



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On July 17th, Drs. Dracker, Conners, Botash, Nelsen, the chiefs and several residents gathered for the official ribbon cutting of the new resident work space on GCH 11405. It is a 10-year long dream that has finally come true for the residents to have their own work space in the Children's Hospital. A special thanks to Dr. Bob Dracker for his generosity and in helping to make it all possible. All of the residents are extremely grateful.



Spin Donation

The resident work room received a donation of a mini-ping pong table from SPIN. Sophie Duron explains: "Amidst this pandemic, the father of one of our residents, Richard Duron, who is on the board of a company called SPIN offered to donate a mini ping pong table to the resident work room! SPIN is a ping pong social club that many of our residents know! SPIN has donated this ping pong table to help our pediatric residents take a couple minutes of wellness and help alleviate some stress from working on the floors. We are all so very grateful for this donation!"

The donation came with a hand-written note that said, "With our sincerest gratitude! We hope this donation of ping pong will spread some joy to everyone within the hospital. Your tireless work in helping others has not gone unnoticed and we truly hope we can provide a little smile and fun during these times. Thank you for all your work and let us know who reigns supreme on the ping pong table. Sincerely, Spin"



Another Chair

Our very own chairman, Dr. Gregory Conners, has gotten a new chair (title) from the AAP. He has been appointed chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics' Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine. This 4-year term began on 7/1. The Crier was pleased to get an exclusive interview with Dr. Conners shortly after he was double chaired (or does that make him a high chair?).

"The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has 23 committees representing various pediatrics subspecialties and professional interests. Some are more active than others.

I was a voting member of the Committee on Pediatric Emergency Medicine (COPEM) from 2010-2016. We wrote 20 AAP policies and related reports pertaining to Pediatric Emergency Medicine during that time, including two for which I was lead author. I also represented the AAP in Indonesia at a joint IAP-AAP conference. The next year, I represented COPEM on a special AAP committee formed to write a policy regarding pediatric urgent care, retail based clinics, and acute telehealth care, and again was lead author.

I was so pleased to be appointed by the AAP Board of Directors to lead the Committee for the next four years. COPEM has ten voting members from around the country, and ten liaisons from related professional organizations, like the American College of Emergency Physicians, the Emergency Nurses Association, and the National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians. All twenty members work hard as a team to improve emergency care for

children, and it is very rewarding to help make that happen.

My goals include keeping us organized and on time with the Committee's many ongoing projects, and addressing health disparities and racism in the Pediatric Emergency setting and beyond.

Being chair of COPEM is a lot of work, but is a labor of love!"

You can read more about the position and about the AAP at:

<https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2020/2020-07-02-connersaap.php>

Two 2020 Gold Standard Winners

We had not just one, but two winners of the 2020 Gold Standard Award.

Congratulations to Drs. Jan Bach and Schott Schurman for this award that recognizes faculty for "work exemplifying the missions of Upstate, with particular emphasis on professionalism, work ethic "This year's Gold Standard Award winners are exemplary educators," said Ann S. Botash, MD, senior associate dean for faculty affairs and faculty development. "They share a dedication, enthusiasm and compassion for service, teaching, patient care and research." We are so proud of our two peds faculty who received this well deserved honor. For more:

<https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2020/2020-07-07-goldstandard.php>

Paige's Virtual Pedal and Run

Paige's Butterfly Run (like so many other events) is going virtual this year! Raising funds for the Peds Oncology Program is as important as ever. And you can participate! The two major events (Pedaling for Paige's and the Paige's Butterfly Run) will be held August 15-20. And Peds has at least two teams you can support! Drs. Comito, Kennedy, and a small group from clinic have formed a pedaling team named "Peds Powerful Pedal Pushers" and will be biking from Syracuse to Rome on August 15. You can support them at

<https://runsignup.com/pedspowerfulpedalpushers>.

