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NOVEMBER 5 THROUGH NOVEMBER 19, 2003

In the Calendar

Seminar. "When Cancer Enters the Classroom."

November 18. 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
The Lodge at Welch Allyn.
See Update Calendar inside.

Take Note



Holiday Happenings

SUNY Upstate's annual Holiday Happenings celebration is

Thursday, Dec. 18, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and **Friday, Dec. 19**, from 5 to 6 a.m. in the second floor hospital cafeteria. All SUNY Upstate individuals are invited to attend.

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Upstate research initiative supports children with cancer in the classroom

Researchers at SUNY Upstate Medical University and Syracuse University are developing a computer-delivered course for educators that will provide them with the skills necessary to better support children with cancer in the classroom. If successful, the course may become a national model for educators and others who directly work with children with cancer. The project is funded through a one-year, \$35,000 grant from Hope Street Kids, a children's initiative of the Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation.

According to the project's co-investigator Ava Kleinmann, many children with cancer, or who have recovered from cancer, experience cognitive changes related to their treatment. These changes may be observed as difficulties in school, such as a decrease in mental stamina, possibly making the child appear inattentive or unable to complete class assignments. Neuropsychological changes may also occur, such as subtle changes in memory function or organizational skill.

"One role of hospitals" states Kleinmann, "is to provide comprehensive neuropsychological assessments of students with a history of cancer. However, consumers of these reports may not understand how to interpret these assessments in order to make the appropriate modifications in their classrooms. Our project aims at bridging the service delivery gap between hospitals and schools to ultimately benefit children with a history of cancer."

Course content and design is projected to be completed by the fall of 2004. Content will focus on increasing educators' knowledge of the cognitive effects of childhood cancer and its treatment; explaining neuropsychological reports, making educators better able to adapt their classrooms to accommodate the cognitive needs of the student; and in changing attitudes regarding educators' competency in working with children with cancer.

Approximately 50 teachers from elementary, middle and high schools in Onondaga County will be recruited to complete the course, projected to be five hours in length, and be tested on their knowledge of the neurocog-

Hyperbaric Medicine program receives accreditation

University Hospital's Hyperbaric Medicine Program has received its first accreditation from the Undersea and Hyperbaric Medical Society (UMHS), making it the first accredited hyperbaric oxygen therapy program in New York State and one of only twenty-eight accredited programs in the United States.

In addition to treating decompression sickness, hyperbaric oxygen treatments are also used for 13 other conditions, including soft tissue radionecrosis, non-healing wounds and carbon monoxide toxicity.

Program staff includes Enrico Camporesi, MD, medical director; John McCabe, MD; Daniel Olsson, DO; and registered nurses Wendy Merritt, Victoria Wright, Kathy Heater and Eileen Zimmerman.

The unit is located in 1528 University Hospital, and can be reached by calling 464-4910. Staff provide 24-hour coverage for emergency needs.

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Wednesday, Nov. 5

Food and Nutrition Information Fair. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. 2402 University Hospital.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Bryan Wilcox, MD. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Free Flu Vaccination for SUNY Upstate Individuals. 7 to 8:30 a.m. 5502 University Hospital.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds. “The Deaths of Huey P. Long and Carl A. Weiss: The Past Revisited.” Carl A. Weiss, III, MD, PhD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “RSV Bronchiolitis.” Joseph Domachowske, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Health Sciences Library Tour. Noon. Meet at New Book area. Call 464-7193 for information.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture. “Cochlear Implants: Past, Present and Future.” Richard T. Miyamoto, MD, University of Indiana School of Medicine. 3 p.m. 318 Health Sciences Library.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. “Neurosurgery.” 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Burn Survivors Support Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6408 University Hospital. Call 464-3600 for more information.

Free 2003 Community Diabetes Forum. 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Oncenter. Call 464-8668 to register.

Film. “City of God.” (Rated “R”). 7:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud. Admission: \$1 per person.

Thursday, Nov. 6

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Free Flu Vaccination for SUNY Upstate Individuals. 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. University Hospital, 7A Conference Room.

Workshop. “Getting the Red Out: Powerful Listening, Fearless Speaking.” 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu to register.

Faculty Development Seminar. “Blackboard 6 Overview.” Michael Touhey, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 10 a.m. Madison Irving Medical Center, Suite 216.

Clinical Research Training Seminar. 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Philip Dehazya, PhD, Millennix, Inc. Institute for Human Performance, Classrooms A B & C.

Medical Grand Rounds. “Osler Revisited: Endocarditis in the New Millennium.” Christopher H. Cabell, Duke University School of Medicine. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Workshop. “Tracker Training Class.” 9 to 11 a.m. IHP, Computer Classroom D. Call 464-5463 to register.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. “Diagnosis and Treatment of Early-Onset Bipolar Disorder.” Vivian Kafantaris, MD, Schneider Children’s Hospital. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Friday, Nov. 7

Workshop. “Getting the Red Out: Powerful Listening, Fearless Speaking.” See 11/6 Calendar listing.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. “The Use of Laparoscopy and Diagnosis in Management of Acute Pelvic Pain.” John D. Paulson, MD, Riverside Health System. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center, Sulzle Auditorium.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Free Health Seminar on Lung Cancer. 8 a.m. to noon. HealthLink at ShoppingTown Mall. Call 464-8668 to register.

Monday, Nov. 10

Free Flu Vaccination for SUNY Upstate Individuals. 7 to 10 a.m. 1328B University Hospital.

