



Pediatric Crier

Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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Special Superhero Edition, Con't



Last month at the onset of life being different, we highlighted our appreciation for the superheroes who are getting us through these challenging days. We continue to do so as we head into May with several different stories about folks who deserve to be thanked.

#EDUCATION CORNER

Jennifer Nead, MD, Clerkship Director
THANK YOU!!!

A huge thank you to all of our resident and faculty preceptors for their extra efforts to educate and mentor our students throughout the past academic year, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been truly amazing to see everybody's flexibility, support, and innovations during this novel time in medical student education. The following individuals allowed us to administer our practice standardized patient exam in an innovative "telehealth" format: Ann Botash, Joan Pellegrino, Andrew Osten, Jen Myszewski, Dean Karahalios, Holly Stacey, Phillip Mackewicz, Adam Farooqui, and Sarah Baluta (Rohan Akhouri graciously volunteered too!). Heather Wasik, Prateek Wali, Karen Teelin, and Jenica O'Malley included students in "telehealth" visits and even took extra time afterwards to provide individualized feedback and teaching sessions! Winter Berry, Elizabeth Paulsen, and Jennifer Myszewski performed the AMAZING feat of completing Direct Observation Requirements (of student history and physical exams) for all of our UPAC and inpatient students on their first and only

morning of direct patient care! Ann Botash also helped grade student outpatient write-up assignments and organized the successful Weds Noon Case Conferences to benefit our learners!

PLANNING FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

The anticipated start date of our new academic year remains July 6th. We anticipate that each clerkship rotation block will be 4 weeks with at least 15-17 students per rotation block. If your outpatient office/clinic will be able to precept students in the direct patient care setting and/or telehealth setting, please reach out to Jen Nead, Christine Kuehnle, or Leah Bennett by Monday, May 18th - any help from a few days to a few weeks will be greatly appreciated!!!

SUNY UPSTATE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY EXCEPTIONAL TEACHER RECOGNITION

Dr. Lawrence Chin recently acknowledged Josh Bonville, Christopher Delaney, John Friedman, Brett Holdaway, and Frank Smith as dedicated teachers through the "Exceptional Teacher Initiative." Congratulations to all of these amazing educators!

Thank you, Dr. Nead, for that update!

Restaurants Serve the Servers

While our doctors, nurses, and support staff work hard every day to care for ALL of their patients, some of the hardest hit businesses in town used their down time to serve the servers. Throughout the month of April various local restaurants provided lunches and dinners for Upstate Health Care workers including several meals to the Department of Pediatrics. It is pretty amazing working in a community where so many are working together, in their own ways, to get through the pandemic.

On Tuesday, April 14th, CoreLife delivered lunch to UPAC and the Peds ED. On Wednesday, April 15th, Carrabbas provided lunch for the peds inpatient teams. We did not get a picture from UPAC but are guessing that Scott would have been in that one, too.



On Sat, April 25th, the inpatient team enjoyed lunch from Dinosaur BBQ! We appreciate the thoughtfulness of all of the area restaurants who have supported us through the pandemic.

Our New Associate Program Director



Congratulations to Dr. Heather Wasik, and to the residency program. Heather has accepted the position of Associate Program Director. Some of you may remember

that only 10 months ago, she was featured in the Crier as our new nephrologist who came to us after finishing a residency and fellowship at Johns Hopkins. We are delighted to have her accept this position and look forward to having her on the team!

Upstate Heads South

In case you missed it, 22 Upstate nurses headed down to Stony Brook on April 9th to offer help to some battle-weary health care workers at Stony Brook. The story made national news and the welcome they received from the staff at Stony Brook was truly heartwarming. Local news had some of the best videos of the welcome.

But it was hard to pick only one article, so here are a couple.

<https://www.localsyr.com/health/coronavirus/upstate-nurses-heading-downstate-to-help-out-during-coronavirus-pandemic/>

<https://abc7ny.com/stony-brook-university-hospital-upstate-coronavirus-long-island-news/6090339/>

<https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/20/2020-04-08-pagenurse.php>

On April 14th, for the second time in eight days, another team of Upstate University Hospital health care workers headed south to Stony Brook Medicine to help in the fight against COVID-19. The second group included respiratory therapists, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and nurses! They received quite the sendoff from fellow workers and staff (all who are heroes, themselves).



History Lesson (and Contest Winner)

Last month, we published the following picture presumably taken by retired student photographer Bill Hannan. Dr. Hannan tells the Crier that it was taken circa 1980 for the Medical School Yearbook.



