



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Welcome, Dr Bob Newmyer

The Crier is pleased to introduce our new PICU attending, Dr. Bob Newmyer, to you. The second of three new faculty to join the Division of Pediatric Critical Care, Bob Newmyer started in July as our newest PICU attending. Bob was Philadelphia-trained (undergraduate at La Salle and medical school at Drexel) prior to seeking the food of Michael Simon and the near-daily snow of Cleveland, Ohio, as a pediatric resident at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. Now having completed his fellowship in pediatric critical care medicine at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, he comes to us looking forward to teaching and working in the areas of neurocritical care and trauma, interfacility transport, institutional response to patient deterioration, and being a part of quality initiatives in the unit. After taking boards in November 2016, he will pursue graduate studies at SU's Maxwell School.

During his time as a resident, Bob won resident teacher of the year and clinic productivity awards. As a fellow, Bob presented research at national conferences regarding the interfacility transport of neurocritically ill patients, receiving the 2014 Society of Critical Care Medicine In-Training Travel Grant for his work. Quality improvement work focused on the implementation of bedside ultrasound, co-writing a grant funding the purchase of additional equipment and the introduction and implementation of formalized curricula in critical care ultrasound. His review article regarding the use of targeted temperature management in pediatric neurologic diagnoses was just published in January and he is currently working to publish his findings regarding the epidemiology and outcomes of a large cohort of transported children with neurologic diagnoses.

On a personal note, Bob has been learning everything he missed as a pediatric resident from his son, now 2-month-old Thomas. Bob and his partner, Ismeldy, a pediatric cardiac

intensive care nurse (yes they met working together in Pittsburgh!), have just moved in to the Pike Block apartments downtown. He is hoping to start crossing a few things off of a growing bucket list including a desire to learn how to cross country and downhill ski (his prior experience on the slopes has been limited to snow tubing), getting back to reading some good fiction, and buying a new bicycle. Bob is a former lifeguard, swim coach, and swim instructor and he is hoping to be back in the pool to stay in shape this winter!



Bob's office is in the back hallway of Suite 5400 next to Federico's! He hopes that you'll stop by to say hi at any time. His first time on service in the PICU will be in August!

The GCH has a new Administrator!

Pediatrics warmly welcomes our new GHC Administrator, Jennifer Speicher. Jennifer is a graduate of Maxwell School at Syracuse University where she obtained a master's degree in Public Administration with Advanced Certificate in Health Systems Management and Policy.



In an exclusive interview, Jennifer tells the Crier "I am absolutely thrilled to be joining the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and Pediatric Services family and look forward to getting to know everyone in the coming months!

I spent the last several years working for The Advisory Board Company as a healthcare consultant, leading hospitals and health systems around the country in revenue cycle improvement projects, ICD-10 implementation planning, clinical documentation and physician engagement initiatives. While I was able to see much of the country and gain invaluable experience in a variety of hospitals and health systems, I was really looking for the right opportunity to make meaningful impact in the health of my community a little closer to home. I cannot

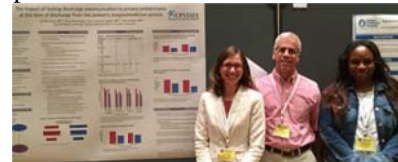
think of a more appropriate or exciting organization to do that with and I am proud to be a part of such great work.

Outside of work, I love to travel, read, boat and downhill ski, as well as enjoy great food, wine and live music with friends. I live in Syracuse with my twin boys, Payne and Cael, who will enter seventh grade in the fall.

Please feel free to reach out to me any time with questions, concerns or innovative ideas to make Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital the Very Best we can be. Be Well, Jenn"

Remember the Hospitalists

The Crier received several photos from the Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference in San Antonio in July. Drs. Andrade, Ajagbe, Nead, Schafer, and Tarolli represented Upstate in the poster sessions and at the Alamo.



Tutu Tuesdays

Jaelyn Sisskind

There is a new holiday at Upstate Peds- Tutu Tuesday! Rochelle Ratliff, our nurse manager, found an article about a children's hospital in Florida where the staff started wearing tutus every Tuesday. It began as a simple request from a patient- she asked if her nurse would wear a tutu before she went in for her surgery. The nurse complied, and a picture of him in his rainbow tutu went viral online. Before long, the nurses, doctors, and other hospital staff were all wearing tutus once a week, making every Tuesday a celebration.

We had our first tutu Tuesday on June 30. Everyone was in a fantastic mood all day, and the patients loved it! One girl said "I was feeling really sick today, but all the tutus made me feel better" and a parent said he loved the tutus "because it shows the fun, caring spirit of this office". We even had a patient getting into the act, and she wore her tutu to her weight check appointment!