AA Open Meeting. Noon. 4137 University Hospital. Call 463-5011 for more information.

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

End of Life Care: Critical Issues Workshop. “Pain Management.” 1 to 3 p.m. 9299 Wsk. Hall Addition; 6 to 8 p.m. 1328B University Hospital. Call 464-5463 to register.

Childbirth Class. 2 to 4 p.m. Women’s Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

Tuesday, Nov. 11

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Childbirth Class. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Women’s Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

Wednesday, Nov. 12

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Ramez Awwad, MD. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds. “Colorectal Cancer Screening: Who? When? How?” Jiri Bem, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “Infant Care Practices and SIDS.” Michael Corwin, MD, Boston University Schools of Medicine and Public Health. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Free Flu Vaccination for SUNY Upstate medical residents. Noon. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. 11 a.m. to noon. 318 Health Sciences Library.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 11/5 Calendar listing.

Center for Bioethics and Humanities Seminar. “Meddling with Memory: How Concerned Should We Be About Neuroethics?” Samuel Gorovitz, PhD, Upstate Medical University. Noon to 1 p.m. Crouse Physician’s Office Building, Suite 406.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture. “Wounded Spirits, Ailing Hearts: The Legacy of PTSD Among American Indians.” Spero M. Manson, PhD, University of Colorado

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Health Sciences Center. 3 p.m.
318 Health Sciences Library.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. "Neurology." Deborah Bradshaw, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Thursday, Nov. 13

Food and Nutrition Information Fair. See 11/5 Calendar listing.

Free Flu Vaccination for SUNY Upstate Individuals. 7 to 10 a.m. 1328B University Hospital; 2:30 to 4 p.m. University Hospital, 6A/6B Conference Room.

Workshop. "Customer Service: Priceless." 8:30 a.m. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu to register.

Medical Grand Rounds. "The Challenge of Nutrition's Second Century: Long Latency Period Deficiency Disorders." Robert P. Heaney, MD, Creighton University. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Training Session. "RefWorks." 10 a.m. to noon (filled) and 2 to 4 p.m. (open). 1210 Wsk. Hall.

Sidelines Lecture. "Understanding Your Education Benefits." Noon to 1 p.m. C.A.B., West Lounge.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "Treatment Refractory Schizophrenia: Results of a New Study." Leslie Citrome, MD, Nathan S. Kline Institute for Psychiatric Research. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Lecture. "History of Westcott Neighborhood." 7:30 p.m. Westcott Community Center, corner of Westcott and Euclid. Tickets: \$10 per person.

Friday, Nov. 14

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Mistakes: Yours, Mine and Ours." Ruth Hart, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

CPR Classes. 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Women's Health Services, UHCC, third floor. Call 464-2169 to register.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Free Citywide Family Health & Wellness Fair. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Institute for Human Performance.

Monday, Nov. 17

AA Open Meeting. See 11/10 Calendar listing.

Childbirth Class. See 11/10 Calendar listing.

Tuesday, Nov. 18

Workshop. "Small Business Innovation Research." 8:30 a.m. to noon. IHP, Classrooms A & B.

Combined Infectious Diseases Conference. 4 p.m. 118 University Hospital.

Free Nursing Forum. "Care of the Patient with Subarachnoid Hemorrhage from Cerebral Aneurysm." 6 to 8 p.m. HealthLink. Call 464-8668 to register.

Childbirth Class. See 11/11 Calendar listing.

Wednesday, Nov. 19

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Roberto Garcia, MD. 7 to 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgical Grand Rounds.

"Surgical Endocrinology of the Abdomen." Howard Simon, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Seminar. "When Cancer Enters the Classroom." 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Lodge at Welch Allyn.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Health Sciences Library Tour. See 11/5 Calendar listing.

Workshop. "A World Wide Wealth of Resources." 1 to 3 p.m. Health Sciences Library, Computer Lab. Call 464-5463 or e-mail wildnert@upstate.edu to register.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon

Lecture. "The STAT3 Transcription Factor as a Cancer Target." James E. Darnell, Jr., MD, Rockefeller University. 3 p.m. 5299 Wsk. Hall.

Neurology/Neurosurgery Grand Rounds. "Neurosurgery." 4 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Film. "Sweet Sixteen." (Rated "R"). 7:30 p.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud. Admission: \$1 per person.

Thursday, Nov. 20

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Medical Grand Rounds. 8:30 a.m. Wsk. Hall, Medical Alumni Aud.

Great American Smokeout Information Table. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. University Hospital, second floor lobby.

Psychiatry Faculty Meeting. Noon to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

"Healer's Art" Course Introduction. 7:30 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Friday, Nov. 21

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Treatment of Overactive Bladder." Robert S. H. Lai, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

Workshop. "Power Tools for Team Leaders: Designing Discussion, Building Consensus." 8 a.m. to noon. 1328B University Hospital. Call 464-5463 to register.

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 8 a.m. to noon. C.A.B., East Lounge.

SUNY Nursing Services Orientation. 1 to 3 p.m. C.A.B., East Lounge.

Saturday, Nov. 22

New York City Holiday Shopping Trip. Reservations only (sold out). Sponsored by Office of Campus Activities.

Sunday, Nov. 23

New York City Holiday Shopping Trip. See 11/22 Calendar listing.

Arthritis Foundation Jingle Bell Run/Walk. 2 p.m. Onondaga Lake Park.

