



New Faculty – Dr. Ahmed Eltayeb



We are excited to reintroduce and welcome one of our newest faculty members to you. Dr. Ahmed Eltayeb joined UPAC on August 7th after completing his residency and chief residency with us in June 2023. But let him explain in his own words: "I'm super excited about joining the UPAC family! Let me tell you a bit about my journey. I was born and raised in Sudan, a country in northeastern Africa. Then, my family and I moved to Oman, a Gulf country. But the real adventure started when I decided to study medicine at the University of Khartoum, which is an esteemed institution in Sudan. Guess what? I took this mega entrance exam with around 300,000 other students in the country, and I snagged the 39th spot! That was a proud moment that showed my dedication.

After graduating, I headed to Qatar, Hamad Medical Corporation a big tertiary centre in middle east. That's where I got to dive into pediatrics and even became the chief resident. That's also where I met my awesome wife, Abeir, who's now a third-year resident in pediatrics at upstate. Fast forward to the U.S. I started a fresh residency journey here. Three years later, including a year as chief resident, I'm ready to take on the role of attending in general pediatrics at UPAC. I'm all about teaching residents and students, passing on what I've learned.

When I'm not in the medical world, you'll find me hanging out with my beloved wife and our 9-month-old son, Mohamed. Road trips are my jam, kind of maps geek and I'm a documentary buff, especially about different cultures. I'm absolutely stoked about what's ahead and how we can make a real difference together."



Welcome Dr. Danielle Daniels

We are also delighted to welcome another new but familiar faculty member to the department. Our very own Dr. Danielle Daniels joined the Division of Peds Infectious Disease in August after completing her residency here, and her fellowship in Peds ID. Dr. Daniels got her MD from Weill Cornell Medical College before coming back home to stay. Dr. Daniels tells the Crier, "I am so excited to be joining the faculty at Upstate! As many of you know, I grew up in the Syracuse area and have a heart for this city. When I'm not working, I enjoy spending time with my family, hiking, traveling, and dancing. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to practice medicine in a place and with people that I love! Here's a photo of my family, including our newest addition, Levi, who was born at the end of June."



Our New PHM Division Chief

We are excited to announce that Dr. Melissa Schafer has accepted the position of Director of the Division of Pediatric Hospital Medicine (PHM) starting on Sept 1st. She will be taking the place of Dr. John Andrade who built the division from the ground up, and is now passing the baton to Dr. Schafer. Dr. Andrade will continue as a PHM attending.



SIMply Outstanding

The residents spent their morning on 8/17 at EMSTAT participating in the annual SIM day led by the Peds ED faculty and fellows. Dr.

Thabet shared the following: "On August 17, 2023 the pediatric residents convened for their annual fun, interactive learning experience with the Pediatric Emergency Medicine attendings and fellows at EMSTAT. Since 2014, we have held this annual experience and it continues to grow and improve to fit the learning needs of the residents. This year, the residents spent 4 hours going through a series of six stations (35 minutes each) which included simulations, splinting workshops, suture practice, and ultrasound skill building. Special thanks to the amazing PEM attendings and fellows for volunteering their time and providing the delicious breakfast. An extra special thank you to our six fantastic pediatric models: Brian Hanley, Lydia Hanley, Gracie Hanley, Seamus Thornton, Sabri & Ramzi Thabet.



The Not-A-Retirement Party.



On August 13th Dr. "I'm-not-retiring Hannan was surprised with a "He's-not-actually-retiring Party by some (lots!) of his PICU colleagues, friends, and family at the Apulia Station Firehouse. The location was probably appropriate if there was a cake with candles for all of the years he has worked at Upstate.

Dr. Hannan completed his residency at Upstate and then joined the faculty in 1986. He was board certified in Peds Critical Care in 1992, and Peds Rheum in 1994. He has been in the PICU for over 30 years, and though he is stepping down from there, he will continue in Peds Rheum.



We are unsure at this time about the status of the moccasins.



Lots of Exceptional Teachers!

Congratulations to Drs. Sarah Sloan, Akilah Evans, Ghina Fakhri, Maxence Gilles, and Ali Ba Sahel, for all being nominated as an Exceptional Teacher by the clerkship students in August. Dr. Nead noted, “This is a great honor and we appreciate everything that you do to teach our medical students.” Several faculty were also nominated including Drs. Bonville, Finocharrio, Macowitz, and Kaul.

In The News:

Not All Just Fun and Games

Upstate Online featured our Upstate Child Life Gaming and Technology Specialist Brad Taylor in his daily work with our patients and their families. You can read the full story at: <https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2023/2023-08-01-gaming.php>

Erie Canal Celebration

Upstate Online also featured a fun picture of the Upstate Spina Bifida Clinic’s celebratory gathering at the Erie Canal where family, friends and patients of the Upstate Spina

Bifida Clinic get set to traverse the Erie Canal accessible trails. The gathering was in celebration of the 33-year anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



No Bears But...

Dr. Gloria Kennedy returned from her trip to Alaska and let the Crier know that thankfully she did not see any bears despite the warnings. But she did see another old friend.



She told the Crier, “I didn’t see any bears in Icy Straights Alaska but ran into Max [Burchman – Class of 2021] whose ship was in port right next to ours! I was so surprised I didn’t think to get a picture!” She also mentioned that he is considering coming back to Upstate at the end of his pulm fellowship. Stay tuned for any updates on that frontier.

HEAL, USA

Thank you to Sarah Hendrix for sending a picture from the HEAL-USA leadership summit she attended in August. Sarah tells the Crier, “The HEAL-USA summit was an amazing event. Not only did we learn how to be an effective leader while navigating academic medicine as an underrepresented minority in medicine, but also had opportunities to network with program directors and chairs. I was very thankful to be the recipient of a scholarship which covered all my travel to and from Dallas and would recommend the HEAL-USA course to all.”



You can learn more about HEAL (Housestaff Emerging Academy of Leaders)-USA on their website: <https://www.utsouthwestern.edu/about-us/administrative-offices/faculty-diversity/students-trainees/heal/>

President’s Awards

By Gloria Kennedy
Our own Patricia Mondore was honored Wednesday August 23rd at the Upstate Presidential Employee Recognition Awards. Ms. Mondore was selected as the Non-Clinical Employee of the Year for her more than 30 years of dedicated service to the Pediatric Residency Program (including 26 years as Editor of the Crier). She was awarded her "Oscar" by Dr. Robert Corona. Her husband Bob was in attendance to see her walk the red carpet on this lovely evening. Congratulations Patty! Patty tells the Crier she was completely blown away by the award and is thankful both for the nomination, and for the privilege of working with so many awesome people who have dedicated their lives to the care of our children. All of this year’s winners were listed in Upstate Online: <https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2023/2023-08-24-pera1.php>

Thank you Mirabito

Thank you to the Mirabito Convenience stores who raised over \$80K for the GCH in June and July! It was reported in UpstateOnline <https://www.upstate.edu/news/articles/2023/2023-08-09-mirabito.php> but also on the Mirabito website as well: <https://www.mirabito.com/upstate-golisano-childrens-hospital-receives-over-68000-as-the-result-of-mirabito-convenience-stores-round-up-program/> You can eat here, get gas, and support the GCH!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 9/1 Lisa Blystone
- 9/5 Allison Clack
- 9/6 Jency Patel
- 9/10 Wendy Holz
- 9/17 Elizabeth Hobson
- 9/22 Khalil Tamer Agha
- 9/23 Karishma Desai
- 9/24 Holly Stacey
- 9/25 Christopher Fortner