



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

<http://www.upstate.edu/gch/academics/newsletter.php>

Welcoming Semi-New faculty: Dr Michaela Kollisch-Singule



The Crier apologizes for this announcement taking a little longer than we normally do in introducing new faculty members to you. Especially since this faculty member already has some ties to the department. We are pleased to welcome Dr Michaela (Mikki) Kollisch-Singule who joined the Division of Pediatric Surgery in October. Dr. Kollisch-Singule shared the following with us.

Mikki Kollisch has joined our pediatric surgery group, bringing the practice up to five surgeons. Although she did not grow up in the area, she considers herself a native to upstate New York having completed both her medical school education and general surgery residency at SUNY Upstate Medical University. She completed her pediatric surgery fellowship in Little Rock, Arkansas, and is 'thrilled' to be back at Upstate and rejoin her husband (Prateek Wali) and cat (Mozart).

As a general surgery resident, Mikki completed a research fellowship in the Critical Care Research Laboratory at Upstate Medical University where she used her background in Mathematics to understand how mechanical ventilation impacts the micromechanics of the lung. In addition to her clinical responsibilities, Mikki will be co-directing the same lab alongside Professor Gary Nieman, where she will continue her research in critical care, but with a neonatal and pediatric focus. Outside of work, Mikki enjoys eating Prateek's meals, traveling, and playing the piano.

Welcoming Brenda Dano, MSN, RN

We are excited to welcome our first Associate Director of Nursing for Pediatrics at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Brenda shares the following:

My name is Brenda Dano. I come to Golisano from the Onondaga County Health Department where I started as a Public Health Nurse 26.5 years ago and worked my way up to the Director of the Division of Maternal and Child Health. As the Director of Maternal and Child Health I was responsible for the WIC program, Early Intervention and Preschool Special Education Programs, Immunization Program, and the Community Health Worker and Public Health Nurse Home Visiting Programs. I started my career in Pediatrics at what was then Crouse Irving Memorial Hospital. I received my BSN at Alfred University and after receiving my Master's Degree in Nursing in the Clinical Nurse Specialty track at Syracuse University, I moved on to other opportunities, soon after finding myself at the Onondaga County Health Department. I am very happy to be back in the clinical setting here at Golisano. I have started learning about the wonderful programs in the hospital and ambulatory care areas and look forward to working with everyone.

On a personal note, my family and I are huge Disney fans (as you can see by the picture) and love the Adirondacks. Driving to Lake Placid for the day is one of our favorite activities. I am an Onondaga County native and live with my husband, 2 dogs and 4 cats. We have two daughters in college; one at the Rochester Institute of Technology and one at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania.



Peds Research

Some of you may have seen the 12/2/20 Upstate Research newsletter highlighting some of the recent successes of our institution. Realizing that your time is valuable, we pulled out just the five members of our department who were listed in that publication (attached).

Congratulations to each of them!

(see attached pdf)

#EDUCATION CORNER

Dr. Jennifer Nead

Exceptional Teachers!

At the end of each College of Medicine course/clerkship, medical students nominate residents and faculty who impacted them in a significant way. Congratulations to the following residents and faculty members who were recently recognized by Dr. Chin as exceptional teachers during the Fall Semester of our Pediatrics Clerkship! Congratulations to residents Andrew Brook, Evan Ho, Jina Patel, Andrew Smith, and Holly Stacey. And also to all of the faculty members including Drs. Leah Bennett, Bob Dracker, Bob Hingre, Nate Meuser-Herr, Matt Mittiga, Matthew O'Connor, Jaclyn Sisskind, Brian Tran, and Prateek Wali.

Each of them received the following message: "In the fall of 2019 we initiated an 'Exceptional Teacher Initiative' to acknowledge the dedicated teaching in our MD program. I'm delighted to share with you in the attached letter the comments that our students submitted to the exceptional teacher initiative about you regarding their educational experience with you over the last six months..."

The Dean ended each letter with the following: "Thank you for your dedication to our educational program and for the real impact you have on individual students. What your student has described makes you part of the heart and soul of effective teaching in the College of Medicine, and I am very appreciative of your contributions. Lawrence S. Chin, MD
Dean, College of Medicine"

Upstate's Magnetic Attraction!

Congratulations to us! And especially to Upstate nursing on having obtained Magnet Status! As Dr. Conners explained, "It was a great pleasure to learn this morning that Upstate has earned Magnet Status. This recognition is given by American Nurses' Credentialing Center (ANCC), an affiliate of the American Nurses Association. Magnet is a designation earned by fewer than 9% of U.S. hospitals. Magnet-designated hospitals out-perform other hospitals in patient outcomes and satisfaction, nursing quality measures, and safety, and other areas. While Magnet recognition is principally nursing-focused, it could not happen without excellence across the hospital, including Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Magnet designation is an honor for all of Upstate. Please join me in congratulating our colleagues in nursing and beyond at today's big news about Upstate's Magnet designation!"