The SUNY Health Sciences Library Art Show

Through Nov. 28
Artwork by Linda Boyd-Pursley,
Nursing 8A

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nitive effects of cancer and its treatment and on content of interest before and after completing the course. They will complete questionnaires regarding their attitudes toward working with children with cancer, their perceived competency in understanding the recommendations of neuropsychological reports and using them as the foundation for planning classroom modifications and strategies, and on their satisfaction with the computer modules.

If the course content and acceptability are successful, additional funding may be sought to modify the course for use by other school personnel, such as school nurses and psychologists, as well as by families of children with cancer.

Principal investigator of the project is Ronald Dubowy, MD, director of the Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders at SUNY Upstate Medical University. Co-investigators are Brian Rieger, PhD, director of Rehabilitation Psychology in SUNY Upstate's Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM & R); Ava Kleinmann, PM & R clinical and research intern and a graduate student in Syracuse University's Psychology doctoral program; Nan Songer, an educational specialist for the Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders and professor of education at Syracuse University; and Larry Lewandowski, PhD, professor of psychology at Syracuse University. Cynthia Rogers, a graduate student in psychology at Syracuse University, is the grant coordinator.



University Hospital nurses Dianne Norman (left), Karen Dudzinski (right) and Homer Elementary teacher Elenor Wrisley (center back) with students (from left) Nathan Burroughs, Nathan Benninger, Madeline Weber, Nathan Cole and Mackenzie VanDee.

Homer Elementary School students donate quilts to pediatrics units

Students from Homer Elementary School donated three quilts to University Hospital's pediatrics units in memory of Allison Burroughs, a Homer student who died at the age of seven from complications from a brief illness. The quilts represent "caring," a value discussed as part of the school's character education curriculum.

Faces of Epilepsy

University Hospital's Comprehensive Epilepsy Program invites those who suffer from epilepsy, their families, caregivers and healthcare professionals to attend the Epilepsy Foundation's Annual Epilepsy Education Conference Saturday, Nov. 15, from 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., at Embassy Suites Hotel, Syracuse.

Topics include the special concerns of teenagers with the disorder; insurance, medication and HIPPA regulations; seizures in later life; alternative treatments; and employment issues.

University Hospital's neurology department and the Comprehensive Epilepsy Program will be honored with the Collaborative Partner Award at the conference.

To register, please call 473-6974 or 877-214-7715; the conference fee is \$15.

Negative pressure wound therapy is topic of broadcast Dec. 10 & Jan. 14

"Assessing the Latest Applications for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy" will be broadcast Wednesdays, Dec. 10, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Jan. 14, from 2 to 3 p.m. on University Hospital's Staff Ed TV Channel 64.

The interactive format allows participants to ask questions and share ideas with three surgeons who discuss their experiences with the therapy: James Patrick Stannard, MD, the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, (orthopedic trauma wounds); Mark Kaplan, MD, Albert Einstein Medical Center, (abdominal compartment syndrome); and Subhas Gupta, MD, PhD, Loma Linda University School of Medicine, (pre-and post split thickness skin grafts). CME/CEU credits will be granted.

Course management system is topic of program Nov. 6

Michael Touhey of SUNY Upstate's Division of Information Management & Technology will explain the ways a course management system can assist faculty at the Department of Family Medicine's Faculty Development program, Thursday, Nov. 6, from 8 to 10 a.m. in Suite 216 of the Madison Irving Medical Center, 475 Irving Ave. Touhey will demonstrate the different features built into the Blackboard system and explain how to effectively use the tools in a Blackboard course. CME credit is available. The program is open to all SUNY Upstate employees. **For more information, call 464-7027.**

FluMist for Healthcare Workers?

The following information on the use by healthcare workers of the newly approved influenza vaccine, FluMist, is provided by SUNY Upstate's Infection Control Department:

FluMist is a live, attenuated influenza vaccine that is administered intranasally and was approved by the Food and Drug Administration last June. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recently published recommendations that this vaccine should not be used by persons who are unable to avoid close contact with immunocompromised hosts (e.g., household, healthcare workers) for at least 21 days after receiving this vaccine.

There is a theoretical risk of cross-contamination of influenza virus per infectious respiratory secretions to a susceptible individual. Others who are recommended to avoid the live vaccine (FluMist) include those with underlying medical conditions that may predispose them to severe reactions (asthma, reactive airway disease or other chronic disorders of pulmonary or cardiovascular system, diabetes, renal dysfunction and hemoglobinopathies or persons with known or suspected immunodeficiency diseases), egg allergies, pregnancy or being less than five years or greater than 50 years of age.

For more information, refer to "Using Live, Attenuated Influenza Vaccine for Prevention and Control of Influenza: Supplemental Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices" (ACIP) September 26, 2003/Vol. 52/No. RR-13 or visit websites

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5213a1.htm>
or <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/rr/rr5213.pdf>

SUNY Upstate announces weather closing policy for its colleges

To learn if SUNY Upstate's classes are canceled or delayed due to inclement weather, tune into WSYR, B104.7, Y94FM, 93Q, WAER FM88, WRVO 90 FM and WKRT 920 AM (in Cortland), WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5, WIXT-TV9 or call Health Connections at 1-800-464-8668, when prompted dial 1-1-2. An announcement on weather-related closings will be available by 6:15 a.m.

The following messages will be heard:

For delayed opening:

"Classes in the colleges of medicine, health professions, nursing and graduate studies at SUNY Upstate Medical University are canceled until (time) today. Classes and other normal activities are canceled until that time."

