

Family Medicine

Chair: Andrea T. Manyon, MD

- **Robert A. Levine, MD**, professor of medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology at Upstate, has received the 2007 Mentors Research Scholar Award from The American Gastroenterological Association Foundation for Digestive Health and Nutrition for his exemplary contributions to gastroenterology through mentoring. Dr. Levine has trained 44 fellows throughout the course of his career.

Neurosurgery

- **Walter A. Hall, MD, MBA**, a leading neurosurgeon and researcher who pioneered the use of intraoperative MRI-guided neurosurgery, has been named the Robert and Molly King Professor of Neurosurgery and chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Upstate Medical University, effective April 1. Dr. Hall joined Upstate from the University of Minnesota Medical School, where he was the Shelley N. and Jolene J. Chou Chair in Neurosurgery. He brings extensive clinical and laboratory experience in developing new therapeutic modalities for treating brain tumors, including stereotactic radiosurgery, fractionated stereotactic radiotherapy, blood-brain barrier disruption chemotherapy and targeted toxin therapy. In addition, Hall has authored more than 140 publications on brain tumors, targeted toxins, and central nervous system infections.

Obstetrics and Gynecology

Chair: Shawky Badawy, MD, HS '73

- **Vincent Pillari, MD, HS '66**, was named chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at New York Methodist Hospital. Dr. Pillari joins the hospital after serving as residency program director and chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Vincent Catholic Medical Center of New York, Staten Island Division.

Orthopedic Surgery

Chair: Stephen Albanese, MD, HS '85

- **Timothy Damron, MD**, clinical faculty member of the Upstate Department of Orthopedic Surgery, authored a new book *Oncology and Basic Science (Orthopaedic Surgery Essentials Series)*. This volume presents information residents need during orthopaedic oncology rotations and the essential basic science needed for board preparation, clinical practice, and orthopaedic research.

Otolaryngology

Chair: Robert M. Kellman, MD '77, HS '81

- The SUNY Upstate Department of Otolaryngology sponsored a master's seminar in craniomaxillofacial surgery on March 23 that included six visiting professors from Taiwan, Germany, Minnesota, Kentucky, Washington, and Ohio, as well as local talent. It preceded the first AO Course on the Principles of Craniomaxillofacial Fixation ever to be held in Syracuse. The course was a great success, with a sellout crowd and a waiting list for participants. It was hosted by **Scott Tatum, MD**, who chaired the course, and **Robert Kellman, MD '77, HS '81**, who served as course director.

Pathology

Chair: Gregory Threatte, MD '73

- **Christine E. Fuller, MD '95, HS '99**, has been appointed associate professor and director of neuropathology. Dr. Fuller also will serve as associate director of the Anatomic Pathology Molecular and Special Procedures Laboratory. She completed her residency in anatomic and clinical pathology at University Hospital, followed by fellowships in surgical pathology and neuropathology at Washington University in St. Louis. She joins Upstate from William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, MI, where she was an attending pathologist. Fuller is board certified in anatomic and clinical pathology and in neuropathology. She will provide professional pathology services in the areas of neuropathology including muscle and nerve biopsies, molecular pathology and surgical pathology.

Pediatrics

Chair: Thomas Welch, MD

Ramzi Nicolas, MD, HS '01, is an assistant professor of pediatrics at Southern Illinois University (SIU) School of Medicine in Springfield and one of the new pediatric specialists recruited as part of St. John's Children's Hospital (SJCH), a joint endeavor of SIU and St. John's Hospital in Springfield. He serves as director of SJCH's pediatric cardiology.



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