In the News

Our very own Dr. Joe Domachowski was featured on WRVO Public Media (NPR News) in December speaking on "Upstate Medical University to study effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccine in teens". You can listen to the full broadcast or read the transcripts at:

<https://www.wrvo.org/post/upstate-medical-university-study-effectiveness-covid-19-vaccine-teens#stream/0>

Since this was first reported, Dr. D gave the Crier an exclusive update: "We've finished enrolling this study (12-18 yr olds) and are expecting to open the follow-up study in mid to late February. The new study will look at the optimal dose and effectiveness of the same COVID19 vaccine in children 5 to 18 yrs old. We will start that new study by first recruiting children ages 5 to 11 to evaluate the best dose for this younger age group, then open the study up to include all children 5 to 18 yrs. The safety profile and vaccine efficacy will be evaluated over a 2 year period of time. We are very excited to be working on this research program and critically important public health effort!"



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Hospitalist Webinar Extraordinaire!

On Tuesday, January 26th, our Pediatric Hospital Medicine group hosted a quarterly webinar with 40 hospitalists from across Upstate New York as part of an ongoing collaboration through the AAP NY Chapter 1. One of our own – Dr Osten – presented highlights from our Acute COVID-19 clinical pathway. Discussion centered around the inclusion of therapeutics (remdesivir and dexamethasone) and their indications for use as well as our experiences supporting our adult colleagues during recent surges in COVID-10 case volumes. Many sites have similarly been caring for a selection of adult patients on pediatric floors. Teams involved included Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, Oishei Children's Hospital (Buffalo), Golisano Children's Hospital (Rochester), Rochester General Hospital, and Bernard & Millie Duker Children's Hospital (Albany). Similarly, other sites have been developing pathways for MIS-C. Keep your eyes peeled for our MIS-C pathway which should go live in early February!

Interview Review

Residency interviews ended on January 22nd. We interviewed a record 162 applicants, had eight interview days, 10 awesome interviewers (including both chiefs) and eight virtual applicant dinners hosted by our resident superheroes. On February 25th, we are planning a virtual second look for any of them who would like a little more time with us before ranking us #1 on their match list.

Butterflies for Cancer Care

Several of you remember getting out there this past summer and participating in the 2020 Paige's Butterfly Run even in the middle of a pandemic. Peds had bicyclers, joggers, and generous supporters who all did their part. Thanks to all of you, Paige's Butterfly Run was able to make a \$155,000 donation to support pediatric cancer care here at Upstate. Dr. Comito noted, "Although the fundraising events for Paige's Butterfly Run had to be re-imagined this year, our community again came together to support this outstanding organization that promotes care for children with cancer in our region" Here is a flashback of two of our peds groups.



You can read the full report at the link below.

<https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2020/2020-12-30-pbrdonate.php>

Spirit Boosting Week

In case you happened to notice some strange outfits being worn all around pediatrics between January 25 and 29, you were probably seeing some of the participants in Spirit Boosting Week. About mid-January, Carlee and the Peds Resident Team decided that people needed a bit of fun to lift up a few battle-weary and bone-tired spirits. For an entire week, each day had a specific theme: Monday – Beach, Tuesday – Superheroes, Wednesday – The 70s, Thursday – Disney, and Friday – Stripes.



Pictured: Superhero Tuesday (though, seriously, do our residents need capes to be superheroes?).

Photo Caption Contest:

In a closer look of the above picture, we noted one particular individual who could really use a good caption:



Submit your caption(s) to the Crier by the end of the month and you could be featured in the next issue.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/4 Andrew Smith
- 2/10 Saber Jan
- 2/14 Winter Berry, Steve Blatt
- 2/16 Nara Cho
- 2/18 Leonard Weiner
- 2/22 Kate Okhman

Spring-Fall 2020

From the Office of Research
Administration

RESEARCH GRANTS

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Protecting Immigrant dairy workers in New York from COVID-19

Faculty Name: Nathaniel Meuser-Herr

Department: Pediatrics

1st Year dollar amount: \$50,000

Sponsor: Mother Cabrini Health Foundation

Effective Date: 7/1/2020



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TDC Principal Investigator Protected Effort (PIPE)

Faculty Name: Christopher Fortner

Department: Pediatrics

1st Year dollar amount: \$27,000

Sponsor: Cystic Fibrosis Foundation

Effective Date: 4/1/2020



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Milk other than breast milk

Faculty Name: Amer Imdad

Department: Pediatrics

Sponsor: World Health Organization

Effective Date: 9/14/2020



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ADVL18P1 - An Open Label Feasibility Study to Assess the Safety and Pharmacokinetics of Enasidenib in Pediatric Patients with Relapsed/Refractory Acute Myeloid Leukemia

Faculty Name: Philip Monteleone

Department: Pediatrics

Sponsor: The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (WO) Celgene Corporation

Effective Date: 10/9/2020



Cystinosis Registry Case Report Forms

Faculty Name: Heather Wasik

Department: Pediatrics

Sponsor: North American Pediatric Renal Transplant Case Study

Effective Date: 10/6/20

