



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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New Faculty –Dr. Nathan Meuser-Herr

The Department of Pediatrics and UPAC welcome Dr. Meuser-Herr who is starting this month! Dr. Meuser-Herr tells the Crier, “Hello everyone, I’m Nate Meuser-Herr, I grew up in the snow-country in NNY and after finishing medical school at Upstate I headed out [mid]west to Minnesota for residency, a chief year in global pediatrics conducting a lung ultrasound study in Uganda, and a few years of primary care both in the ‘burbs for a system where we started their pediatric clinic from scratch and later at a downtown urban/underserved clinic in Minneapolis. Through all the changes in location and practice I’m more and more convinced of the impact of primary care pediatrics and I look forward to fostering that in UPAC, newborn nursery, and in low-middle income countries with our medical students and residents.



With growth in our own family and our careers, my wife (Abby) and kids (Adeline and Mason) are enjoying being closer to family, Stewart’s, and Wegman’s. Abby is from northern Alberta, so our meeting in Minnesota was a halfway point for us with me being from the northeast. She’ll be continuing her work as an architect consulting for sustainable design tasks the industry is thankfully calling for more and more. Adeline and Mason will be seeing what Liverpool/Clay and trips to the grandparent’s farm has to offer— as soon as we finish unpacking all of our boxes.”

Graduation 2019

The Annual Housestaff Appreciation Dinner and Graduation ceremonies were held on June 12th at the Marriott Syracuse Downtown Hotel. There were 15 third year residents and one Peds ID fellow

(Marie Jose Moubarak) who proudly received their certificates of completion.



As always, there were a number of other awards and special honors that were presented:

ED Rookie-of-the-year – Rohan Akhouri and Brett Holdaway

Robert Kanter Award – Tim Bright
Special Appreciation Award – Melanie Dunham

Pediatric Faculty Award – Frank Smith
Pediatric Nursing Award - Arlinda Dros
Golden Syringe Award – Jake Anderson

Teaching Awards

PL1: 1st. Rohan Akhouri, 2nd. Max Burchman, 3rd. Veena Gopalakrishnan
PL2: 1st. Chris Maierhofer, 2nd. Phil Mackewicz, 3rd. Danielle Daniels
PL3: 1st. Kim Wells, 2nd. Jake Anderson, 3rd. Sashi Goteti

After that, each of our 15 graduating PL3s came forward to receive their certificates as did our graduating Peds ID fellow, Marie Jose Moubarak.



The PL3s were then “plated” by the PL2s.



The ceremony concluded with a slide show created by Max Burchman (thanks Max!). We are so proud of all of our graduates and wish them the very best!

Welcome, Class of 2022

Even as we were saying our final goodbyes to our graduates, the Peds Residency Class of 2022 arrived.



They had a week of orientation but also a little (last) free time for some fun which, of course, included the new intern picnic at Jamesville Beach and the annual intern scavenger hunt where four highly competitive teams traveled the globe (or, at least Syracuse) to find as many items as possible by the 6 PM deadline. The competition was fierce (we are pretty sure we saw Rohan try to use his cane to cripple the rival team captains). But in the end it was Sterling’s Stars who took the prize.



One other event that took place was the caping (as opposed to knighting?) of all 45 residents. Phil, Carlee and Aarani created resident mentorship teams with one PL1, PL2, and PL3 on every team. Each team was able to choose matching superhero capes. Most spent the rest of the picnic test-flying in their capes. It’s going to be an exciting year!



Introduction to Clinical Infectious Diseases: A Problem-Based Approach

Somehow, the Crier nearly missed this story. Back in February, a new textbook was released by Springer International that was edited by our very own Dr. Joe Domachowske. To name just a few of the famous authors who contributed to this work includes Drs. Nead, Blatt, Thabet, Berry, Nelsen, Egan, Suryadevara, Cantor, Kainth, Mittiga, Riddell, (Andi) Shaw, (Jana) Shaw, Teelin, Wali, and of course Dr. Domachowske, himself.

