



New Faculty –Welcome Back Dr. Robyn Borsuk
We are excited to welcome Dr. Robyn Borsuk back to Pediatrics! Dr. Borsuk shared the following with the Crier:

“Hi everyone, it’s great to be back! I’m thrilled to be returning to Upstate as an attending in pediatric hematology-oncology. After I finished my residency here in 2018, I completed my hem/onc fellowship at Brown University. Following my stint in Rhode Island, I moved to New York City where I pursued my advanced neuro-onc fellowship at NYU. My family and I are excited to be back upstate and make this beautiful area our home. Thank you all for the warm welcome, I look forward to being a part of this wonderful community again!”



We might also point out that as a resident here, Robyn was the recipient of the highly coveted 2018 Golden Syringe Award for having done the most procedures in her class.

In a Crier flashback, we were also reminded of her short delve into curling. Robin participated in the Upstate Curling Invitational in November of 2017 which raised \$900 for the Upstate Cancer Center’s “Kids with Cancer” fund. You can read more about the event here:

<https://www.upstate.edu/whatsup/2018/0216-event-on-ice-raises-money-for-kids-fund.php>



(Note that her team called themselves the sweeping beauties. Robin is second from the right).

We are happy to have Dr. Borsuk and her many talents back and as part of the team!

Karibu (Welcome) Lucia!

We are delighted to be able to share this announcement from Dr. Andrea Shaw:

“We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Lucia Janovicova as our 2023 Pediatric Global Health Fellow! Lucia will start July 1. She will be engaged in the Upstate MPH program over the course of these next 2 years as well as clinical time in the Pediatric After Hours Clinic in Syracuse and Obama Children's Hospital in Kisumu, Kenya (approximately six months of the year).”



Lucia tells the Crier, “While so much might have changed in the past 2.5 years, my passion and calling for Global health has remained the same if not grown stronger and bigger. I am both greatly excited and honored to become our first Global Health fellow and will continue facilitating and empowering the unique bidirectional partnership with Obama hospital, Maseno University and working my way to become the pediatrician I always aspired to be – a highly qualified, passionate advocate for the underserved and motivated to erase the health inequities.”

Congratulations Lucia, and congratulations to our Global Health Fellowship program!

First Glimpses from Kenya

Speaking of Kenya, as we go to print, Asmita Sharma and Saber Jan are currently in Kenya with Drs. Andrea Shaw and Elizabeth Hobson. We received a preliminary report from Dr. Shaw: “The team is off to a great start. They are two of four weeks into the

elective. Dr Elizabeth Hobson joined us this rotation for her first trip there and she will remain with the resident team these last two weeks. Asmita and Saber will update you on their experiences when they return, but I'll send along a nice group shot we had with one of the main pediatric hospitalists, the peds chair from Maseno, and the four from our team.”



GCH is Hospital of the Month!

Congratulations to the GCH and the Golisano Quality/Safety team who learned that they were named the Solution for Patient Safety's (SPS) Hospital of the Month! You may have noticed the slide below was displayed on the units. As the winning team noted, “This is all because of the hard work we all do to keep our children safe. Keep up the great work!”

February 2023 Hospital of the Month

Recognized for the following achievements:

Data Submission

- 100% HAC outcomes data
- 100% Process reliability data

Reducing Harm

- Sustained a rate of 0 for Aviator HACs: CLABSI, PI, & UE

All Teach/All Learn

- Pioneer Cohort Work: Ambulatory CLABSI & CLABSI Hem-Onc
- New York Region
- Culture Wave: 3.5
- Presented: CLABSI Hem-Onc Cohort & 2022 Spring National Learning Session
- Attended: Ambulatory CLABSI Cohort, CLABSI Hem-Onc Cohort, UE Network, 2021 Fall National Learning Session, 2022 Spring National Learning Session & 2022 Fall National Learning Series



Congratulations on your outstanding work!

In The News

Our very own Dr. Domachowske was recently interviewed on our local NPR affiliate, WAER 88.3 about his work on an experimental study for an RSV immunization. You can read the full interview here:

<https://www.waer.org/2023-01-18/syracuse-area-twins-first-to-test-promising-rsv-prevention-tool>

Virtual Adaptive Cycling

UpstateOnline featured our very own Dr. Nienke Dosa in their article, "Golisano Center for Special Needs and Erie Canal group launch virtual program for adaptive cycling". The article explained that this was a combined effort of the Fitness Inclusion Network at the Golisano Center for Special Needs and the Erie Canalway National Heritage creating a Virtual 1st Mile Challenge for people with mobility challenges. The program offers a series of 15 Peloton-style adaptive cycling videos filmed on the Erie Canalway Trail and Onondaga Creekwalk making it a great resource for adaptive cycling. Dr. Dosa explained, "The videos are part of a home exercise program for people who use wheelchairs that we created with and for our patients. The videos can also help people who may be unaware or unsure about cycling along the canal to check it out ahead of time."

