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The Cancun Wedding Reunion

Former residents Andrew Smith and Simi George (2023) tied the knot on April 20th in Cancun. Actually, former classmate Andrew Brooks officially tied the knot for them. They were joined by several members of their class. We wish Andrew and Simi the best!

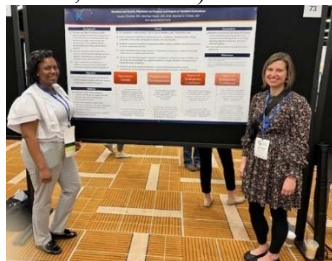


April Showers bring APPD

Several members of the residency program leadership (past and present) were able to attend the APPD meetings in Chicago. Pictured are our three program directors. Dr. Beth Nelsen, and Aubrey Mariani were also at the conference.



Third year resident Lauren Thomas was also there presenting her poster (pictured with co-author, Dr. Wasik).



Aubrey's mom came along as chaperone.



The Traumatic Sims

Dr. Asalim Thabet

The Pediatric Emergency Medicine team hosted the pediatric residents on April 11th for another fun, educational simulation workshop. The focus was on trauma, airway, and ultrasound. The busy afternoon was well attended, and many young lives were saved thanks to our amazing pediatric residents. As we enter Syracuse warmer weather (hopefully), the residents will be ready for the traumas that come to our Pediatric ED.



Peds Research Day Winners!

Congratulations to our four winners from this year's annual Grand Rounds Research Day!

The results are as follows:

Best QI Poster: Rachel Vercillo. "Improving Passive Smoke Exposure Screening for Hospitalized Children"

Best Research Poster: Aysha Malawaraarachchi. "The Use of ChatGPT for creating a Child Abuse Peds Curriculum"

Best Resident Lead Ghina Fakhri, MD. "Sudden Death from Infectious Encephalitis in a Pediatric Patient"

People's Choice Award: Kristen Connolly. Decreasing Neonatal Hypothermia to Optimize Post Operative Outcomes"

AOA Resident Teaching Award

Congratulations to our current PL3 and future Chief resident Sarah Sloan who was one of only three residents hospital-wide to receive the AOA Gamma Chapter Resident Teaching Award. This award is voted on by the students in Upstate's AOA Chapter. Sarah was invited to attend the Annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony on Friday,

May 3, 2024, at The Collegian Hotel. We are so proud of Sarah for receiving this honor.

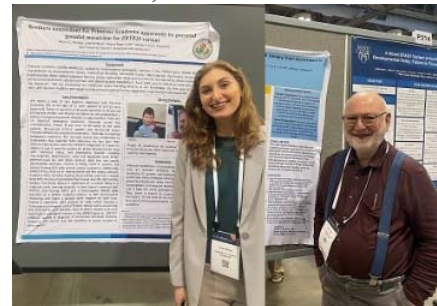
AOA National Medical Honor Society

Congratulations to Dr. Elena Wolner and to Dr. Zafer Soutlan who were each one of a very few residents and faculty hospital-wide to have been nominated into this year's Alpha Omega Alpha national medical honor society. We were told that election as a resident or faculty member is an honor and testament to your teaching, clinical care, and professionalism. AOA's mission statement describes that "AOA is dedicated to the belief that in the profession of medicine we will improve care for all by: Recognizing high educational achievement, honoring gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders in academia and the community, Supporting the ideals of humanism; and promoting service to others."

Dr. Soutlan and Dr. Wolner will both be recognized at the Annual Banquet and Induction Ceremony on May 3rd.

The Upstate Team at the ACMG

Four Upstate medical genetics students had posters at the recent meetings of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. Here you see Ms. Tatiana Hellwig standing at her poster, and Dr. Robert Roger Lebel standing at one of the others. Ms. Aniah McLeod, Mr. Zachary Spahr, and Ms. Kathleen Renna were unable to get away to attend the meetings. Co-authors of the work presented by these four students included Genetic Counselor Ms. Jenny Black, Dr. Nienke Dosa, and r. Frank Smith.