Dr. D. tells the Crier, "Almost every chapter has an author with a past or current connection to upstate. There are very few exceptions, mostly for people I either know very well from the Peds ID world, or have worked with along the way on various projects like PREP-ID. I even got 4 of our medical students to co-author different tropical disease chapters with me while they were working on their summer research projects in Ecuador. Everyone who contributed should be very proud with how the book turned out." Congratulations to Joe and your outstanding team!

North American Refugee Conference

Several members of the department were able to attend the 2019 North American Refugee Conference in Toronto in June. Lina sent the following: "Here are some pics from the International Refugee Conference this past weekend in Toronto. It was a very enlightening-- and at times heartbreaking-- experience. We all learned so much from it, and we are back with many new, exciting ideas, as well as a drive to do more to help!"



Environmental Health Conference

The Crier received the following article from Dr. Nimeh:

"Drs. Joe Nimeh and Travis Hobart and the newly-hired Elizabeth Domachowske (yes...you should recognize her last name for a reason) recently attended the 2-day NYS Children's Environmental Health Centers (CEHC) 2nd Annual Planning Meeting near Westchester, New York. It was an energizing and productive event that brought together like-minded people

from all over the state to discuss environmental health issues ranging from lead poisoning to asthma triggers to advocating for policy change in Albany. Why are these 3 involved, you may ask? Travis, as part of his public health work, directs the local CEHC chapter as well as working closely with Dr Weinberger in our local lead program. Joe (along with Dr. Megan Pinnamaneni) is executing a quarter million dollar grant from the Central New York Care Collaborative to reduce asthma triggers and improve quality of life in our highest-risk asthmatics. And Elizabeth recently joined Upstate as our new Central/Eastern NY Lead Poisoning Resource Center Program Coordinator. With the lofty goal of gradually improving the environment in which children grow and thrive, a number of initiatives were discussed, many new collaborations were forged, and a host of new ideas were generated. And we even got to hang out with our very own former resident Steve de Waal Malefyt who heads up the Albany CEHC



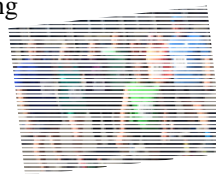
Center!! We are already looking forward to next year's meeting and would invite others of like mind to join our cause!!"

Paige's Butterfly Run

June 8th was the annual Paige's Butterfly Run to support pediatric cancer research and pediatric cancer care at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. Thousands of walkers and runners showed up to support this event including the 70 runners on the two Upstate Teams. The event honors the memory of Paige Yeomans Arnold, who was treated at the Dr. William J. Waters Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders at Upstate when she was 8 years old. Paige's parents, Chris Arnold and Ellen Yeomans, began their fundraising efforts with a run to honor Paige in 1997. The organization has since raised more than \$3 million and all of that money stays in Central New York.

As for this year's run, Toni Gary tells the Crier, "They had over 2500 people walking, running and attending Paige's Run.

Fundraising is still open and they anticipate donating upwards of \$200,000 this



year.

With the Upstate Foundation's support and partnership with Taste of Syracuse it looks like a successful year for PBR."

The June Peds Society Meeting

Several of the residents, faculty, and graduating residents in particular got together for one last Peds Society



Meeting in June. Thanks to Moshe for sharing the picture with the Crier.

Welcome Samuel Joseph!

We received the following from Jenica O'Malley: We welcomed Samuel Joseph (8 lb; 4 oz) on May 14th and he has been the perfect addition to our guy tribe." Congratulations, Jenica! He's beautiful!



Here Comes the Bride (and Groom!)

Congratulations to Jean Meneses and Sophie Duron who took just enough time off between medical school and starting their internships to get married. The wedding was on June 7th in Aix en Provence, France and was followed by their honeymoon in Greece and Bali!



Rainbows and Pineapples

While the rest of us were at the intern picnic, a hardworking inpatient team was having some adventures of their own. Heba sent the following: "You know the famous saying 'after a rainy day of admissions comes the rainbow and 2 pineapples'" (Note the pineapple shirts at either end of the "rainbow").



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/6 Robin Jodoin
- 7/14 Karen Teelin
- 7/16 Danielle Daniels
- 7/18 Tiffany Hecht
- 7/20 Jason Silkey, Jana Shaw
- 7/23 Chris Kuehnle
- 7/26 Heba El Ayash
- 7/28 Josh Griesman
- 7/31 Richard Johnson