And the newly formed Cancer Spankers, led by Carlee et al will be doing the virtual run. We need your support to reach our goal of \$2000. Our link is <https://runsignup.com/Race/48348/Donate/2nYuGsEALdnUhGVR> or for an easier link, donate to team member and senior runner Patty Mondore at <https://runsignup.com/CancerSpankers>

Note that it's not too late to join a team, yourself at <http://pbrun.org/events/paiges-butterfly-run-2020/>

The PL-Whatever Retreat

Due to what pretty much everything is due to, these days, the current PL3s got cheated out of their PL2 retreat that was originally scheduled for May. But the program did their best to make it up to them by giving them a day off together in early July for a retreat of their own. They headed to Sarah's place on the lake and clearly a good time was had by all...except possibly Tyler.



More Excellence in Teaching

Congratulations to Dr. Stuart Trust and to Dr. Sue Stred who were both notified by Dr. Matt Thornton, Course Director, and Dr. Thomas Poole, Assistant Dean for the Foundational Sciences that they were each the recipient of one of this year's Excellence in Teaching Awards for Foundations of Reasoning in Medicine! It was also noted that very few students fill out this area of the evaluation but their students commented on their dedication to teaching and superior instructions. Congratulations Drs. Trust and Stred and as their letters put it, "thank you for your outstanding contributions to teaching, and for being an outstanding role model of professionalism."

Peds Volunteers

There were several opportunities in July for Team Upstate to help out our community and Pediatrics was well represented at both. On 7/14, Lisa Blystone and Patty Mondore joined a team of Upstate volunteers who helped do

a little gardening at the Rescue Mission (it is worth noting that several of the weeds were taller than the weeders):



Then, on 7/18, Peds once again stepped up (literally) to help paint at the new Rescue Mission Homeless and Runaway Youth Shelter. Pictured are painters Valerie Ho, Anam Farooqui, Karen and Nora Teelin.



Last Day of Residency

Dr. Teelin sent this picture of Chris Maierhofer's last day (6/30). She tells the Crier, "We pulled down our masks just long enough to smile for a team photo on Chris Maierhofer's last day in clinic."



Best Wishes, Dr. Nivas

By Dr. Wratney
You may have heard that Dr. Nivas has accepted a Faculty position at the John's Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida and will have his last day here at Golisano July 26th. He, his wife Benedetta and their son Leonardo are working furiously under this time schedule to move and to begin their lives in Florida, with school anticipated to begin in August. Federico has led as the Director of Respiratory care and the Pediatric ECMO Director and is actively working on transition plans for these roles. We are thankful for his excellent clinical care, education, and mentoring through these years. We recognize his contributions to the clinical care in ICU, Pediatric Respiratory therapy and ECLS and know that he will continue to make strong contributions in his next endeavor!

#15

Last month we introduced our 14 new interns since one was stuck in Nepal at the time. This month we welcome #15. Asmita Sharma safely arrived and is now hard at work with the rest of her class. In the meantime, she has been added to the class picture.



The Boss



In case you haven't been by the chair's office lately, he has a new sign on his door. After longingly admiring the

new sign on the chief's door, he came in one morning to this.

Caption Contest Winner



Last month the Crier had another caption contest. We had a tie! It appears that the ED has the edge on great captions this month.

"I'll give you the toast when you give me your beer!"- Matthew Thornton

"When you are dieting to lose all your quarantine weight, while your best friend eats in front of you!"- Asalim Thabet

Congratulations, Matt and Asalim!
Thanks for making us laugh!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/1 Hayat Al Tabosh
8/3 Evan Ho
8/9 Caitlin Deluca, Tara Wilhoit
8/10 Jody Sima
8/13 Phil Mackewicz
8/15 Rida Sherwani, Melissa Schafer
8/16 Kim Wells
8/17 Craig Byrum
8/19 Lina Bourjas
8/22 Beth Nelsen
8/23 Yisroel Miller
8/25 Heather Ross
8/28 Aditi Shaily