For closing:

Classes in the colleges of medicine, health professions, nursing and graduate studies at the SUNY Upstate Medical University are canceled. Only essential services are operating."

Departments that need to cancel programs open to the public, such as lectures and seminars, because of inclement weather should contact Public and Media Relations at 464-4836.



From left, back row: Dr. Frechette's brother and sister-in-law, Matthew and Samantha; Dr. Frechette's wife, Didi; Dr. Frechette (holding son Isaac); Irene Cherrick, MD, University Hospital's Pediatrics Department.

From left, front row: The Frechette children, Hanaah, Laena and Nate.

"Lukie's Day" raises \$17,113 for pediatric services

Vincent Frechette, MD, associate professor of internal medicine and director of the Educational Programs Office at SUNY Upstate, and his family, in conjunction with the CNY Children's Miracle Network, recently held a golf tournament and family fun night to support the "Lukie Soul Foundation," a fund established in the name of his son, Luke Vincenzo Frechette who died in May at the age of 4.

The event raised \$17,113 to support families and enhance the comprehensive and thoughtful pediatric services at University Hospital.

Next year's "Lukie's Day" will be held July 24.

Samuel Gorovitz, PhD, to discuss neuroethics at seminar Nov. 12

Samuel Gorovitz, PhD, of SUNY Upstate's Center for Bioethics and Humanities, will discuss "Meddling with Memory: How Concerned Should We Be about Neuroethics?" Wednesday, Nov. 12, from noon to 1 p.m. in Suite 406, Crouse Physician's Office Building. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. Dr. Gorovitz's discussion is the third in a series of seminars sponsored by the Center for Bioethics and Humanities (CBH). SUNY Upstate faculty, staff, and students as well as individuals from the CBH's partner institutions are welcome. **RSVP to Jan Chamberlin, 464-8464.**

More than 100 attend Biomedical Sciences Research Retreat

The Sixth Annual Biomedical Sciences Research Retreat 2003 was held in Sept. 5 at The Lodge of Welch Allen in Skaneateles. Sponsored by the College of Graduate Studies, the event was attended by more than 100 faculty and students. Special thanks are extended to Dr. David Amberg who chaired the retreat, Sandi Granger of the College of Graduate Studies who assisted, and to the staff at The Lodge.



Scott Blystone, PhD, Cell and Developmental Biology (left) and Maxwell Mozell, PhD, dean of the College of Graduate Studies (right), enjoy lunch with students.



Faculty and graduate students joined in presenting posters this year at the retreat. Julie Siegenthaler, graduate assistant in the Neuroscience Program explains her poster work to Paul Massa, PhD, the Neurology Department.



Both clinical and basic science faculty attended the retreat. Left to right - Howard Chang, MD, Michael Miller, PhD, David Duggan, MD, and Steven Scheinman, MD.

Free seminar focuses on prevention of lung cancer Nov. 8

Learn about lung cancer and how to avoid it, survive it and treat it, and why women are 1.5 times more likely to get it than men at a free seminar, "In the Crosshairs: Lung Cancer," Saturday, Nov. 8, from 8 a.m. to noon at HealthLink, located in the lower level of ShoppingTown Mall in DeWitt.

Speakers will discuss the myths, surprises and risks of lung cancer; the latest treatments; impact of family history; second-hand smoke; and promising research and clinical trials.

Presenters include Leslie Kohman, MD, thoracic surgeon and director of the Thoracic Oncology Program at University Hospital; American Cancer Society representatives; and a lung cancer survivor. Demonstrations of a carbon monoxide monitor and smoker aging software that illustrates how smokers age as compared to non-smokers will also be featured.

Refreshments will be provided. The program is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society. **To register, call Health Connections at 315-464 8668.**

Ophthalmology Review Course will be held Dec. 5, 6

SUNY Upstate's Department of Ophthalmology and the Office of Continuing Medical Education will sponsor the 54th Annual Post-Graduate Review Course for Ophthalmology Dec. 5 and 6 at the OnCenter. Topics include cataract surgery, cornea & stem cell research, glaucoma, refractive surgery, retina, ethics, practice management, strabismus, neuro-ophthalmology, value based medicine, and new clinical trials.

For more information and to register:
www.upstate.edu/eye/course, e-mail vision@upstate.edu, or call 464-5253.

Health Sciences Library Hosts RefWorks Training Session Nov. 13

SUNY Upstate's Health Sciences Library will sponsor a hands-on instructional session for RefWorks Thursday, Nov. 13, from 10 a.m. to noon (filled) and 2 to 4 p.m. in 1210 Wsk. Hall.

The library has acquired a site license to RefWorks, a web-based bibliography and

database manager that allows users to create their own personal database by importing references from text files or online databases. The program can be used on PC or Macintosh computers and can be accessed anywhere there is an Internet connection. Program capabilities include

importing directly from many online services' databases including Ovid MEDLINE, PubMed, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL), Science Direct and Web of Science; files from Endnote, Procite and Reference Manager; creating bibliogra-

phies using many journal styles as well as AMA and APA formats; and a Write-N-Cite feature that allows insertion of references into your paper as you write. It also identifies duplicate references and organizes project folders.

Register by calling Bette Jean Ingui at 464-7192 or e-mail inguib@upstate.edu

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Workshop is Nov. 18 at IHP

The Institute for Human Performance will be the site of a free Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) workshop Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in Classrooms A and B.

