

Department of Pediatrics
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Advocating for Respect for People with Disabilities

"At the age of 14, I was fortunate to meet a special population of individuals who showed me what it means to truly love life and that limitations are only what we make them. I strive to share this message with my patients and families every day." ~ Stephanie Straka, D.O.

Stephanie Straka, D.O., a third-year fellow in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics, has a long history of volunteerism and advocacy. She has worked as a camp counselor to children with developmental disabilities, volunteered with the Special Olympics, and traveled on medical missions to Honduras and India. In addition, she regularly participates in community events to raise funds for a number of advocacy programs including the recent **Spread the Word to End the Word** campaign.

In collaboration with the Golisano Children's Foundation, The Advocacy Center, and local Special Olympics, Dr. Straka and Cynthia Wong, D.M.D., student leaders of the local American Academy of Developmental Medicine and Dentistry (AADMD), worked side-by-side to organize this year's annual event to raise awareness of the hurtfulness of the r-word "retard." The campaign aims to educate people about respect for people with disabilities, and the terminology transition from mental retardation to intellectual disability.



Drs. Cynthia Wong and Stephanie Straka

The March 5th event featured local artists with disabilities who showcased their talents and inspired their audiences across the University of Rochester. An adolescent with cerebral palsy showed off his DJ skills, while the Gregory Street Blues Band, made up of musicians with diverse intellectual disabilities, performed live, and Wheels in Motion from Cobblestone Performing Arts partnered able-bodied and wheel-chair bound performers in a beautifully choreographed dance. Attendees were encouraged to (electronically) sign a pledge to support elimination of the r-word from everyday speech and promote acceptance and inclusion. [Pledge your support.](#)



Adolescent Medicine Fellow Alumni ~ New Research on Eating Disorders

Dr. Taylor Starr (left), graduated from the URM Adolescent Medicine fellowship program in 2012; Dr. Richard Kreipe graduated in 1981.

In a recent [review](#) in the journal *Current Psychiatry Reports*, Assistant Professor [Taylor B. Starr, D.O., M.P.H.](#) and Professor [Richard E. Kreipe, M.D.](#) in the Department of Pediatrics put forward a timely update of research on anorexia and bulimia. Starr and Kreipe discuss epidemiological studies that question the existing stereotyping and profiling of those affected. These studies point out that eating disorders are not just affecting adolescent and young white females but prepubertal males and minority ethnic populations like Asian and Latin. Another important factor increasingly influencing the scope of eating disorders is the media. The authors also highlight research carried out on the two most affected organs in individuals with these disorders - the brain and the bone. Read more at the [Research@URMC blog](#).

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Welcome to Our Newest Fellows!



Cardiology

Stephen Lambrinos, M.D., M.B.A.

Albany Medical College
Albany, NY



General Pediatrics

Casey Rosen-Carole, M.D.

Yale University
New Haven, CT



Critical Care

Elizabeth Nocera, D.O.

University of Rochester Medical
Center
Rochester, NY



General Pediatrics

Marybeth Jones, M.D.

University of Pittsburgh
Medical Center
Pittsburgh, PA



Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics

Robert Nutt, M.D.

University of Rochester Medical
Center
Rochester, NY



Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Javed Mannan, M.D., M.P.H.

New York Methodist Hospital
Brooklyn, NY



Gastroenterology/Nutrition

Walaa Elfar, M.B.Ch.B.

University of Rochester Medical
Center
Rochester, NY



Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

James Thomas, M.D.

University of Rochester
Medical Center
Rochester, NY



Gastroenterology/Nutrition

Krishnamraju Kosuru, M.B.B.S.

Michigan State University
Lansing, MI



Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine

Shanley Blackley Sifain, M.D.

University of Rochester
Medical Center
Rochester, NY



Hematology/Oncology
Arshia Madni, M.D.
Marshfield Clinic
Marshfield, WI



On a Personal Note

Recent Cardiology alumnus, Mohy Kotb, M.B.B.Ch. and his wife Emy welcomed Jenna, their second child, on July 1st!

Did You Know?

Fellowship Annual Report

Our 2012-2013 Fellowship Annual Report is available online. Check it out on our [Pediatric Fellowship Programs](#) page.



Academic Core Curriculum (ACC) Schedule Available Online

The [2014-2015 ACC Conference Series](#) kicks off on Thursday, September 4th at 12:00 noon.

Current Fellows & Alumni – Please send us your news!

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Congratulations to Our Graduating Fellows!



On Thursday, June 26th, we celebrated the accomplishments of our graduating fellows at a Fellowship Graduation Dinner held at Ballroom 384, a chic event space located in Rochester's historic East Avenue district. See more photos on our [Fellowship Facebook page](#).

ADOLESCENT MEDICINE - Katherine Blumoff Greenberg, M.D.

New Position

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Adolescent Medicine, University of Rochester Medical Center, Rochester, NY

Publications

Blumoff Greenberg K, Obijuru L, Kreipe R. Psychosocial Issues in Teen Parenting: Predictors, Outcomes, and Interventions, Case #1074. URM, *Peri-FACTS* Education Program (2014). Rochester, NY: The University of Rochester.

