



# Pediatric Crier

## Department of Pediatrics Newsletter

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### New Faculty –

#### Pediatrics Welcomes Dr. Anjali Sura

We are excited to be able to introduce our new Pediatric Rheumatologist to you: “I’m Anjali Sura, the new pediatric rheumatologist joining you all at Upstate. I’m originally a Jersey girl, growing up in the Princeton area. I went to Drexel University in Philadelphia for both college and medical school, and then spent 6 years at the University of Michigan for my residency and fellowship. My husband, Karna, has loved his position here in Radiation Oncology for the past year, so I followed him here! Living apart for a year with a one-year-old daughter was not ideal, and we are happy to be reunited. When I’m not at work, I love spending time with my family, reading (I’d love to hear if anyone is part of a good book club here!), watching Hindi movies, and traveling (I’ve visited 27 countries so far)! I’m looking forward to seeing your most interesting patients!”



#### Chief Medical Information Officer

Congratulations to Dr. Neal Seidberg who has been named as our inaugural Pediatrics Chief Medical Information Officer. This will be in addition to his role as a PICU attending, Medical Director of the Transport Team, and Chief Medical Information Officer for Upstate. No one would be surprised that Dr. Seidberg would be the one chosen for this new role especially considering he was programming and working on Upstate computers since his medical school years here.

### Poster of Distinction

Congratulations to Dr. Uzma Rani who not only had her poster accepted at NASPGHAN (North American Society For Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition) in October, but presented with a “Poster of Distinction” Award.



Uzma is one of three residents who had posters accepted at NASPGHAN this year. Anam Farooqui and Sarah Au also attended the conference and presented their posters. We are very proud of all three!

### Interim PICU Director

Congratulations to Dr. Angela Wratney, MD, MHS, who has accepted the position of Interim PICU Medical Director and Interim Pediatric Critical Care Division Director. Dr. Wratney has been a member of the Upstate Pediatrics faculty for a year, after having worked in peds critical care at Children’s National Medical Center, in Washington, DC.

### A Grand Rounds Reunion

The Crier received this news flash from former resident Meghan Jacobs who is currently a hospitalist in Buffalo: “I wanted to share some news with The Crier. Today [October 4], Winter Berry came to Buffalo to give Grand Rounds. She spoke on her many advocacy projects, and how the Upstate Team is making a difference in the lives of children in Syracuse suffering from poverty. To say that people were impressed is just an understatement. She literally inspired people. All of my colleagues were asking, ‘you got to train under her?’ They now understand just how lucky that makes me. Just wanted to share a pic from after her presentation.”



### Upstate Celebrates Children’s Environmental Health (CEH) Day

On October 10<sup>th</sup>, Upstate participated in a State-wide celebration CEH and also brought attention to the CNY Children’s Environmental Health Center right here at Upstate. Our Lead Coordinator, Elizabeth Domachowske shared the following report:

“Children’s Environmental Health (CEH) Day was held on Thursday, October 10th 2019. Each year CEH Day is celebrated on the second Thursday of Children’s Health Month in order to draw awareness and to encourage increased knowledge and advocacy regarding children’s environmental health issues.

The NYS Children’s Environmental Health Centers are the first state-based model for pediatric environmental health services in the country. As a state we have dedicated pediatric champions working together to protect and promote children’s health and the environment. SUNY Upstate Medical University is home to one of the NYS Children’s Environmental Health Centers (NYSCEHC) and this year we held a celebration for the 4th annual CEH Day. Dr. Hobart, a pediatrician and the Medical Director of the NYSCEHC at Upstate, presented on various children’s environmental health issues as well as the services provided by the center.



As a center, the main services we provide are clinical consultations, education & training, and collaboration with community partners. Please visit the main NYSCEHC website at <https://nyscheck.org/> and our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UpstateCEH> for more information. If you would like to get more involved or have any questions, feel free to call or email Elizabeth Domachowske at [domachoe@upstate.edu](mailto:domachoe@upstate.edu) or 315-464-9441."

