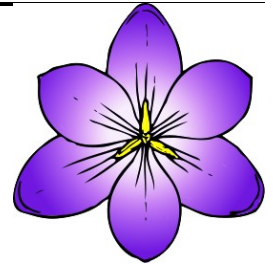
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- Dipti Baral**, Bhishma Pokhrel, Dinesh Subedi. A young male with recurrent pneumonia – Thinking beyond the box, presenting at SHM, Baltimore, MD, March 29-April 1, 2015.
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