Blumoff Greenberg K, Makino K, Coles M. Factors associated with provision of long-acting reversible contraception to teens among adolescent health care providers. *J Adol Health*, 2013 Mar;52(3):372-4. PMID: 23427785.

Greenberg KB, Kodjo C, Baldwin CD, Shone LP. Improving a pediatric residency rotation in adolescent medicine. *J Adol Health*, 2014;54:S55. (Abstract)

Greenberg KB, Kodjo C, Kreipe R, Coles MS. Creating clinical services for transgender youth in an academic medical center: an application of the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) model. *J Adol Health*, 2014;54:S55. (Abstract)

Blumoff Greenberg K, Makino K, Coles M. Factors associated with provision of long-acting reversible contraception to teens among adolescent health care providers. *J Adol Health*, 2013 Mar;52(3):372-4. PMID: 23427785.

Grants/Awards

- Dr. Barnett A. Slepain Memorial Fund Grant, \$2,500 training grant, 1/14/12
- Medical Students for Choice Reproductive Health Externship Training Grant, \$2,500 training grant, 1/6/12

CARDIOLOGY - Mohy Kotb, M.B.B.Ch.

Grants/Awards

- Fellow Teaching Award, presented by 4th year UR Medical Students for excellence in teaching, 2014
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CARDIOLOGY - Rebecca Pratt, M.D.

New Position

Pediatric Cardiologist, Pediatric Cardiology Associates of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

Publications

Pratt R, Quinzi D, Kavey REW. Gender difference in response to lifestyle therapy in obese children with combined dyslipidemia. American Heart Association: Epidemiology and Prevention/Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism 2012 Scientific Sessions, 3/14/12, San Diego CA. *Circulation*. 2012;125:AP182.

Pratt RE, Kavey RE, Quinzi D. Combined dyslipidemia in obese children: Response to a focused lifestyle approach. *J Clin Lipidol* 8: 181-186, 2014.

Pratt RE, Eichelberger J. Women with Adult Congenital Heart Disease. In H.Z. Mieszczanska & G.P. Velarde (Eds.), *Management of Cardiovascular Disease in Women*. London: Springer; 2014:237-250.

CRITICAL CARE - Amanda Hall, M.D.

New Position

Pediatric Cardiac Intensivist, Carolinas HealthCare System Medical Group, Charlotte, NC

Publications

Hall AC, Miga DE, Leonard GT, Wang H, Kavey RE, Alfieris GM. Percutaneous balloon dilation of carpentier-edwards porcine-valved right ventricle-to-pulmonary artery conduits. *Pediatr Cardiol*. Dec 11, 2012. PMID: 23229291.



From left: Drs. Karen Sethi, Emily Nazarian & Amanda Hall

CRITICAL CARE - Karen Sethi, M.D.

New Position

Pediatric Intensivist, St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Duluth, MN

Publications

Sethi K, Lee Y, Daugherty L, Hinkle A, Johnson M, Katzman P, Sullivan J. ROHHADNET syndrome presenting as major behavior changes in a 5 year old obese female. *Pediatrics*. (Accepted for Publication 2014)

Sethi K, Barker EM, Metlay LA, Caserta MT, Daugherty LE. Leclercia adecarboxylata sepsis and cerebral herniation. *J Pediatric Infect Dis Soc* 2013, doi: 10.1093/jpids/pis131.

Sethi K. Review of The INIS Collaborative Group. Treatment of neonatal sepsis with intravenous immune globulin. *N Engl J Med* 2011 365(13):1201-1.

GASTROENTEROLOGY/NUTRITION - Matthew Shields, M.D.

New Position

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics; Director of Medical Student and Resident Education, University of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA

Publications

Shields TM, Chen KD, Gould JM. Pediatric case report of chronic colitis associated with an unusual serotype of *Streptococcus pneumoniae*. *Infect Dis Clin Prac*. 2012 Sep;20(5):357-358.



From left: Dr. Thomas Rossi, Dr. Lawrence Saubermann, Natasha Saubermann & Dr. Marilyn Brown

Grants/Awards

- Fellow Teaching Award, presented by 4th year UR Medical Students for excellence in teaching, 2013

GASTROENTEROLOGY/NUTRITION - Vibha Sood, M.B.B.S.

New Position

Clinical Assistant Professor, MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC

Publications

Sood V, Mohanty P, Gabel M, Weinberg GA. Recurrent Acalculous Cholecystitis in a Child with Chronic Granulomatous Disease. *J Pediatr Gastroenterol Nutr*. 2013 Aug 11. [Epub ahead of print]

Sood V, Mohanty P, Brown M. A nine-year-old girl with liver enlargement. *Pediatr Ann*. 2012 Jun 1; 41(6):7-10.

Mohanty PH, **Sood V**, Saubermann LJ. A 16-year-old girl with perianal skin tags. *Pediatr Ann*. 2012 Jun 1; 41(6):10-2.