Accepted AAP Speakers

Two of our pediatric residents, Ahmed Souid and Clara El Nakib each received an Acceptance of Scientific Abstract letter from Dr. Rishi Gupta and Dr. Jana Shaw, Co-chairs of the NYS Chapter 1 Education Committee announcing that they were both selected as one of their Resident Speakers at the NYS Chapter 1 AAP 2024 Annual Meeting on June 15, 2024 at the DoubleTree Hotel. Congratulations to them both.

Accepted at the AFMR

Congratulations to Mubasshira Khan who was accepted for an oral presentation, to the Southeastern Regional Conference of the American Federation of Medical Research (AFMR), to be held in Birmingham, Alabama on 23-24th May 2024.

Go Blue 4 Kids!

Heather Ross

As part of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the CARE team hosted events in the Kinney Center from April 15-April 17 focusing on prevention of drug exposures and toxicity. To kick off the events, Dr. Calleo presented a fantastic lecture on "THC in the Pediatric Population," which was well-attended by multiple disciplines. The Onondaga County Health Department trained nearly 30 individuals in Narcan administration, while many Upstate staff and parents were offered free lock boxes and received education from our excellent Upstate Poison Center and Safe Kids representatives. We are grateful to everyone who helped make this possible and look forward to making this an annual tradition!



A Tropical Goodbye

Congratulations to Dr. Phil Monteleone who will be retiring on May 1st. The department had a retirement party with a tropical theme for him on April 18th to honor his many years of dedication to Peds Hem/Onc and Department of Pediatrics.



Welcome Baby Lodge!

Congratulations to Elizabeth Lodge on the birth of Katherine Elizabeth Leigh Lodge at 7 lbs; 2 oz on 4/17. Mom tells us, "We are so in love! She is doing wonderfully."



Welcome Baby Chebaya

Congratulations to Dr. Holly Stacey on the joyous arrival of Leo Anthony John Chebaya on 4/25 at 7 lbs; 11 oz. Holly, Leo (and Phil) are all doing great!



Welcome Liana!

And finally (at least for this month) a big congratulations to Khalil Tamr Agha on the arrival of baby girl Liana on April 26th.



EDUCATION CORNER

Clerkship Thanks!

Dr. Jennifer Nead

Our Pediatric Clerkship team is beyond grateful for our resident, fellow and faculty volunteer educators! Our students are always so appreciative of your teaching, mentorship, professionalism, and feedback. Thank you to all of the following educators who made our learning sessions a success this past academic year! We truly could not run the clerkship without you!

Formative Standardized Patient Exam (SPE):

Leah Bennett, Allison Clack, Danielle Daniels, Clara El Nakib, Ahmed El Tayeb, Akilah Evans, Colleen Feeney, Tyler Greenfield, Gloria Kennedy, Elizabeth

Lodge, Mitch McKinnon, Jen Nead, Kate Okhman, Jenica O'Malley, Joan Pellegrino, Rhonda Philopena, Gavrielle Rood, Heather Ross, Asmita Sharma, Rida Sherwani, Lexi Sirota, Sarah Sloan, Holly Stacey, Anjali Sura, and Lauren Thomas

Professionalism and Systems Based Practice Small Group Discussion:

Jan Bach, Ann Botash, Greg Conners, Greg Eastwood, Christina Nicolais, Kim Rush, Jaelyn Sisskind, Karen Teelin, Angela Wratney

Evidence Based Medicine Small Group Discussion:

Mide Ajagbe, John Andrade, Kerry Biggs, Alex Dang, Danielle Daniels, Andi Dvorak, Elizabeth Lodge, Francesca Merchant, Matt Mittiga, Jen Myszewski, Jenica O'Malley, Andrew Osten, Heather Ross, Kim Rush, Melissa Schafer, Caitlin Sgarlat, Tanmai Shah, Anjali Sura, Stuart Trust

