



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Jolly Good Fellows!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that eight out of eight of our residents matched in the fellowship match on 12/18. Congratulations are as follows:

Sarah Au – PICU (Cleveland)
 Julia Ciurria – ED (Wash Univ)
 Danielle Daniels – ID (Upstate)
 Heba El Ayash – Endo (Baylor)
 Kristin Hornick – Pulm (Children’s LA)
 Phil Mackewicz – ED (Upstate)
 Audrey VanDeWall – ED (Detroit)
 Sarah Ellis – ED – (St. Christopher’s)



We are so proud of each of our fellows-to-be!

Board Certified Hospitalists!

Congratulations to Drs. John Andrade, Melissa Schafer, and Jen Myszewski who are now official, Board certified pediatric hospitalists. They received the news on 12/17 that each of them had passed their hospital medicine boards. They are among the first in the nation.

Other Gainful Employment

A great big congratulations to Chris Maierhoffer who has accepted a position in a private practice in Minneapolis! And, while we are at it, congratulations to former fellow and resident Hassan El Chebib who officially starts as a Peds ID attending at the University of CT on 1/1/20. We are very proud of both Chris and Hassan and wish them the very best!

Our Cause!

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Teelin and Patty Mondore who entered the 2020 Upstate Your Cause, and won! They nominated the Syracuse Rescue Mission’s new Runaway & Homeless Emergency Youth Shelter which will be opening in April. Here is their website:

<https://rescuemissionalliance.org/emergency-youth-shelter/>

The 10-bed shelter will serve runaway and homeless youth ages 12 to 17 in Syracuse and Onondaga County. There will be a focus on serving lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) youth. Karen and Patty nominated them to be Upstate’s Your Cause which will open the door for volunteering opportunities for the entire Upstate Community as well as help support the shelter financially. Hopefully we will have more details, an official announcement from Upstate, and specific opportunities for you to participate in, in the coming months. One of the projects any of us can help with is painting and decorating some of the rooms. Last year’s winners are currently listed on the Our Cause website with more details about this program:

<https://www.upstate.edu/teamupstate/your-cause/index.php>

Needless to say, we are very excited about this wonderful opportunity to help a few of these particularly vulnerable youth.

Housestaff/Faculty holiday luncheon

The residents and faculty had their annual holiday luncheon on Thursday, Dec 19th. Santas were revealed, games and music were played, and plenty of food was eaten.



We traditionally have an ugly sweater contest each year but as soon as Chris walked in the door, we scrapped the vote. Congratulations to Chris Maierhoffer for his third consecutive

year of the uncontested ugliest Christmas sweater.



Not everyone was able to make it to the party, of course. But some of those who couldn’t be there or take part in secret Santa, found other ways to make their requests known.



In fact, Santa even made a special visit to the PICU. We aren’t sure he had time to see any of the patients being as busy as he was with the residents and faculty.



One Thing that makes Syracuse Great

The local media discovered what we have known all along. Our doctors, nurses, and EMTs make Syracuse great. And front and center in their article was our Critical Care Pediatric Transport Team.

<https://www.syracuse.com/news/2019/12/25-things-that-make-syracuse-great-our-doctors-and-nurses.html>

Moonlighting as a Rock Star

Congratulations to Chris Maierhofer who got an Upstate “Star” nomination from one of the 12E nurses. The nomination stated; “Chris is a rock star doc! He listens well, communicates changes in orders, and immediately comes to the bedside if nursing voices concerns or has questions. He is a doctor for the kids, for the families and for the staff. He pays attention to detail, and teaches and explains “the why” of the new orders written. He listens to families and makes them feel comfortable with the plan of care. He deserves recognition for the work he puts in!!”

Interview Stats

We have now completed seven out of our eight interview days, with only one day left in January. We have interviewed 138 candidates with another 18 scheduled for January. The feedback from the applicants has been amazing and we are anticipating a fantastic match this year in March. It is a great time to pause and thank the all-star cast who have helped to make this such a successful interview season. Thank you to our faculty panel, interviewers, residents who invested in applicant dinners and lunches, and our charming tour guides. There would be no interview season without all of you!

Digg's First Birthday

Several residents got together on 12/14 for a multipurpose party celebrating the coming of Christmas as well as Diggs' first birthday. Diggs is Holly Stacey's



dog. Several other resident dogs were able to attend the party but no picture of any dog was submitted. At least the guests dressed appropriately

A week earlier, on 12/7, Laura hosted a party to celebrate Danielle Fayad's birthday.



A UPAC First

Dr. Karen Teelin

Congratulations to Heba and attending Jess Myers for placing the first General Peds



Clinic Nexplanon subdermal contraception this month. Thank you also to attending Josh Bonville for helping to make this happen! We are so happy to now have several General Peds attendings

who are certified and credentialed in this. Nexplanon provides highly effective reversible contraception, with significantly higher continuation rates than OCPs or DMPA. This is an evidence-based way to reduce child poverty and improve child health. We are lucky to be able to train all of our residents in this procedure, and now they will have more opportunities for practice. Adolescent clinic takes consults for this, but we do get backed up, so it is wonderful to be able to offer this to UPAC's primary care patients with their PCP.

Christmas with Aamer and Uzma

Drs. Imdad and Rani hosted the residents to our place for a Christmas dinner. Dr. Imdad tells the Crier, “The food was prepared by Uzma herself :) I only 'attested' the recipes. Our kids loved the company of residents and especially became friends with a resident who will be back in Canada to take care of 'Hearts of Children'. We enjoyed the evening and are blessed to have an amazing family at home and in the workplace. Happy New Years!”



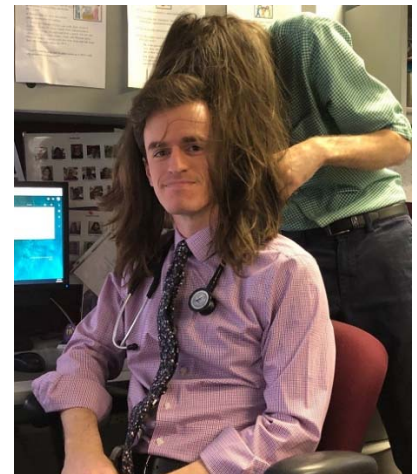
Woof Woof Woof

Santa took a brief break from all the kids to listen to Oscar's wish list. Thanks to Kristina for sharing. We hope Oscar got everything he was barking for.



A 2020 Caption Contest

The Crier has been getting quite a few submissions lately for caption contests. So, we have to be very selective about which pictures will truly elicit creative responses from our readership. This one seemed to fit the bill for our first contest of the new year. Submit your captions to the Crier before the end of the month to enter.



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1/4 Bob Hingre
1/13 John Andrade
1/15 Ruby Sangha
1/20 John Friedman
1/25 Nienke Dosa