

The SCCM Duo!

We are very pleased to follow up on an earlier report that not one, but two of our residents presented at the SCCM 47th Critical Care Congress in San Antonio in February. Congratulations to Mike Bowler and Ripal Patel. Though Ripal was the only one to provide the required proof as seen in the photo below:



We are very proud of them both!

At the APEX of the AAP



The Crier learned through Dr. Welch's newsletter that our very own Mide Ajagbe has been accepted into the 2018-2019 APEX (Advancing Pediatric Educator

eXcellence) Program. The APEX Teaching Program is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Hospital Medicine and the Academic Pediatric Association and endorsed by the Society of Hospital Medicine Pediatric Committee. APEX is a unique, longitudinal national program that offers learning opportunities which foster an ongoing exchange of ideas and best practices. Participants learn educational theory and specific skills they will apply at their home institution with direct observation of teaching by a local mentor. Under the guidance of expert faculty, they will also build a cohort of educators from institutions across the country and together develop educational workshops for national presentation. Previous cohorts have had over a dozen workshops accepted at national meetings, including the annual Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) conference. Entry into the program is through a competitive process so we are very proud that one of our very

own hospitalists, Dr. Ajagbe, has been accepted. Mide tells the Crier, "I am grateful and honored to have been selected for this." Congratulations, Mide!

Going for the Gold!

Congratulations to not one, but two of our Pediatric Faculty who were recipients of the 2018 Gold Standard Award. Dr. Winter Berry (UPAC) and Dr. Lauren Lipeski, (Peds Endo) will be honored at the Annual Celebration of Faculty on Tuesday, March 20 at 5:00 PM in the IHP atrium. The Gold Standard Award is given "to those faculty members who are dedicated, enthusiastic and passionate about their work. This is not about publications, funding or RVUs. It is about commitment, vision and sincerity. Gold Standard honorees truly live the values of Upstate by exemplifying innovation, respect, service, and integrity." Obviously, these were well chosen candidates and, again, we congratulate them both.

Neurocritical Care

Congratulations to our very own Dr. Bob Newmyer who recently passed his certifying exam for Neurocritical Care. He also received his emergency neurologic life support certification from the Neurocritical Care Society.

Resident Appreciation Week

February 7 was hospital-wide Resident Appreciation Day. But Pediatrics had a whole week of appreciation for our residents. The new massage chair insert arrived in the resident lounge (pictured on right) on Monday. On Tuesday, the residents got to try their hands at the new resident paraffin machine (including a couple of the "maler" forms of pediatric residents, not pictured).



Wednesday was a special trip to the multisensory room with Clare Arezina in addition to the breakfast, cake, and gifts provided by the GME office. Thursday was the resident appreciation luncheon, and the week ended with special end-of-therotation treats in both inpatient and outpatient. All that to say, we really do appreciate our residents and hope they had a great week!

Fun February Contests

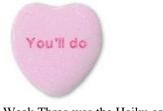
Our Associate Program Director, Dr. Beth Nelsen, decided to help the residents beat the winter blues with four weeks of Fun February contests. The month started out with a Pediatric Residency Meme contest. I don't think she could have guessed the number of amazing memes that were submitted by residents. (Board review was at an alltime low last month). Thanks to a few guidelines, most of the memes were even decent enough to repeat in public. The contest ended with an online poll where residents could vote for their favorite. There was a tie for first place:



Submitted by Anuja Khettry



The second week of Fun February continued with a "worst valentine ever" contest which was won by Samara Appelstein.



Week Three was the Haiku contest. There were many entries making for another stiff competition. But in the end, it was Robyn Borsuk's contemplative poem that got the prize:

Vocera won't stop Putting it on DND Can now poop in peace

Week Four, which is underway even as we go to print, was to put together a playlist of up to 10 favorite songs (the Crier is all about good music!). It was the best February ever!

In the News

Dr. Anne Reagan was featured in the Feb 22nd issue of Upstate Online in which she offered tips to parents after the most recent school shootings. You can read this very thoughtful and informative article on Upstate Online.



http://upstateonline.info/static/Feb22-March12018/blog/story-1/index.html

El Salvador, 2018

We hope to give you a full report of the adventures of Moshe and Jasmin in El Salvador (with Dr. D et al). But for now, we leave you with a picture we received from Brooke Fraser who was also part of the team. We heard it was an awesome experience for everyone.



Carol's Retirement

Our beloved Carol Plumley will be retiring on Friday, March 2nd after over 25 years of service to our department. She has touched so many of our lives in so many ways and she will be deeply missed by many even outside of our immediate department (pictured is Carol and Jose from Receiving who dressed up in a suit just to say goodbye).



Oklahoma!

We already announced that Kendall Luyt matched in Peds ED in Oklahoma. We received the following note from former resident Kisha Beg who was in the same class as Kendall: "How are you and how is the winter treating you? I wanted to update you on my life, hehe. I am going to do a fellowship in Hematology Oncology in Oklahoma City. And Kendall will be joining me to do her ED fellowship there! I am so excited!"

We are excited, too, for both Kisha and Kendall!

Upcoming Events:

Schwartz Center Rounds –

March 6th - 3:45 PM. GCH Rm 11405 Several members of our department will be presenting at the upcoming Schwartz Center Rounds on March 6th. Meghan Jacobs, Jasmin Moradi, Anne Reagan, and Jessica Feldmann will be presenting "The art of 'family' medicine: when family members dictate care." Jasmin tells the Crier, "Schwartz rounds was created to allow for more compassionate healthcare and better communication among providers and patients. It is a safe and shared experience for all healthcare providers to discuss difficult or complicated cases. It offers healthcare providers time during their fast-paced work lives to openly and honestly discuss the social and emotional issues they face in caring for patients and families. This Schwartz rounds we will be discussing the challenges of dealing with parents who dictate the care of their children and how that impacts the healthcare team." See attached for more information about the Schwartz Center Rounds.

Beyond the Doctorate Research Day -

Weds, March 7th, 1:00 - 6:00 PM, New Academic Building 4414BC Three of our residents will be presenting posters at this year's Beyond the Doctorate. Emy Abraham, Neelam Pandhi and Ripal Patel will be at the poster session from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. But there are exciting events throughout the afternoon including a keynote speaker, oral platform presentations and a poster session presented by postdocs, residents and fellows.

1:00 - 3:15 pm - Oral Presentations by Upstate residents, fellows, post-grads 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Keynote Address -Michael Barratt, MD, NASA Astronaut Dr. Barratt is a physician/astronaut with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He is one of the nation's few specialists dually trained and certified in both internal medicine and aerospace medicine. Having participated in two spaceflights, Barratt has served as Flight Engineer and performed two spacewalks. Currently, Dr. Barratt serves in the International Space Station Operations and Integration branches to handle medical issues and onorbit support.

Fellows as Teachers

The following picture was taken at a recent resident conference presented by Dr. Sunny Kainth (Peds ED Fellow). Caption was provided by Meghan Jacobs.



Fellows as Teachers

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1 Janet Tsang
3/8 Megan Campbell,
3/11 Anuja Khettry
3/17 Amanda Rohlfing, Samara Appelstein
3/19 Nader Atallah
3/20 Maureen Butler
3/23 Moshe Roberts
3/25 Ann Botash