These are all pediatricians who worked in our department at the time. We asked readers if they could name them. One could genuinely call this a Pediatric All-Star Cast! We promised we would give the answers this month. We are going to let Dr. Howard Weinberger give the answers since he was in the picture. He tells the Crier: "I believe it was a picture of the Department faculty for a Yearbook one year (not sure of the year... but I'm not wearing glasses, so it was probably the mid 70s I'd guess). Seated around the table in Room 5342- left to right:

Bob Kanter
 Dave Hakanson
 Margaret Williams
 Leonard Weiner
 Walter Tennessee
 Judy Sondheimer
 Jim Stockman
 Herb Schneiderman
 Howard Weinberger
 A.J.(Jack) Schneider
 Standing in back;
 Phil Swender
 Frank Oski

Frank Oski was the Chair and I was the Residency Program Director. Margaret Williams was the first full time Neonatologist. Bob Kanter, of course, was the PICU boss - the only PICU attending at the time.

Margaret Williams came from U Of Pennsylvania when her husband, Bill Williams, was recruited to be the Chair of the Department of Medicine. The first NICU was actually at St Joseph's Hospital when Margaret Williams arrived. Soon after her arrival, plans were made to develop the NICU at Crouse.

Len Weiner was a relatively new faculty member, recruited by Dr Oski to be the Chief (and sole member) of the Infectious Disease Division.

Walter Tunnessen was also brought here by Dr Oski to join me in the Ambulatory Division. He later developed The Diagnostic Referral Center, where he served as expert consultant to community doctors, who referred patients with their diagnostic dilemmas.

Jim Stockman was the first Chief of Hematology/Oncology. He was also instrumental in developing the Ronald McDonald House here in Syracuse. He subsequently went on to serve as Chairman of Pediatrics at Northwestern.

Phil Swender was the Head of Pulmonary (again, the only doc in that Division). He directed the Cystic Fibrosis Clinic, and, continued to care for the rare patients who survived into their late teens and twenties. Herb Schneiderman was our first and only Developmentalist
 Jack Schneider cared for children with Metabolic problems and Diabetes. There were several other Department members who were not in the picture (eg Henry Sondheimer, Marie Blackman, Bill Bergstrom, Litt Gardner, Roger Schott." What a great history lesson! Thank you, Dr. Weinberger!

Since we only allowed people who have been here from 1990 to play, the responses were limited. But we do have a winner! Congratulations to Dr. Gloria Kennedy for getting all but two correct!

Where are they Now: Anuja Khettry

While you can't see her face, you can see what it would be like to have a virtual office visit with former resident, Anuja Khettry as she visits with her patient, Sasha.
<https://www.facebook.com/RoslindalePeds/videoes/225339691885438/>

In The News:

Upstate Resident on CNN

One of our IM residents (who also happens to be Vaishali Adlakha's fiancé) Prateek Harne, was interviewed by Anderson Cooper on CNN about his experiences here at Upstate with Covid after he wrote a blog. Dr. Narsipur shared the link with Dr. Connors and added, "I am proud of his honesty, strength, and compassion". Here is the link to the interview:

<https://video.snapstream.net/Play/7itKR1BqC1ttBp5mUqvDk8?accessToken=c20dtniuinx4l>

In the News: Dr. Ann Botash



The Syracuse Newspaper did a lovely feature article on our very own Dr. Ann Botash entitled, "You want leaders who will mentor and listen". It describes her background in Child Abuse and in education. And also attributes of what makes a great leader. You can read the whole excellent article online:

<https://www.syracuse.com/news/2020/03/dr-ann-botash-you-want-leaders-who-will-mentor-and-listen.html>

Other Superheroes

This was another story in Syracuse.com that we are sharing just because it is another example of how our community is coming together. This new mom and COVID-19 survivor drove 70 miles to donate blood here at Upstate. Thank you, Samantha for being a hero!

<https://www.syracuse.com/coronavirus/2020/04/coronavirus-survivor-donates-blood-to-give-syracuse-patient-second-chance.html>



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Socially Distancing in the Woods

Several residents were spotted practicing their social distancing on a beautiful weekend in late April. Pictured are Heba and Valerie heading to Tinker Falls.



WebEx Pet Therapy

Even while doing her best to maintain appropriate social distancing, our favorite therapy dog Sadie remained on duty using her remote access. We hope to see Sadie again face to snout soon!



Turning One!

Even in the middle of a pandemic life goes on and Ella Okhman celebrated her first birthday (pictured with big sister Maya). Congratulations, Ella!



Turning Two!

Since all our photographers were keeping socially distant, we don't have any photos to share, but want to wish Cora Maierhofer a happy birthday as well. Cora turned two in April. We did hear there were a few drive-by well wishes from her resident family though!

The May Caption Contest



This interesting photo was sent to us from UPAC. Yes, those are homemade baked goods and yes, that is Dr. Nimeh. It really could use a good caption.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Matt Mittiga
 5/3 Chris Maierhoffer
 5/5 Iram Ashraf
 5/8 Asalim Thabet
 5/11 Chris Lopez,
 5/12 Sherri Clarry,
 5/14 Zafer Sultana,
 5/18 Debby Carlson
 5/19 Dean Karahalios
 5/20 Lou Pellegrino
 5/25 Bob Newmyer
 5/28 Rohan Akhouri