Presenter Marcene S. Sonneborn will provide local companies and researchers with up-to-date information about federal agency solicitations and contracts, as well as SBIR proposal strategies and tips. Sonneborn is SBIR specialist for the Central New York Technology Development Organization (TDO) and operator of the Central New York SBIR Outreach Program. Her specialty is marketing and strategic planning for technology based and emerging growth companies.

The SBIR program is an important funding tool for small, U.S.-owned technology-based companies, as well as for individual entrepreneurs seeking to start small businesses. In 2004, more than \$1.6 billion in research and development funding will be available for small high tech firms and research institution partners in diverse fields such as medical devices, tissue engineering, biomaterials, clinical trials and drug manufacturing, prevention techniques, education and training materials, mental health, drug and alcohol treatment, environmental monitoring, space systems, software, education for persons with disabilities and endocrine disruptors. Ten federal agencies, including the NIH, participate in the SBIR program.

Seating is limited and individuals are encouraged to register by contacting Barbara Humphrey at 464-4322 or humphreb@upstate.edu. The workshop is sponsored by SUNY Upstate Medical University, the CNY Technology Development Office and the Onondaga Small Business Development Center.

“When Cancer Enters the Classroom” is topic of workshop Nov. 19

SUNY Upstate Medical University and its Center for Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders will co-sponsor a conference to provide educators and school health personnel the skills needed to support children with cancer in the classroom. “When Cancer Enters the Classroom” will be held Wednesday, Nov. 19, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at The Lodge at Welch Allyn in Skaneateles. Recommended audience includes teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers and parents.

The conference will address areas that build a collaborative approach among families, school personnel and the hospital team, including an overview of diagnosis and treatment; educational late effects from cancer and related therapies; school nursing aspects of school re-entry; monitoring for medical late effects; perspectives from children with cancer; executive functioning; and classroom modifications/strategies.

The workshop is co-sponsored by The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society; the Little Gifts for Life Auction and Celebration; and supported by Camp Good Days and Special Times; OCM BOCES; and The Early Childhood Direction Center.

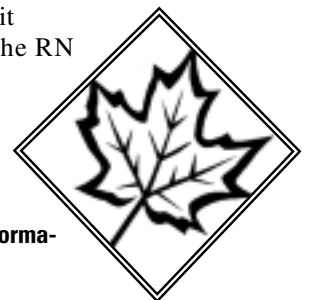
Deadline to register is Wednesday, Nov. 12. The \$40 registration fee covers conference materials and lunch. **To register or for more information, call 464-6133.**

Understanding Your Education Benefits is topic of SideLines program Nov. 13

Janice Zeniewicz, professional development advisor in SUNY Upstate’s Office of Organizational Training and Development, will discuss tuition reimbursement benefits for college courses through the Syracuse University Remitted Credit program; PEF, UUP and CSEA programs; and the RN Loan Repayment program Thursday, Nov. 13, from noon to 1 p.m. in the West Lounge of the C.A.B.

The presentation is part of SUNY Upstate’s SideLines program.

Registration is required. To register or for more information, call Tracie Wildner at 464-5463.



Medicine elective “Healer’s Art” to be introduced Nov. 20

An introduction to SUNY Upstate’s upcoming course “Healer’s Art” will be offered Thursday, Nov. 20, at 7:30 p.m. in 2231 Weiskotten Hall. The presentation is open to anyone interested in learning more

about this course that will provide first- and second-year medical students with the skills necessary to appreciate the deep meaning in their work as doctors and healers. Dr. Jacqueline K. Bays, a surgeon in private

practice, will present the introduction.

“The Healer’s Art,” an elective course to be offered at SUNY Upstate in January, is also offered at various medical schools in the United States and Canada. It was

developed by Dr. Rachel Ramen of University of California, San Francisco.

For more information about the course or the discussion, contact Lynn-Beth Satterly, MD, at SatterlyI@upstate.edu.

NURSING EXCELLENCE

Pediatric Nursing Procedures, edited by Bowden & Greenberg (2003) with chapters authored by our own pediatric nurses:

Sharon Bauer, RN,C
Jan Bullard MS, RN
T. Michele Caliva, RN, CSNP
Diane Congden, BS, RN
MaryLou Lake, RN,C
Mary MacBlane, MS, APRN,BC, PNP

Linda McAleer, BS, RN, CNA
Nancy Mitchell, MS, RN, CPNP
Maureen O'Hara, MS, APRN, BC
Nancy E. Page, MS, APRN,BC-ADM, CDE
Leanna Severance, BS, RN
Rita Weinheimer, BSN, RN,C

Article Publication, "Responding to ANA's Agenda for the Future: The Recruitment and Retention Program at a Major Medical Center" in the journal Nursing Leadership Forum and also the text, The Nursing Shortage: Strategies for Recruitment and Retention in Clinical Practice and Education (2003) edited by **Harriet Feldman, PhD, RN.**

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The **Nursing staff on 5A/5B** have instituted an Early Ambulation protocol for their Surgical population. Its purpose is to decrease length of stay, promote patient independence, and decrease loss of skin integrity.

Nurse as Educator: Principles of Teaching and Learning for Nursing Practice (2003) edited by: **Susan B. Bastable, RN, PhD (College of Nursing)**

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Diane S. Hainsworth, MS, RN, Case Manager, Continuum of Care
Sharon Kitchie, PhD, APRN, BC, Patient Education Coordinator
Michelle A. Rinwalske, MS, PNP, RN, Children's Diabetes Program at Joslin
Priscilla S. Worrall, PhD, RN, Nursing Research Coordinator

The RNs from the **Neuroscience Service Line**, in conjunction with Social Work, have established a "Brain Injury Caregiver Network" focusing on educating and supporting those caring for brain-injured loved ones.

