



The Perfect Match!

We were extremely pleased with this year's match on March 17th. We introduce to you the incoming Class of 2023:

Ali Ba Sahel - Saint Petersburg
 Joshua Baldwin - George Washington Univ
 Karishma Desai - Surat Municipal Inst.
 Andrew Dickson - St. George's University
 Ibrahim Habib - Aga Khan
 Anna Hrbac - St. George's University
 Mubasshira Khan - Jawaharlal Nehru Med Coll
 Pranjali Muppidi - Univ of Limerick
 Jamal Obeid - Amer Univ Beirut
 Abimbola Olufayo-Aluko - Ivano-Frankivsk
 Chetana Pasam- G.S.L. Medical
 Jency Patel - Ross University
 Yasmika Rasakumar - St. George's
 Ahmed Souid - Upstate Medical Univ
 Stephanie Tom - Rocky Vista Osteo

Several have ties to the Syracuse area. Four were here as observers (another reason we are thankful for each subspecialty that takes observers). All were on our list because we knew they would be great residents. Thank you to all of you who helped make the interview season a success! Photos are attached.

Nominated for the Nominations Committee

Congratulations to Dr. Beth Nelsen, for being voted in as a member of APPD's Nominations Committee (two year term). The official announcement came out on 3/15: We are delighted to share the results of the recent election for key leadership roles for APPD. A very high number of talented and active APPD members were nominated - individuals who have contributed to APPD by sharing their time, expertise and innovative ideas.. As a member of the Nominations Committee, Dr. Nelsen will work in conjunction with APPD to identify members who are deserving of leadership roles in the organization and support and encourage nominees in the process. Dr. Nelsen tells the Crier, "I am very happy to have been elected by my peers in APPD to the Nominations Committee. I will begin my two-year term in April after our annual spring meeting. This committee is responsible for developing a slate of qualified candidates for open leadership positions on the board and other committees at APPD. I'm really excited about this because it's something new for me and I'm looking forward to working with past president Becky Blankenberg and with my APPD LEAD colleague Joanna Lewis."

<https://apps.appd.org/allelection/candidate.cfm?canid=%23%2ENM%27%0A>

Pediatric Trauma Conference

Precious Sanni Adeniyi

John M. Templeton Jr. MD Pediatric Trauma Symposium, March 2-3.
 Precious applied for the UUP Individual Development Award which provides grant coverage for me to be reimbursed fully for attending the upcoming Pediatric trauma symposium hosted by CHOP in Philadelphia, PA. <https://www.chop.edu/events/templeton-trauma-symposium>
 Since its inception in 2001, the John M. Templeton Jr. Pediatric Trauma Symposium has grown to be a nationally recognized resource for cutting-edge as well as basic multidisciplinary pediatric trauma education — a one-of-a-kind conference.

Abeir at AMSPDC

As promised, we have photographic proof that Dr. Conners and his guest, Dr. Abeir Mohamed attended the 2023 Annual AMSPDC (Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Inc) meeting in Clearwater, FL in March. AMSPDC has been in existence since 1967 with the purpose being to foster education and research in the field of child health and human development. The membership of AMSPDC consists of the chair or acting chair or academic administrative head of the department of pediatrics of each accredited medical school in the United States and Canada.



Thankfully, Abeir was able to attend the conference because she found some reasonably priced highly qualified child care while there.



Advocacy Day in Albany

Pediatrics was well represented on Advocacy Day (3/21) in Albany. Residents Lauren Thomas, Akilah Evans, Clara El Nakib, Colleen Feeney,

and Dayna Ukwuoma were there and told the Crier, "We enjoyed it very much and tried to raise multiple important issues surrounding peds healthcare in NY!"



They're the Gold Standard!

Congratulations to our very own Drs/ Alicia Pekarsky and Asalim Thabet who were both named as the 2023 Peer-selected winners of the Upstate Gold Standard Award. The awards were presented on 3/23. As Dr. Botash explained, "These Gold Standard Award winners are unsung heroes. They are role models in their fields and support the work of their colleagues, students and others, as well as the Upstate mission."

Adolescent Society Reunion

Karen Teelin

We had a great SUNY Upstate Norton College of Medicine contingent at the Society for Adolescent Medicine's National Meeting this year! Pictured are me, Dr. Windy Grant (COM 2019), Dr. Lisa Ditchek (COM 2019), Dr. Caroline Shank (COM 2019), and Dr. Nicole Cifra (COM 2016). All got their start with us, and it is amazing to see what they have accomplished. The first three are fellows in Adolescent Medicine, and Dr. Nicole Cifra is an Adolescent Medicine attending at CHOP. Lisa Presented a poster, Windy facilitated a lunch discussion, and Nicole facilitated a discussion and led a workshop. I am looking forward to seeing what all four of these rising stars accomplish!



