



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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New Faculty- Welcome Dr. David Hansen



Dave Hansen, MD, MPH is our new pediatric endocrinologist. He is from Utah and is a graduate of Brigham Young University. He came to the East Coast

for his MD which he received from Yeshiva University and his MPH from Columbia. He completed his residency at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and his pediatric endocrine training at Indiana University/Riley Children's Hospital.

In his exclusive welcome interview Dr. Hansen tells the Crier:

"My family and I recently moved to the Syracuse area from Indianapolis, IN (fellowship) and we are very excited to be here. Lorri is at home with our four children - Eliza (8), Clara (6), Benjamin (4) and James (2). We enjoy the outdoors and have just started to scratch the surface of all the amazing things to explore in the area. Other interests include biking, composting, reading, and road trips. I look forward to getting to know everyone at Golisano over the coming months and years."



We warmly welcome Dr. Hansen and his beautiful family!

See Them SHINE!

Congratulations to the GCH Adverse Drug Events team led by Meg Anderson and Terry Davis who have been notified that GCH is going to be honored as a top performing hospital in Falls and Adverse Drug Events, in the SPS Network's semi-annual solutions for patient safety SHINE

report. The SHINE report features hospitals excelling in a particular HAC reduction area allowing them to showcase their results and best practices and share contact information so others can consult the hospital for advice.

Dr. Schafer tells the Crier, "We have not had a serious Adverse Drug Event in 18 months and they have driven up compliance with our Guardrails Safe IV Med Administration program to >90% compliance for the past six months. This is a huge achievement requiring constant vigilance and buy-in from every staff member on every shift. We have also created a "know more before the door" sign (a concept Allie Fahy championed) reminding staff of the importance of using the guardrails program. Our Falls team actually did the bulk of their work a few years ago, led by Jen Nead and Becky Mesmer, and were so successful we stopped working on falls as an area needing improvement. We have never had a fall with moderate or greater injury since we started reporting in 2012. Even without injuries, we adhere to the prevention bundle with >90% reliability for almost all of the past 12 months. Again, this bundle requires consistent buy-in and participation from staff on every unit, every day."

That is very impressive news and most definitely worthy of this honor!

GCH Hospitalists in Georgia

In July, Drs. Nead, Ajagbe, and Andrade all attended the annual Pediatric Hospital Medicine Conference in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Ajagbe started the APEX program while Dr. Nead graduated from it. She also presented a clinical quick hit talk with a hospitalist from Texas Children's Hospital.



Drs. Andrade and Nead also joined hospitalists from Rochester and Buffalo for a regional AAP dinner.



Mock Codes Mondays

Little did you know that while some of you have been out to lunch, a small group of residents and students have been hard at work saving lives. Associate Chief Jake Anderson explains: "This year we have initiated "Mock Code Monday". Every Monday during noon conference the residents and medical students run through simulations and are exposed to patients in critical scenarios. So far this year residents have saved the lives of more than 10 simulation mannequins. Simulations have been run by Jacob Anderson and Dr Zucarro and we are planning on utilizing the new simulation center that will be built later in the year."



TuTus for Tens

The following article was submitted by Jamie Cary.



"Dr. Chris Fortner, Cystic Fibrosis Center Director, is raising funds for his Xtreme Hike to support the CF Foundation. He has committed to wear a

tutu in clinic on August 14th if he raises \$1200 by August 13th at 5PM. If you would like to see Chris in a tutu, you can make a donation here:

<https://tutusfortens.passioncff.org/>

As of July 25th, he has raised \$835!
Please help continue the moment to have
CF stand for "Cure Found!"



Editor's Note: This really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to not only help a very worthy cause, but to help reach the goal that will allow us all to see Dr. Fortner in a Tutu. This is part of the National Xtreme Hike Cystic Fibrosis Fundraising event. You can read more details and get a piece of the action on his website.

GCH in Nat Geo

Dr. Comito let the Crier know that the July issue of National Geographic featured the story of Lola Muñoz who was a patient of the GCH up until the time of her death in April. It is a touching story of a beautiful and heroic young woman.



<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/2018/07/news-lola-munoz-brain-cancer-dipg-health/>

Hard at Work on Peds ID

The first ID team of the new academic year was hard at work conquering pediatric infections and... other stuff. We are passing this report on by word of mouth.



Gives new meaning to "lip sync"
Note that the paper "lips" were made by some of Heba's Origami apprentices.

Wellness Wednesday with Sadie

Sadie, the yellow lab, made a special visit to the GCH to help celebrate Wellness Wednesday with the residents. There were many hugs and kisses (as pictured below) and Sadie (and her human, Celeste Dunne) hopes to come back again soon!



Congratulations Are in Order

(Shamelessly stolen from Chair's newsletter)

Congratulations to our Divisions of General Pediatrics and Pulmonary Medicine (Drs. Megan Pinnamaneni, Joe Nimeh, Steve Blatt, and Zafer Soultan) and others! The "Innovation Fund Proposal" from the CNY Care Collaborative Fund, "Targeting Triggers for High Risk Asthmatics" will provide home-based environmental interventions for children with asthma.

Congratulations to our 2018 Award winners!

- Bill Kerr, PhD - President's Award for Excellence in Research
- Hank Roane, PhD - Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

Setting his Bar high

The GCH featured a story about a former GCH patient, Noah, who has created his own way to give back. Here is the story: "When Noah started his Bar Mitzvah project, he remembered his own time as a patient at Upstate and wanted to help other kids and their families here. He set a goal to collect, assemble and donate 100 kits containing toiletries, crayons and other comfort items for our families. With support from friends, family and area hotels he was able to surpass his goal and hit 178! He set a new goal of 200 and plans to keep on going. He came by and donated his kits to our pediatric social work team, which will distribute them to families with unplanned admissions, off hours admissions and other circumstances. THANK YOU, NOAH!"



Happy Sails

Our 2017-2018 chief resident, Brenda VanFossen, quite literally rode off into the sunset, in the 2018 Pacific Cup Yacht Race from California to Hawaii. The yacht she competed on, the Westerly, took a very nice 11th place out of over 60 boats.



Pictured at the finish line (dock) in HI.

Reading Buddies

Upstate Online did an article on MS-IV Alex Paley and his reading buddy. Alex had been considering Pediatrics (Med-Peds) at one point. If not, perhaps Anderson will someday.

<http://upstateonline.info/static/July19-July262018/blog/story-2/index.html>

Mrs. Duck Named Mom-of-the-Year

We received the following news article that we couldn't resist passing on. Surely this qualifies as Pediatrics.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-wednesday-edition-1.4761081/mom-of-the-year-photographer-captures-images-of-mama-duck-with-76-babies-1.4761093>

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/9 Caitlin DeLuca, Tara Wilhoit
8/10 Audrey VanDeWall, Jody Sima
8/13 Phil Mackewicz
8/15 Melissa Schafer
8/16 Kim Wells
8/17 Craig Byrum
8/19 Lina Bourjas
8/22 Beth Nelsen
8/25 Heather Ross