4B nursing was able to bring an internationally recognized Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing expert, Mary Moller, MSN, ARNP, C to present a two day workshop on "Psychosis As A Traumatic Event and Psychiatric Wellness and Recovery". The workshop was held in August.

Eight active RN-driven research studies are being conducted at University Hospital with the assistance of our nurse researcher, **Priscilla Worrall, PhD, RN**, and the Nursing Research Council.

We have Shared Governance with a Staff RN-driven Councilor structure.

Fourteen percent of our RN's have national certification recognizing them as experts in their field.

The **RNs from 7H and 5C**, in collaboration with many other disciplines have written and are implementing a Pediatric Sickle Cell Pathway.



LENCE IN ACTION

RNs at University Hospital actively educate the community through our Nursing Forums with close to 500 attendees so far.

The RN-run "Refugee Care Program" at **University Pediatric and Adolescent Center**, working with the local Refugee Center, cares for recent refugees from Somalia, Sudan, Bosnia, Ukraine and many middle-eastern countries.

Nurse Driven practice protocols that have positively impacted patient care:
Weight-Based Heparin Protocol
Hemodialysis Policy
Insulin Sliding Scale Policy

On **4B**, the interdisciplinary team, with nursing's involvement, developed and implemented an "Addictions Tract" and a "Dialectical Behavior Tract" which offer a specific treatment philosophy and treatment programming.

Positive Press Ganey comment from **6A**:

"I have been in many hospitals in the last 10-15 years, mostly in Las Vegas and also in various cities in California, and have never encountered such warm and caring nurses."

Pediatric Service Line RNs were instrumental in the development of a standardized Asthma Care program that is used in Ambulatory Care, the Emergency Department as well as the inpatient units.

RNs on the National and International Level:

Barbara Bastor-Shank, RN (PSM in the OR) presented a poster at the AORN National Convention

Liz Dillon, RN, BSN (PSM in Endoscopy) presented "Exit Interviews at the Nursing Level" at a national recruitment and retention conference

Kristen Kovalewski, RN, BSN, CCRN chairs the "Annual Critical Care Nursing Symposium: Innovations in Care" every year.

Patricia Knox, RN, MS, Clinical Coordinator of University Hospital's Palliative Care Service, has been appointed to serve as a member of the University Hospital Consortium's Palliative Care national benchmarking project.

Priscilla Worrall, PhD, RN conducted a presentation on "Traveling Posters," featuring our "Wisdom Wagon" at the 14th International Research Congress in St. Thomas.

Wendy Merrit, RN (PSM - Hyperbaric Unit), in collaboration with other University Hospital health professionals, had two abstracts at a recent International Hyperbaric Conference in Quebec City: "Utilization of Conscious Sedation in a Monoplace Hyperbaric Medicine Unit" and "Emphsematous Cystitis: A Case Report".

The **RNs from the Neuroscience Service Line** also hosted a review course for CNRN certification featuring Ellen Barker, a nationally known speaker. It had 110 attendees, spawned study groups and has jump-started the development of a local chapter.

Staff RNs from the **Clark Burn Center** help staff the Burn Camp for pediatric burn patients.

There is a **RN-run Teen Pregnancy Program** at Women's Health Services.



in the spotlight

CASE awards SUNY Upstate

SUNY Upstate Medical University was one of 40 colleges and universities nationwide to receive the 2003 CASE/Wealth ID Award for Educational Fund Raising from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award recognizes SUNY Upstate and the Upstate Medical University Foundation for superior fundraising programs and distinguishes SUNY Upstate as being among an exceptional group of colleges, universities, and independent schools named to its Circle of Excellence for overall performance in fund raising. Institutions do not apply for this award; it is data-driven, based on analysis of data submitted to the Council for Aid to Education's annual Voluntary Support of Education surveys.

Headquartered in Washington, D.C., with an office in London, CASE is the professional organization for advancement professionals at all levels who work in alumni relations, communications, and development. Membership includes more than 3,000 colleges, universities, and independent elementary and secondary schools in the United States, Canada, Mexico, and 42 other countries.

Pharmacy News

SUNY Upstate faculty presented papers at the 32nd annual meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology, held in late September in Wesley Chapel, Fla. Faculty include:

- Roy Guharoy, PharmD, Donald Blair, MD, Andrew Holtsberry, Frederick Rose, MD, Shelly Gilroy, MD, James Turchik, MD, Georges Khouri, MD, ("Cost Impact of a Multi-Disciplinary Infectious Disease Management Team Initiated Lipid Complex Amphotericin B Utilization Protocol in a Tertiary Care Teaching Hospital;")

- Dr. Guharoy, and David Lehmann, MD, PharmD, "National Survey on Therapeutic Interchange of Low Molecular Weight Heparin Products and Cost Savings Potential;")

- Drs. Guharoy, Blair Rose, Gilroy Turchik and Khouri and Holtsberry, "Impact of a Multi-Disciplinary Infectious Disease Management Team on Reduction of Broad Spectrum Antimicrobial Use in a Tertiary Care Teaching Hospital."

Lyn Stevens receives award of excellence

AIDS certified nurse Lyn Stevens, HIV training coordinator for SUNY Upstate's HIV Clinical Education Initiative (CEI), received the first Outstanding Achievement Award from the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute. The award was based on continuity and frequency of on-site trainings at community sites; innovation; and marketing and promotion of the CEI mission.

