



# **DIVISION OF HOSPITAL MEDICINE**

Fall 2024, Edition 6



In this edition you'll find the latest celebrations in the Division, educational opportunities, fun things to do locally, and more!

# Welcome To the Team!



*Dr. Vishal Busa*



*Dr. Himal Chapagain*



*Dr. Manasa Chitneni*



*Dr. Maria Khan*



*Dr. Eusha Abdul Raffay*



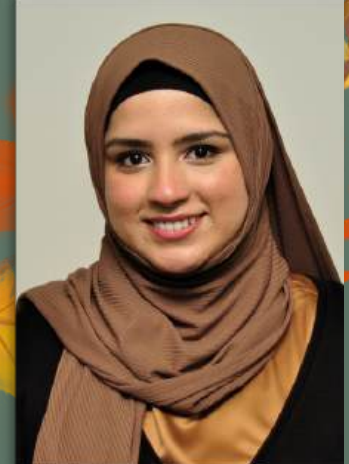
*Dr. Marina Seidel*



*Dr. Nisij Shrestha*



*Dr. Akshay Venkatesh*



*Dr. Mishaal Zia*

*You're Invited...*

# FALL 2024 BUSINESS RETREAT

THURSDAY  
NOVEMBER 14, 2024

DRUMLINS: BISTRO 1926  
800 NOTTINGHAM ROAD  
SYRACUSE, NY 13224

PLEASE RSVP TO YOUR  
CALENDAR INVITE!



## GREAT JOB

*Dr. Narm and Dr. Kochen*

*This past month, Drs. Narm and Kochen implemented an intensive 2-day hospitalist orientation, designed to provide new attendings with the opportunity to learn more about quality, CDI, SWAT, EPIC tips, connect care, hospital at home, meeting with the medicine chief residents and so much more.*

*Thank you Koh-Eun and Danielle- we appreciate your commitment to our new teammates. The education you provided was invaluable.*

*This program was created from feedback within our division. If you have suggestions for more innovative programs within our division, please let the admin team know.*

# Congratulations!

## Harvir Gambhir, MD, President's Award for Excellence in Faculty Service

The Faculty Service Award honors individuals for exceptional commitment to the University and beyond. Recipients have made significant contributions through leadership, outreach, and service, going beyond their regular duties. This award recognizes long-term dedication and positive impact on the University and its communities.



## Heart to Heart Meet-Up

Join us for the Heart to Heart Meet-Up, a casual and friendly gathering bringing together members of the Division of Hospital Medicine and the Division of Cardiology. This event is designed to foster personal connections, improve interdepartmental communication, and discuss our exciting upcoming initiative — the launch of the Cardiac-Focused Hospitalist Team. Come mingle, share ideas, and learn how this collaboration will enhance patient care and streamline our workflow. Your presence and input are key to the success of this initiative!

**More details coming soon!  
Refreshments will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!**

# LOCAL FALL FESTIVITIES



## Spooktacular STROLL

*CNY's Not-So-Scary family walk thru Halloween experience.*

*Every Thur-Sun in October from 5pm-9pm.*

*Spooktacularstroll.com for tickets!*

*Long Branch Park, Liverpool*



*Visit Beak & Skiff for apple picking season!*

*Tasting room, general store, apple barn, bakery, kid's treehouse, and distillery!*

*beakandskiff.com*

*2708 LORDS HILL ROAD (RT. 80)*

*LAFAYETTE, NY 13084*



*Visit The Pumpkin Hollow for family fun including pumpkin patch, hayrides, farm animal feeding, apple fritters, and fresh cider!*

*3735 W Seneca Turnpike  
Syracuse, NY 13215*

*Family Day*



*at the Lake*

# RESIDENCY PROGRAM

A message from Dr. Housam Hegazy

“I am beyond thrilled to announce a monumental milestone for our division! The ACGME has officially approved our request to expand our Internal Medicine Residency Program by 10 residents per year, bringing the total to 30 residents. Even more exciting, this expansion will be dedicated to a Hospital Medicine Track within the residency program, providing a specialized path for future hospitalists!

This new track will have its own NRMP code: Internal Medicine - Hospitalist 1516140C1.

Drs. Shepherd and Chepak, alongside Tara Mathews, will lead this program as Associate Program Directors and Program Manager, respectively, under the guidance and leadership of Drs. Knohl and Taub.

I am incredibly proud to announce that we are now the second program in the nation to have a dedicated Hospital Medicine Track with its own NRMP code! This is a tremendous achievement for our division and department and a testament to the hard work and vision of everyone involved.

Let’s celebrate this exciting new chapter and the amazing opportunities it will bring!”





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NEWSLETTER!**