



What's Up, Doc?

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Who's coming, who's going

Please give a warm welcome to the following new faculty:

**Dr Charbel Mousallem, Gen Med
Dr Anupa Mandava, Gen Med
Dr Shraddha Rana, Gen Med
Dr Amit Dhamoon, Gen Med
Dr Rajan Khanna, Gen Med
Dr Marisa Desimone, Endocrinology
Dr Dinesh Subedi, Gen Med
Dr Michael Poiesz, Hem/Onc
Dr Birendra Sah, Pulm/CC (A former Fellow here)
Dr Sam Benjamin, Hem/Onc
Dr Dorothy Pan, Hem/Onc
Dr Tasaduq Fazili, Infectious Diseases
Dr Mark Polhemus, Infectious Diseases
Dr Haider Khadim, Hem/Onc (A former Fellow here)
Dr Bhaskara Madhira, Gen Med
Dr Avrille George, Infectious Diseases
Dr Praveen Sampath, Gastroenterology**

Best wishes in future endeavors for the following faculty who have moved on to retirement or another position:

**Dr Britta Denman, Infectious Diseases
Dr Steven Zygmunt, Endocrinology
Dr Jane Hudson, Gen Med & Hem/Onc
Dr Lionel Rudolph, Gen Med
Dr Anjali Parajuli, Hospitalist**

Happy Birthday!

The following faculty will be celebrating birthdays this quarter:

July

Ioana Amzuta, Luna Bhatta, Alicia Bair, Sylvia Betcher, Michael Cynamon, Barbara Feuerstein, Rose Giammarco, Abid Iraqi, Sarah Lappin, Kan Liu, Paul Shanahan, Catherine Vernon, Daniel Villarreal, and Samir Yousef.

August

Vinny Frechette, Lisa Kaufmann, David Lehmann, Michael Iannuzzi, Bhaskara Madhira and Anupa Mandava.

September

Sharon Brangman, Stephen Knohl, Hani Kozman, Tayloe Loftus, John "Tod" Leggat, Jr., Robert Michiel, Uma Murthy, Andras Perl, Bernie Poiesz, Mark Polhemus, John Regan, and Dana Savici.

We were informed by the Office of Student Support Services that the Department of Medicine had been selected to receive the

"Medical Alumni Association Clinical Department Teaching Award".

It was presented during the College of Medicine Commencement ceremony on May 22 , 2011 in the Civic Center.

Birds of a feather...



flock together!



Photos compliments of Dr William Clay Elliott!

Mountain Goat Runners:

More than 2,200 runners from across the country completed the 33rd annual Mountain Goat Run on Sunday, May 1 on a perfect day with temperatures around 60 degrees. The Mountain Goat is a grueling 10-mile trek through the hills of Syracuse. The winning time was 49 minutes and 2 seconds.

Congratulations to the following people in the Department of Medicine who ran:

Faculty:

Dr. Matt Glidden

Dr. Karthik Sitaraman

Residents:

Dr. Vikram Bisen

Dr. Emily Lazzari (and her husband)

Dr. Sreyoshi Dey (graduated last year)

Fellows:

Dr. Shilpa Kshatriya (Cardiology)

Congratulations Dr Perl!

We received confirmation from Albany in May 2011 that Dr Andras Perl was chosen to receive the *2011 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities*.

According to the letter from President David Smith, MD, "The Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities signifies that the recipient is honored for his/her excellent, sustained record of research publications in peer-reviewed journals, and/or research monographs, and/or research oriented texts, and has shown evidence of participation in national and/or international conferences, presentation of papers published in conference proceedings and/or digests, patents awarded, grants secured, and citations of work by individuals or groups."

The announcement stated that Dr Smith will be presenting the honor to Dr. Perl, in person, with a citation and medallion on September 14, 2011 at the Fall Faculty Convocation.



**Can you guess the
year this picture
was taken?**

**Send replies to my email
and we will announce in the
next issue.
deangels@upstate.edu**



**FYI: In the last issue we asked if you could guess who was
in the old picture. Many responded, and all of you knew it
was Dr Sakti Mookherjee. I guess that was too easy!**

**Congratulations to the following 2010-2011
Faculty Award Winners:**

Dr. Peter Cronkright

Dr. Timothy Ford

Dr. Tanya George

Dr. Michael Iannuzzi

Dr. Stephen Knohl

Dr. David Landsberg

Dr. John Regan



Billing Tidbits

**Did you know that most insurance companies have
timely filing limits?**

**For example: Fidelis' time limit is 60 days, United
Health Care's time limit is 90 days, and BCBS's time
limit is 120 days from the date of service.**

**Submitting your hospital cards ASAP will insure you're
not working for free!**

**Please be sure to get your claims in on time!
This information is supplied by Deb Cometti in the
billing office in an effort to improve payment on
departmental claims.**

Dr Rajan Khanna will be joining the Department of Medicine on July 1, 2011 as a Hospitalist in the division of General Medicine. Please welcome Dr Khanna, his wife Dimpy, and their new baby boy Arjun to our Dept. of Medicine family.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Robert Carhart, MD (Cardiology division) who was awarded the Press Ganey, “Patients First!” award. 2010 was the first year for a new category, “Patient Satisfaction Champion”. The award was presented by Dr John McCabe at the June 23rd Power Rounds. We applaud you!

We received the following email in April:
Greetings,
It is my pleasure to announce the Designated AIDS Center is the recipient of the President's Employee Recognition Award for Outstanding Team Contribution of the Year-Clinical. Megan Chase and I will be notifying the team and providing them with their congratulatory letters on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:30pm. Please feel free to join us as we provide them with this wonderful news.

Thanks,
Liz Estera
HR-Organizational Training & Development
Congratulations to the DAC staff!

Recent Publications and awards:

Paper:

Luchsinger JA, Palmas W, Teresi JA, Silver S, Kong J, Eimicke JP, **Weinstock RS**, Shea S. Improved diabetes control in the elderly delays global cognitive decline. J Nutr Health Aging. 2011; 15 (6):445-449. PubMed PMID: 21623465.

Award:

Dr Ruth Weinstock recently received the following award:
"Best Paper in 2010, Telemedicine and e-Health, American Telemedicine Association"