"Lyn Stevens used great innovation in the development of pharmacy trainings, reaching out to college health centers, conducting technology surveys with community physicians, developing an outstanding web-site, and promoting CEI nationally," said Bruce Agins, MD, medical director of the AIDS Institute.

According to Stevens, the award would not have been possible without the support of her associates. "I share this honor with everyone connected with SUNY Upstate's Designated AIDS Center, especially Melissa Napierkowski."

SUNY Upstate's HIV CEI is an initiative of its Designated AIDS Center and one of 11 sites funded by the New York State Health Department.



SUNY Upstate President Gregory L. Eastwood, MD, displays the CASE award with Eileen M. Pezzi, (right) vice president for development, Upstate Foundation, and Carole Novick, (left) executive director of the Syracuse Medical Alumni at Upstate Medical University.



Lyn C. Stevens (first row center) receives her award from Alvaro Carrascal, MD, (front row right) of the AIDS Institute. Also photographed are Judith Rees, RN, (front row program/clinical education director), and (back row, from left) Howard E. Lavigne, Upstate's program manager; and Mark Waters, RN, director of the Treatment Adherence & Clinical Education Initiatives.

Hugh Bonner, PhD, named to federal health care panel

Hugh W. Bonner, PhD, dean of the College of Health Professions at SUNY Upstate Medical University, has been named to a federal panel that advises the U.S. secretary of health and human services on medical education and community-based health programs.

Dr. Bonner was named to a three-year term on the 21-member Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The appointment was made by Tommy Thompson, secretary of Health and Human Services.

HRSA, part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, administers funding for primary health care programs in underserved areas, HIV/AIDS and maternal and child health programs as well as health professions training.

Dr. Bonner's research efforts most recently have addressed the development of partnerships between community organizations, agencies and educational institutions to attract students to careers in health care.

He sits on numerous advisory boards, including the New York State Board of Respiratory Care and the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions, among others.

SUNY UPSTATE IN THE NEWS

The SUNY Upstate Office of Public and Media Relations arranges interviews among Upstate staff and members of the local and national media. Here are a few examples:

Frank Szmalc, MD, Surgery, was quoted in the Albany Times Union regarding the shutdown of Albany Medical Center's heart transplant program.

Vicki Doward, a University Hospital business manager, is featured in a Post-Standard article detailing her weight-loss progress after undergoing bariatric surgery by Dr. Howard Simon.

Janice Todeschini, Surgery, was highlighted in a Post-Standard article noting local participation in national charity walks.

Sharon Brangman, MD, Geriatric Medicine, appeared on WIXT-TV 9 news discussing the new Alzheimer's drug that is now being marketed in the United States.

Leonard Weiner, MD, Pediatrics, appeared on WTVH-TV5 news discussing flu vaccinations for children.

Darryl Geddes, Public and Media Relations, was interviewed by WRVO-FM on the employment outlook of SUNY Upstate in the coming year.

Susan Keeter, Marketing, was noted in the Syracuse New Times for her work in the Onondaga Historical Association's exhibit "Freedom Bound: The Story of Syracuse and the Underground Railroad."

Join us for a special evening after the tree lighting for the 2003

Sounds of the Season Concert

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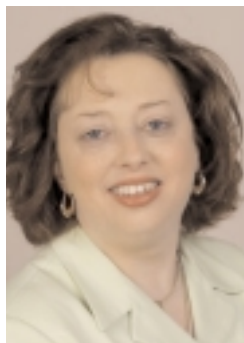
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*from left to right:
Hugh W. Bonner, PhD
Janice Todeschini
Sharon Brangman, MD
Leonard Weiner, MD*



UPDATE



More than 130 SUNY Upstate employees attended the 2003 Community Giving Campaign "Fiesta of Giving" breakfast in September. Guests included campaign department representatives and their supervisors.



From left: Kathy Bechtel, Jennifer Martin Tse and Liz Vanuti publicized their department's campaign kickoff fiesta through e-mail teasers addressed "Hola!! Save the Date" and "Hola!!! It's Fiesta Time" and decorated their conference room with sombreros, maracas, and a coat tree disguised as a señora!



From left: Playing up this year's "fiesta" campaign theme were committee members Sharon Klaiber, Sharon Putney, and Margy Bourke,



Employees from the Bursar's office, Student Services (Financial Aid, Registrar's office, Housing, Student Activities, and Multicultural Resources) received campaign materials and enjoyed refreshments while hearing a brief presentation and viewing the campaign video. Door prizes included holiday ornaments, a picture frame, a John Gray book, and a holiday sweatshirt, all donated by Jennifer Martin Tse.

SUNY Upstate employees...

...know the value of community agencies



Lori Grabowski, LPN, Pediatrics, Supports The CNY Children's Hospital at University hospital

As a pediatric nurse – and the mother of children with disabilities – I know how much our community needs The CNY Children's Hospital. We do a great job now, but to have the services in one place specially designed for kids will be a dream come true for thousands of caregivers, parents ... and kids.



Kathryn Pantaleo of IMT's Decision Support Systems, received the prize of dinner for two at Julie's Place as winner of the United Way's \$2 challenge. Kathryn is now a finalist in the grand prize drawing of a Home Make Over.

Congratulations to the winners of the door prizes drawn during the Community Giving Campaign kickoff breakfast.