You can see the videos on the Erie Canal website where they note, "Choose from 15 Peloton-style videos filmed on the Erie Canalway Trail and Onondaga Creekwalk in Syracuse. Complete your 1st Mile or achieve all 15."

<https://eriecanalway.org/explore/challenge/virtual>

A reporter from the Crier visited the website and determined that these would be outstanding videos to exercise at home during the next blizzard.



For the full story visit UpstateOnline:

<https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2023/2023-01-26-virtualbike.php>

Upstate at SCCM



The Crier was excited to receive a picture from former resident Aarani Kandeepan (2021) who is now a second year PICU fellow in Maryland. Once again, Aarani gave a presentation at the SCCM (Society for Critical Care Medicine) Conference in January, in San Francisco.



Our very own Laaibah Ejaz was also selected to present at SCCM. Laaibah tells the Crier, "It was such an enriching experience! I had a great time presenting a rare case of a patient I had seen in our PICU which was greatly appreciated by the audience. It was also wonderful to attend sessions about groundbreaking research and to connect with like-minded individuals who all shared the same passion as me. Special thanks to Dr. Wratney and the PICU education fund for their financial contribution to making this happen for me!"



Laaibah also let the Crier know, "To add to the fun, the case also got published in the January 2023 supplement of Critical Care Medicine!" The Case is entitled, "Purulent Pericarditis due to non-typeable haemophilus influenzae in a pediatric patient" that was authored by the all-star cast of Laaibah Ejaz, Clara El Nakib, Irene Cherrick Leonard Weiner, and Angela Wratney.

Congratulations, Aarani, Laaibah, and team!

Take Two Chapters and Call Me in the Morning!

Dr. Jaelyn Sisskind

The department of Pediatrics has a new book club! PediaLit meets virtually on the first Wednesday of every month, from 7:30-8:30pm. We are exclusively reading children's literature. Books are a great way to connect with patients, and this is an opportunity to see all the fantastic titles out there for kids today! For what it's worth, the books are also short and highly readable, so this may be the least stressful book club you've ever joined. So far, we have read Starfish by Lisa Fipps and Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly. Both meetings had wonderful discussions.

Our next book is Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett Krosoczka. This graphic novel memoir for teens details the author's life as he moves in with his grandparents while his mother battles addiction. The book illustrates how we learn to understand what we can and cannot change about the people we love, and the complicated toll of addiction on a family. I think every pediatrician would benefit from reading Jarrett's story. If anyone wants to join, contact Jaelyn Sisskind at sisskinj@upstate.edu.

Virtual Second Looks

At the end of the interview season, and before the final match lists are due, the residency program is offering two different virtual second look options to the applicants in addition to having several applicants stop by for an in person tour by one of the chiefs. For February we are hosting our first ever URiM (Underrepresented in Medicine) social hour hosted by Dayna Ukwuoma and Laruen Thomas. We already have over a dozen scheduled to join them. Then later in the month the chiefs will be hosting a virtual second look for any applicants who are interested. Within the first day

of having sent out the invitations, over 25 have responded and it is still almost a month away. We are so appreciative of the residents and the chiefs for helping with these last opportunities to let our applicants know why this is the place to be!

January Superhero – Michael Casey RN



Congratulations to Mike Casey, RN, from 7G for being selected as the January Superhero of the Month for Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital! He has received several compliments from patients and staff such as "He is the most generous and passionate caregiver. He cares about his patients and families and puts forth his best effort every day no matter the circumstances" and "He is a very uplifting compassionate nurse. Mike has a positive influence on anyone he encounters". Congratulate Mike on this well deserved honor. Mike received some fun swag and parking in the Children's Hospital parking lot for the month of January.

Remember that YOU can nominate your coworkers [through this link](#) (anyone can be nominated! RNs, LPNs, HCTs, USTs, Housekeeping, Security, Child Life, etc.).

Happy 2 Months, Mohamed!



Dates to Remember:

Note that the annual hospital-wide Resident Appreciation Week will start on February 20th. There will be a number of activities and special recognition for residents but the Pediatric Program will be recognizing our residents at their Thursday Conference on February 23rd with lunch, gifts, etc. Be sure to thank a resident that week in particular!

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2/3 Abeir Mohamed
2/4 Andrew Smith
2/7 Clara El Nakib
2/10 Saber Jan
2/14 Winter Berry, Steve Blatt
2/18 Leonard Weiner
2/22 Kate Okhman
2/23 Aly Soliman