



### The Perfect Match!

The results of the 2023 Fellowship Match are in, and we are so excited and delighted to announce where several of the Class of 2023 AND this year's chiefs will be going next year:

PL3s:

Clara El Nakib – GI - Baylor

Sarah Hendrix – Peds ED-Med Coll, GA

Mohamed Khallaf – Cardio- Mount Sinai

Abeir Mohamed – PICU - Rochester

Adil Siddiqui – PHM - UT Houston

Lexi Sirota – Ped ED - Upstate

Aly Soliman – NICU – Brown

Chiefs:

Asmita Sharma – Cardio - MSU

Rida Sherwani – GI- UT Houston



Congratulations to all of our PL3s and chiefs who did so well in the 2023 Match.

### New Faculty – Dr. Ria Garg

We are excited to be able to introduce our new genetics faculty member to you in this issue. Dr. Garg joined the Division of Child Development, Behavior & Genetics, on September 25th. She joined Dr. Lebel and Dr. Joan Pellegrino in the Section of Medical Genetics. Dr. Garg shares the following:

Greetings, I am Dr. Ria Garg, a committed medical genetics practitioner with a diverse journey that began in Canada, where I was born and raised. My educational path led me to M.S. Ramaiah Medical College in Bangalore, India, where I completed my medical studies. This foundational period kindled my passion for pediatrics, propelling me to a pediatrics residency at Ascension St John Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, where I completed my intern year, followed by a Medical Genetics and Genomics fellowship at the University of California San Francisco. Outside my professional sphere, I find solace and joy in painting, music and family time(engaged last year). As I step into the role of a Medical Genetics Assistant Professor in the Pediatrics Department, I am filled with dedication. I am enthusiastic about contributing substantively to the well-being of our young patients and their families. Enjoying every minute of being faculty SUNY upstate already!

### Kenya Believe it?

Sarah Hendrix spent part of October and November in Kenya. We had hoped she would share some of her adventures with us and are so excited that she did! Here is her report:

Residency has been an amazing time to learn Pediatrics and never has my knowledge been tested like it was in Kisumu. From day 1, I was welcomed to Obama Children's Hospital by everyone from attendings to medical students to Hospital staff. As a pediatric resident, I was expected to lead rounds, lecture weekly, lead codes and trauma, and to be the one to guide students. Coupled with Dr. Janice Bach, we divided the hospital and set out to help where we could.



My favorite experiences in the hospitals were seeing how, despite being out of place, the community supported me. I was asked to help lead Emergency preparedness lectures to all level of learners, demonstrate procedures and teach bedside skills. I was also taught how to diagnose common ailments without access to

labs and imaging. This rotation has prepared me to go onto Pediatric Emergency Fellowship better equipped to handle any situation. I extend a huge thank you to Dr. Shaw, Dr. Hobson, and especially Dr. Bach for their mentorship, friendship and roles in my elective and future.



### Ahmed at NSUA

Congratulations to first year resident, Dr. Ahmed Souid who presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Northeastern Section of the American Urological Association (NSUA) in Pittsburgh in October.



### Here, there, and Dubai

Dr. Joe Domachowske has been very busy since our last issue of the Crier. In late October, presented his "RSV Wheel of Knowledge" at the AAP in Washington. Then, it was off to Guayaquil, Ecuador where he participated in RSV prevention meetings with stakeholders from the Ministry of Health (Guayaquil), and then gave formal presentations for the Vice Minister of Health and his leadership team. From there, it was a direct flight to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he had Policy development meetings with the ministry of health, and met with the local Peds Society to discuss RSV prevention. Next, it was off to Dubai where he

presented his RSV research in two RSV Protection Forums to the Arab Neonatal Care Group (ANCG) and associated shareholders in UAE.



As Dr. D. explains, “These policy groups only invite one speaker from outside of their national advisory groups, and I was the lucky one invited for both meetings. The Saudi session was the final policy development meeting. The Dubai/UAE stakeholders are one step behind KSA but will have their final policy development meeting sometime during the 1st quarter 2024. I hope they invite me back!”



After a two week breather in Syracuse he was off to Madrid for the next adventure.

### The DC Genetics Team

The Crier received the following from Dr. Bob Lebel:  
Attached please find a picture of our group at the American Society of Human Genetics meetings, in Washington, DC, Nov 1-5.



Pictured: Daniel Mahoney, Cora Lyon, Saba Ahmed, and Dr. Lebel. Each had posters and attended the meetings.

### He’s a Quality Officer

Congratulations to Dr. Andrew Osten who has accepted the position of Pediatric Quality Office. Dr. Melissa Schafer has served as the Pediatric Quality Officer since 2015. As Dr. Connors noted, “She has done a great job and we would not be where we are without her. She is now handing over the reins to Dr. Andrew Osten who will be transitioning into the role over the next month. Dr. Osten joined the Department of Pediatrics, Inpatient Medicine Division, in August 2019. We are happy to have him serve as the new Pediatric Quality Officer.”

### Interview Season Updates

By the end of the day on December 1<sup>st</sup> we will have completed one shy of 100 interviews and will be halfway through interview season. We are so thankful for all of the faculty and residents who have gotten involved this year, and to Dr. Holly Stacey for putting together such a winning package of social hours, chief chats, and faculty and program director interviews for every candidate. At the end of the interviews (the last one being January 19<sup>th</sup>) we are planning two virtual second looks in February. Thank you again to everyone who has made time to be available to help out!

### Just Married!

Congratulations to Sara Taha who went away on vacation and came back married. She and her husband Mustafa were married on 11/16/2023 and we wish them the very best!



### Selah’s 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday Party

Selah recently celebrated her first birthday together with several of her best friends (Isa and Mohamed).



### Beware of Sneaky Santas

As we go to print, we currently have over 40 residents and faculty participating in this year’s “Secret Santa” name exchange. So don’t be surprised if you see some sneaky things going on over the next few weeks. Santas were given until Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> to get the job done, with the goal of having all the Santas stop in before Thursday Conference on 12/20 to reveal their hopefully well hidden identity. Ho ho ho!

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 12/1 Gloria Kennedy
- 12/8 Stephanie Tom
- 12/12 Ahmed Eltayeb
- 12/15 Jan Bach
- 12/16 Joshua Bonville, Precious Sanni Adeniyi
- 12/18 Mubasshira Khan
- 12/23 Robert Lebel
- 12/28 Jennifer Nead, Dongmei Huang