Orientation Day Sim Center Session:

Leah Bennett, Adrienne Cheng, Alex Dang, Phillip Mackewicz, Tanmai Shah, Asmita Sharma, Rida Sherwani, Holly Stacey, George Starr, Lauren Waichenberg

Resident Welcome on orientation day:

Ayat Siddiqui, Lauren Waichenberg
Adolescent Conference and Small Group Discussion (weekly): Karen Teelin, Robert Cavanaugh, Aimee Steiniger
Chief Teaching Hour (weekly): Asmita Sharma, Rida Sherwani

If you are interested in volunteering, please see the attachment for options and reach out to Chris Kuehnle (clerkship administrator), Jen Nead (clerkship director) or Leah Bennett (clerkship associate director) for more information! We would love for you to join our team!
Chris, Leah and Jen
(See also attached list of opportunities).

MAY BIRTHDAYS

5/5 Ellen Schurman
5/8 Heather Wasik, Asalim Thabet
5/9 Ghina Fakhri
5/10 Andrea Dvorak
5/11 Chris Lopez
5/14 Zafer Soltan
5/16 Gina Romero
5/17 Aubrey Mariani
5/18 Andrew Osten, Debby Carlson, Katy Scott
5/20 Lou Pellegrino
5/27 Jaelyn Sisskind
5/31 Kerry Biggs

WANTED: Resident, Fellow and Faculty Volunteers!

The new academic year for the Pediatrics Clerkship starts May 28th! We are in need of resident, fellow and faculty volunteers to help with educational sessions. Volunteering is a great way to get involved in medical education and looks awesome on CVs! Training is provided so minimal/no prep is required for these sessions. You may volunteer once or multiple times throughout the year (educational sessions occur every 5 weeks)! If you are interested, please contact Christine Kuehne (clerkship administrator), Leah Bennett (associate clerkship director), or Jen Nead (clerkship director). Thank you for considering!

Pediatrics Clerkship Volunteer Opportunities!

| Educational Session | Volunteer qualifications | Description | Location | Commitment details |
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| EBM small group discussion (4-5 students) | Faculty, Fellow | Each student gives a brief (5 min max) evidence-based medicine presentations that answers a PICO question that arose during direct patient care. The volunteer evaluates presentations using a provided rubric, provides teaching pearls, and facilitates a brief discussion. | Webex (may be in person based on volunteer preference) | ~1 hour; flexible scheduling during 3 rd week of clerkship |
| Pediatric history-taking and physical exam skill building | Faculty, Fellow, Resident (PGY2, PGY3), Peds NP, Peds PA | Volunteers join Pediatric Chief Residents and Pediatric faculty/fellows in teaching students Pediatric-specific history taking and physical exam skills via simulation using provided learning objectives. | College of Medicine Simulation Center | 2:15-5 pm (H&P sessions) or 3:15-5pm (PE sessions only) on clerkship orientation day (typically Mondays); contact Chris Kuehne for dates. |
| Professionalism and systems-based practice discussion | Faculty, Fellow, Pediatric Health Professional (past volunteers include Chaplain, Social Work, Child Life) | Paired volunteers facilitate discussions of anonymous student-authored narratives on professionalism and systems-based issues the authors observed impacting patients. Narratives are pre-selected and suggested discussion topics/questions are provided. Volunteers should be comfortable leading discussions on ethics, health beliefs, bias, communication and socioeconomic impacts on health. | Webex (Syracuse and Binghamton campus students participate together) | 1 hour; scheduled during student educational days; time based on facilitator/co-facilitator availability |

Please note: the Formative SPE, which many of you volunteered for/participated in the past, will no longer require volunteers; we're moving this session to the Clinical Skills Center this upcoming year. We do encourage folks to check out other options to stay involved and continue to build those CV's!!! We would love for you to join our team of volunteers! Thank you.