Our staff had a great time, saying "Tutu Tuesday put a smile on my face", "it was like being a kid again", "it reinforced the reason I went into pediatrics". We even had a conga line at lunch time. Boys are included, of course. Dr Hobart, not pictured, has a Superman tutu! Rochelle is pleased with the unity it brought to our office- she says it created "a fun and relaxed environment in the office" and she hopes we set a trend for the rest of the department. We are all looking forward to next Tuesday, and invite anyone else in the department to put on some tulle and join in!



New Stuff at the GCH

Sarah Irish

Let's give a hand to Margaret for working hard since last April to get us this shiny, bright corkscrew bike rack! You will notice it to the right as you leave the GCH. We made out with an extra piece as the company sent the wrong one initially, bonus! We now have a designated space for bikes, keeping the 6I pathway clear for a stretcher when there is a code in the lobby. Thanks Margaret for improving upon both aesthetics and safety! We also have a keep off the grass sign near our GCH sign by the road. Thank you John!



This Just Out!

Congratulations to our new intern, Eric Keil on the arrival of baby girl Carol Dominique Keil. She was born on 7/7 at 3070 g (yes, Eric is Canadian). Eric tells the Crier, "We had an awesome home birth experience. My wife is amazing and my girls are loving being the big sisters. Cally and Sairalyn are very proud big sisters. Please share with the staff and



residents. See you in a few weeks!" All the best to the Keil family!

Raising the Barr(s)

We recently heard from former resident (and chief resident) Saleh Barr who added a new member to the Barr family in June. Saleh tells the Crier, "Ibrahim is now 18 days old, with a nick name of Barhoom. Rayyan is now 3 years old and she is acting as the big sister to him. Ruba is doing fine after delivery. I just finished my peds hem onc fellowship and I am staying as a faculty in the pediatric bone marrow transplant division. As you can see it has been an exciting couple of months. Please say hi to everybody at Upstate. We miss you all." We wish Saleh and his family the very best!



The Great Bowel Movement Blog

Dr. Mirza Beg shared the following link to a blog written by one of his Crohn's disease patients:

<http://thegreatbowelmovement.org/keep-smiling-kids-with-ibd-ostomy/>

NASPGHAN Trifecta

Congratulations to Helena Gutierrez, Iman Naimi, and Joyce Saliba! All three of them had their posters accepted for the NASPGHAN Annual Meeting in October in Washington, DC. We are so proud of all three of them!

Dalton Cyr Visits the GCH

On July 13, 14-year old performer/songwriter/entertainer Dalton Cyr came to "rock out" with our GCH patients and their families. His visit was arranged by Dream Factory of Syracuse (www.dreamfactoryincsy.org).



Dalton was this year's "Songs Of Hope" recipient at the 2nd Annual Dare To Dream Music Festival which is awarded to an artist "who brings great encouragement to others, empowering them in their dreams and aspirations. They bring unity, helping people to value their worth and shoot for the galaxies." The GCH patients would no doubt agree!

Exploring Your World Exhibit

The GCH has been host of a very special art exhibit in the 12th Floor Gallery throughout the month of July. The art was custom made for us by the young artists from Access CNY'S preschool, Exploring Your World (www.accesscny.org/services/exploring-your-world). Mary Lavery explains: "The young artists made seaweed paintings and shiny fish inspired by our fish tank. Our space designs for the 12th floor inspired collages of glittering nebulas and scenes of planets and stars against black backgrounds. The blue sky, bugs and flowers designs on the 11th floor inspired bright spin art and found object stamped flowers." Associate Executive Director Education Services Jean Lynch, Annette Sheedy EYM art teacher and the young artists worked on this exhibit for several months in preparation for the event.



MedQuest 2015

Two dozen 11th and 12th graders from across CNY spent four days (and three nights) attending Upstate's MedQuest camp from July 13-16. The experience of course includes a tour of the GCH for all of the potential pediatricians in the group. Of special note this year is that our own Chris Kuehnle's daughter Emily was included in the group. This is the 11th year for the program, which began in 2004 and is co-sponsored by Upstate and CNY Area Health Education Center.

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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Eric Keil
8/8 Tara Wilhoit
8/9 Ann Sveen, Caitlin Sgarlat
8/10 Mark Claus, Jody Sima
8/15 Melissa Schafer
8/17 Craig Byrum
8/22 Beth Nelsen

Pediatric Fine Arts

This month we feature a few stunning photos taken by the Crier's nature photographer, Lisa Blystone while on their family vacation in July at Yosemite National Park. (See online)