Grants/Awards

- NIH T32 "Bench to Bedside to Curbside" grant award, 2012-2013
- Dean's Fellowship award, 2013-2014

- Travel award to attend Digestive Disease Week, San Diego CA, 5/19-22/12
- Travel award to attend 26th Annual NASPGHAN meeting, Chicago IL, 10/9-12/13

GENERAL PEDIATRICS - MacKenzi Hillard, M.D.

Grants/Awards

- APA Regions II & III Travel Grant for the annual regional meeting, presented on March 7, 2014, Weill Cornell Medical College, New York, NY



From left: Drs. Sarah Ronis, MacKenzi Hillard & Stanley Schaffer

GENERAL PEDIATRICS - Sarah Ronis, M.D.

Publications

Ronis S, Baldwin C, Blumkin A, Kuhlthau K, Szilagyi P. Patient-centered medical home and family burden in attention deficit hyperactivity disorder. *J Dev Behav Pediatr.* (Anticipated submission 7/2014)

McConnochie K, **Ronis S**, Wang H, McIntosh S. Urban telemedicine enables equity in access. *Pediatrics.* (Submitted 5/9/14)

Ronis S, Baldwin C, McConnochie K, McIntosh S, Szilagyi PG, Dolan JG. Caregiver preferences regarding Personal Health Records in the management of ADHD Pediatrics. (Anticipated submission 7/2014)

Grants/Awards

- Ohio Department of Medicaid, Medicaid Technical Assistance and Policy Program (MedTAPP) Healthcare Access (HCA) Initiative SFY 14 and SFY 15 - Continuation and Expansion. "CaseCAN: Caregiver Preferences and Needs for Health IT-supported Care Coordination Services", 20% salary support, Role: Faculty Scholar. Grant disposition will be available 6/13/14.
- Berg Award for Excellence in Public Health Sciences, Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, 2014
- William Bradford Fellowship, Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester Medical Center, 2013

GENERAL PEDIATRICS - Andrew Sherman, M.D.

New Position

Pediatrician, Bay Creek Pediatrics, Rochester, NY

HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY - Laila Mahmood, M.D., M.P.H.

New Position

Fellow, Capital Caring Palliative and Hospice Medicine Program, Washington Hospital Center, Washington DC.

Publications

Mahmood L, Klionsky N, Katzman P, Lee Y, Klein D, Bruckner L. Risk of misdiagnosing bilateral Wilms tumor in the absence of tissue confirmation. (Submitted)

Grants/Awards

- Hyundai Hope on Wheels 2012 Scholar. Hyundai Hope on Wheels / Hyundai Motor America. \$75,000 salary over 2 years.



Drs. Laila Mahmood & Razia Akhtar

NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE - Ahmad El Samra, M.D.

Grants/Awards

- Gerber Foundation, The Effect of Prenatal Indomethacin on Kidney Function in Premature Infants. \$20,000. Principal investigator, 6/2012
- Honorary, Bradford Fellow, Department of Pediatrics, University of Rochester Medical Center, 2013-2014
- Travel Award, Academy of Pediatrics 82nd Perinatal and Developmental Medicine Symposium, 6/2013

NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE - Kunal Gupta, M.B.B.S.

Publications

Gupta K, Amin S. Management of Neonatal Jaundice, Case #1008. URM, *Peri-FACTS* Education Program (2012). Rochester, NY: The University of Rochester.

Gupta K, Amin S. Physiology of Neonatal Jaundice, Case #1006. URM, *Peri-FACTS* Education Program (2012). Rochester, NY: The University of Rochester.

Gupta K, Amin S, Wang H. Parenteral nutrition associated cholestasis in premature infants: role of macronutrients. *J Parenter Enteral Nutr.* (Submitted 6/2014)

Grants/Awards

- Dean's Fellowship Award, 2012-2013, 2013-2014



Drs. Christina Sollinger, Jayson Ligan & Sarah Ronis

- Strong Children's Research Center, Clausen Fellowship Award, \$5,000, 2012-2013
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NEONATAL-PERINATAL MEDICINE - Syed Shah, M.B.B.S.

New Position

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Neonatology Division, The University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio, TX

Publication

Shah S, Misra R, Fowell D, Wang H, Scheible K, Katzman P, Misra S, Huyck H, Mariani T, Pryhuber G. Preterm cord blood CD4+ T cell exhibit increased IL-6 production in chorioamnionitis and decreased T regulatory cells in bronchopulmonary dysplasia. *Hum Immunol*. (Submitted 6/2014)

Grants/Awards

- NIH T32 Department of Pediatrics–Pediatric Research: Bench to Bedside to Curbside, 2011-2012
 - ESPR Annual Meeting Travel Award, 2014
 - PAS Annual Meeting Travel Award, 2014
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PULMONOLOGY - Manvi Bansal, M.D.

New Position

Clinical Assistant Professor, Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Published Abstract

Bansal M, Sharp JK, Pryhuber G, Ren CL. Relationship between respiratory function and feeding desaturations in preterm infants. *Am J Respir Crit Care Med*. 187;2013:A1783.

Grants/Awards

- PROP Scholar committee, PROP Scholar training grant, 10/22/13
- Dean's Fellowship Award
- ATS Travel Award
- ESPR Travel award



Drs. Manvi Bansal and Fariba Rezaee