- Terry Peake - two tickets to Vintastic
- Mary Jo Stevens - gift certificates to Baha Burrito
- Doris Buschbascher - gift certificate for lunch at the Genesee Inn
- Kim Hare - gift certificates to The Deli
- Patricia Shaw - gift certificates to The Deli
- Debbie Weber - two tickets to the Upstate Gala
- Kathy Perkins - two tickets to the Upstate Gala

Visit the CGC web site at www.upstate.edu/communitygiving/

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Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD, notecards available for sale

The portrait of Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD, that hangs in the Health Sciences Library is featured on notecards available for sale through Syracuse Cultural Workers, located at 400 Lodi St., Syracuse. The cards are \$6.95 for a package of six or \$1.50 for one.

Sarah Loguen Fraser, MD, Class of 1876, is the first African-American student to graduate from the College of Medicine now known as SUNY Upstate Medical University. The portrait, painted by Susan Keeter, was commissioned in 2000 by the Syracuse Medical Alumni Association of SUNY Upstate Medical University to commemorate the outstanding career of Dr. Loguen Fraser.



Syracuse Cultural Workers, an educational and cultural organization founded in 1982, helps sustain a culture that honors diversity and celebrates community. To order the cards or for more information, call 474-1132 or email www.syrcculturalworkers.org.

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University Hospital's Center for Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders is proud to present our 2003 Holiday Cards. The cards have been designed by our young patients, their family members and friends.



Our holiday card program started in 1996 and has raised over \$40,000 to benefit our Center, our patients, and their families.

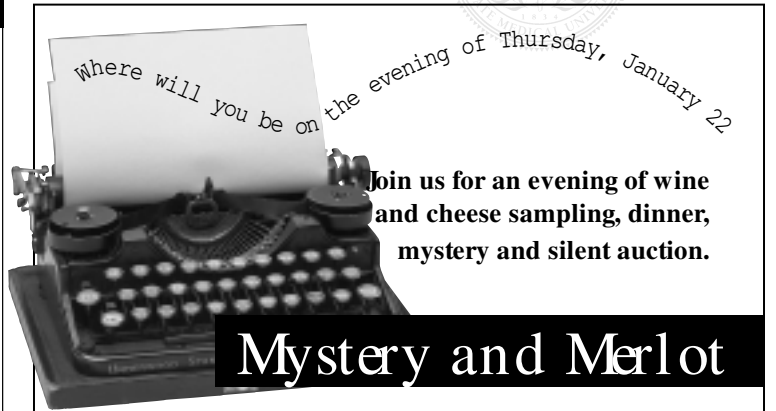
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Visit the Great American Smokeout informational table Nov. 20

During the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Thursday, Nov. 20, smokers will be encouraged to avoid tobacco use for a day or for good. To call attention to the day, representatives from SUNY Upstate's Department of Radiation Oncology and the Regional Oncology Center will sponsor an informational table, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital's second floor lobby. The table will feature informational handouts, displays, lung cancer awareness ribbons, snacks and a free raffle for a gift basket.



Westcott neighborhood is topic of lecture Nov. 13

Local historian Vanessa Johnson will weave tales and history of the Westcott neighborhood with period music and historic documents from the Onondaga Historical Association's Research Center collection Thursday, Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at the Westcott Community Center, corner of Westcott and Euclid

Avenue. Johnson's lecture is part of the University Neighborhood Lecture series. Tickets are \$10 per person; student tickets \$5 at door with student ID. For more information, call 478-8634.

Food and Nutritional Services to showcase new initiatives Nov. 5 and 13

SUNY Upstate's Food and Nutritional Services will showcase its newest initiatives, including the new patient menu featuring expanded food choices, the latest software allowing for computerized menu orders for patients and the new national Dysphagia Diet for patients who have difficulty swallowing, Wednesday, Nov. 5, and Thursday, Nov. 13, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in 2402 University Hospital. All SUNY Upstate individuals are invited to attend.

Jingle Bell Run/Walk

The Arthritis Foundation's 15th Annual Jingle Bell Run and Walk for arthritis, to be held Sunday, Nov. 23, at 2 p.m. at Onondaga Lake

Park, includes a 10K run, a 5K run and walk and a one-mile Candy Cane Fun Run for children eight years and younger. Participants receive a goodie bag and jingle bells for their shoe laces.

Individuals who donate a minimum of \$35 (includes registration fee) receive a long-sleeve t-shirt. The event features free food, entertainment, costume contests, prize drawings and a preview of "Lights on the Lake." Advanced registration is \$15; registration the day of the event is \$20.

To join the SUNY Upstate team, call Anne Peer at 464-6224 or e-mail peera@upstate.edu. by Nov. 11. To become a team captain and form your own team, call the Arthritis Foundation at 455-8553 or e-mail pperrone@arthritisny.org.



Note: Contact the Human Resources Department for address corrections.

Raffle Winners announced

Congratulations to the winners of the raffles held Oct. 7 and 29 at University Hospital's New Product and Education Fair:

Barb Conley - Respiratory Therapy (Duffel Bag); Bonnie Loomis - AP1 (Lunch Cooler); and Rhonda Preston - Respiratory Therapy (\$25 Gift certificate Carousel Center). The next New Product and Education Fair will be held in February.

2003 Entertainment Books available for sale

The Omicron Alpha Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Nursing Honor Society is selling 2004 Entertainment Books for \$25. Books are available by calling Nancy Lyon at 464-4277 or by visiting the third floor of the College of Nursing, located at 545 Cedar Street.

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