### The CCC Award

The Crier learned that on October 15th, Dr. Angela Wratney received the 2019 Compassionate Connected Caregiver Award. She was nominated for this award by peers and others with a submission letter that included the following excerpt: "Dr. Wratney helps lead every single person around her--no matter his or her role--to provide better patient care. What makes Dr. Wratney such a valuable role model is her talent in breaking down the barriers between different hospital staff so that they don't just work alongside each other, but rather, with each other. The result is a compassionate, collegial, and dignified work environment that is not only highly effective, but also enjoyable." Dr. Wratney told the Crier that she nearly cried that someone she knew for only a short while could so perfectly articulate what she considered to be her reason for doing critical care. She was "blown away and really touched". Congratulations, Dr. Wratney!

### Gold Star Resident

The Curriculum Office has established a Gold Star function that allows staff to highlight individuals who have enhanced their experience on campus. Our very own Anam Farooqui was the recipient after the office received the following:

"Anam volunteered last minute to fill an unexpected opening for the practice standardized patient exam session with the Pediatric Clerkship students. She stepped up to the plate with a smile on her face, even though she was in a busy rotation in the PICU! Thanks so much Anam!"

### Thank you, Dr. Kennedy

The residents were able to pull off the ultimate surprise party for Dr. Kennedy on 10/10 to thank her and express their appreciation to her as their former program director. They all signed a

special book and then presented her with an official Godric Gryffindor Sword.



### The Great Pumpkin (Party)

*As told by Sarah Baluta*

The Fun Committee had its first outing! We went to Tim's pumpkin patch and picked only the best pumpkins for the pumpkin carving party! At the party, we ate, played games, and of course carved some spooky pumpkins!



The Fun Committee was created this year with representatives from each year: Ruby Sangha, Sarah Baluta, Scott Corrigan, and Valerie Ho. The goal of the committee is to plan fun events for the residents outside of the hospital. We spend so much time in the hospital together it is nice being able to enjoy each other's company with a little less stress. Future plans include party-themed get togethers, possible game days to represent the CUSE!, wine tours, and just doing fun things in the area.

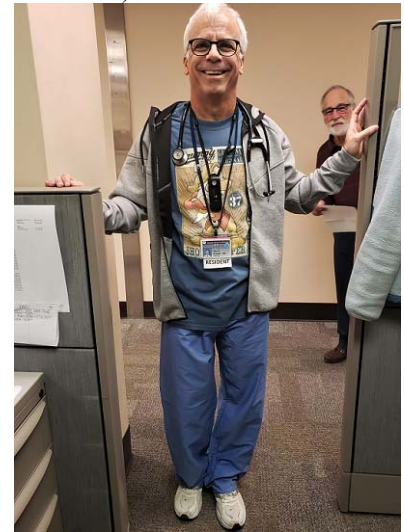
### Where Are They Now?

The Crier heard from former resident Iman Naimi (Class of 2017) who has been doing his cardiology fellowship in Seattle. Iman

shared the following news: "I will be doing a 4th year advanced fellowship in interventional cardiology at Seattle Univ, Washington! Very excited." Congratulations, Iman!

### Photo Caption Contest

As Halloween starts to wind down, we realized it is time for another Crier Photo Caption Contest. Best caption gets a prize (note that the ID badge says "resident")!



### Breaking news...

Please welcome our new Assistant to the Chair, Gina Romero Colombo who started on 10/31/19. Gina comes to us from the Dept of Radiology by way of Children's Hospital in Denver. The Crier is hoping for a more formal introduction from Gina next month.

### Pumpkin Winners

The GCH had its annual pumpkin decorating contest and, as always, the competition was amazing. Winners were as follows:

- Winner of online voting: JVP MVP  
Winners of combined voting both in-person and online:
- First Place: Dunkin Donuts
  - Second Place: Monsters Inc!
  - Third Place: The Cow Who Jumped Over the Moon

Winner of the Golden Pumpkin Patient's Choice Award: Monsters Inc!

### NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 11/1 Irene Cherrick
- 11/7 Valerie Ho
- 11/8 Joe D., Manika S.
- 11/9 Max Burchman
- 11/21 Vaishali Adlakha
- 11/26 Elizabeth Paulsen