Other news from the SAHM meeting last week: In addition to the former students pursuing Adolescent Medicine fellowships, I saw a colleague of our former resident, Dr. Chris Maierhofer, who spoke very highly of

him, and I subsequently spoke with Chris! He is now practicing at a Community Health Center in Minnesota, and has taken on a leadership role in advocacy for access to adolescent medicine, including speaking to his state senate earlier this year. He is providing care for a range of patients from several states, and is passionately committed to this work.

SuperHero of the Month

Congratulations to Matthew Byrd HCT from 12E who was selected to be the March SuperHero of the month. Some of the comments he received included, "Cares for all patients as if they were his own", Kind, caring, helpful and ready to work! Never complains with any task at hand" and "He checks on all the nursing staff, helps out in any situation, asks how everyone is daily and goes out of his way to support the floor at any time". Way to go, Matthew! Matt received some fun swag and parking in the Children's Hospital parking lot for the month of March. Be sure to nominate your coworkers through this [link](#):

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=DQSIkWdsW0yxEjajBLZtrQAAAAAaAAAO_aeAaL9UOVRJNEMwSkwwQlpBUVZOOjdaRDNTQjY5TC4u

In The News: All Things Considered

Back in January, our very own Dr. Domachowske was interviewed on our local NPR affiliate, WAER 88.3 about his work on an experimental study for an RSV immunization. Dr. D. discovered have the story was picked up and was featured on Ari Shapiro's "All Things Considered" program on NPR National on February 28th. The story, "A promising RSV drug could soon be available for babies" is available to listen to or read on their website:

<https://www.npr.org/2023/02/28/1160158005/a-promising-rsv-drug-could-soon-be-available-for-babies>

The Informed Patient Podcast: When Adolescents Need to be hospitalized

Podcast by Drs. Myczewski and Teelin <https://www.upstate.edu/informed/2023/030223-teelin-myszewski-podcast.php>

A Woman of Distinction

The Crier learned that our very own Dr. Karen Teelin was nominated by one of her patients for an "Onondaga County Woman of Distinction" award. The ceremony was held on 3/18. Dr. Teelin tells the Crier that "it was inspiring and humbling. All of us may forget (I know I do) as we care for patients everyday that our hard work means so much to these families."



There was a lovely article written about the event in the Eagle Bulletin:

<https://eaglenewsonline.com/new/government/2023/03/20/women-of-distinction-ceremony-held-in-fayetteville/>

Congratulations, Dr. Teelin!

Otto Did It Again

Our friends at Syracuse University had another amazing danceathon to raise money for the GCH. The Annual Ottothon, Syracuse University's Dance Marathon, raised more than \$103,000 to support various needs related to mental health care for kids at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and clinics. The Upstate Foundation reports that the SU event, held this year on March 5, has raised more than \$1 million in its nine-year history. We are so thankful for these amazing students, their generosity and their energy!



Child Life 101 Workshop

As you know, last month was Child Life month. In April, Upstate's Child Life Program will be hosting the Child Life 101 Workshop April 6. The virtual workshop is free and open to high school juniors and seniors, and college students interested in learning about the role of a child life specialist in a hospital setting.

Where Are They Now?

Hayat Al Tabosh

We recently got a note from Hayat Al Tabosh who many will remember as having started with our current class of 2023. Hayat transferred to Nationwide Children's Hospital to be with her husband. She shared the following: "I'm not sure if you've heard, but I had a baby girl. Her name is Leia and she's 6 months old now!! 😊 As far as career plans, I accepted a short term position at UC here at Children's and plan to apply to NICU fellowship next year."



We wish Hayat and her family the very best!

Stephanie Hung

We received a lovely note from former resident Stephanie Hung (2014) who has been in private practice in NYC since graduating.

In her spare time, she and her two kids enjoy meeting former faculty, Drs. Richie and Irene Sills at the zoo.



In Memory: Warren Grupe (1933-2023)

Former Chairman of the Department, Warren E. Grupe, MD, passed away on Sunday, March 12, 2023 at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville PA at 89. Dr. Grupe was Chair of the Department from 1986 through 1991. He came to Upstate from Boston Children's Hospital and used much of his time as chair to advocated for the development of a Children's Hospital. During this period, the department reached the point where a nationally recognized Hospital architecture group was contracted to develop a physical plan for a free-standing Children's Hospital. For a number of reasons the time was just not quite right (economic factors, Interhospital politics etc) so the plans were temporarily put on hold. But Dr. Grupe helped pave the way for the GCH we have today.

APPD Ladies' Night Out



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4/10 Shehzad Ahmed
4/16 Michael Kennedy-Yoon
4/18 Elena Wolner
4/19 Angela Wratney
4/20 Mide Ajagbe
4/23 Sarah Hendrix
4/24 Jenica O'Malley

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