



**Match Day 2024!**

As many of you know, the National results of the match for Pediatrics was at an all-time low with 66 unfilled programs. But we were delighted to find out that we filled all 15 spots with 15 outstanding candidates in the main match. The intern Class of 2024 is as follows:

Adhikari, Pritha, Nepalgunj Med Coll  
 Baraskar, Rasika, Amer Univ of Antigua  
 Biton, David, Sackler School of Med  
 Chaturvedi, Soumya, Gandhi Med Coll  
 El-nayir, Manal, Univ of Gezira  
 Hussein, Lina, Univ of El Zaeem  
 Khalife, Leen, Lebanese University  
 Khanolkar, Vidhi, Rural Med Pravara  
 Mian, Sharmeen, Aga Khan Univ  
 Patel, Bhavyaa, Surat Municipal Inst.  
 Raji, Oluwatimilehin, Afe Babalola Univ  
 Raza, Fatima, Aga Khan Univ  
 Rehman, Sarah, Aga Khan Univ  
 Shkookani, Khulood, Hashemite Univ  
 Vuyyala, Siddharth, Kakatiya Med Coll

We've said it a lot, but can't say it enough. We owe so much of our success to the residents and chiefs who helped out in so many ways. And a big shout out to our Director of Recruitment, Holly Stacey.

**Beyond The Doctorate**

The annual GME resident, fellow, and post-doc research event was held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Once again Pediatrics was extremely well represented with four of our residents having posters. Congratulations to Khalil Tamr Agha, Mohammed Doklajjah, Clara El Nakib, and Mubasshira Khan (pictured below)! Mubasshira tells the Crier, "It was a great opportunity, and I loved the experience and the company!" We are so proud of all four of them!



**Going for the Gold!**

Congratulations to TWO of our pediatric faculty who were selected as recipients of the 2024 Faculty Gold Standard Award! Dr. Mide Ajagbe and Dr. Robert Lebel were among only seven faculty hospital-wide who received this well-deserved recognition. They were honored at the Celebration of the Faculty Ceremony on March 26<sup>th</sup>.



**Upstate and Adolescent Med  
 From Dr. Teelin**

This is a photo of former medical students who are now fellows in Adolescent Medicine. Left to right: Caroline Shank (Northwell Medical Center), Lisa Ditchek (Mount Sinai), Windy Grant (CHOP) and Courtney Franchesci (Colorado Children's Hospital). All did many peds electives in their 4th year and they were reminiscing how much they loved the residents and attendings at the GCH.



In addition, Dr. Teelin shared that Dr. Domachowske was an invited speaker at the national Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine meeting and she sent the proof along with a few other very familiar faces.



**Precious and Ghina at AMSPDC**

The Association of Medical School Pediatric Department Chairs, Inc. (AMSPDC) Frontiers in Science (FIS) Symposium. AMSPDC selected both Dr. Precious Sanni Adeniyi and Dr. Ghina Fakhri participate in the 2024 meeting in New Orleans, LA. in March. There were a few doubtful moments as the Syracuse airport was shut down due to a late February blizzard, but they eventually got there and met up with Dr. Connors to enjoy the conference.

### Handy Dandy Winners

The February Hand Hygiene report placed Pediatric Residents and fellows at the top of their list hospital-wide for hand hygiene coming in with an impressive 79% compliance (even surpassing ID by 4 points)! You've got to hand it to them! Good job residents and fellows!

### Babies, Babies, and more Babies!

#### Baby Mark! The Picture!

Last month we congratulated Dr. Kaitlyn Kennedy on the arrival of beautiful baby boy Mark on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This month we have his picture and he is adorable!



#### Welcome Baby Sparsha!

We are super excited to be able to introduce you to Asmita Sharma's precious baby boy, Sparsha Chhitij Sthapit who was born on 1/21/2024. Congratulations, Asmi!



### Welcome Baby Silkey

Former resident Jason Silkey was excited to welcome a new member into the family. And he remembered to share the good news with the Crier: "Baby boy Thomas Edward Silkey was born 3/12/24 at 1:53 pm MST, weighing in at 7lbs, 3oz. Mom and baby are both doing as well as can be expected. Everyone is tired and cranky haha." Congratulations, Jason! Here is our favorite father/son picture.



### We Otto Mention....

A special thank you once again this year to the Syracuse University Ottothon Dancers who raised nearly \$110,000 during their annual Ottothon dance marathon on March 23 to support Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. This was SU's tenth year dancing for Golisano. The 12-hour dance, coordinated with the Upstate Foundation, has raised over a million dollars for the GCH and the kids of CNY since its inception. Thank you, SU!



### Wishing Dr. Mittiga the Best

Last month we announced that Dr. Matt Mittiga was leaving the Upstate Family to accept a primary care position closer to home in Utica. He was toasted by faculty and residents on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> at the Press Room Pub.



We wish Dr. Mittiga the very best.

### The UPAC Buzz

In case you missed the Spring 2024 issue of the UPAC Buzz here is the link.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/ayLnIN8freAJwi67?ref=email>

### Out of Site!

Our long awaited ACGME site visit took place on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Our two site visitors, Drs. Rubin and Silver, were able to meet with almost all of the residents, in addition to program leadership, several key faculty, the chair, and Dr. Katz from the GME office. Their unofficial feedback was that the day went great, and that they really loved our residents (what's not to love!). They were not able to let us know when we might get the official results since that depends on when the RRC puts us on their meeting agenda which could be as early as April or as late as September. But if the feedback we got from our site visitors is any indication of their decision, we may need to plan a big party to celebrate.

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4/1 Ahmed Souid
- 4/16 Chetana Pasam
- 4/16 Michael Kennedy-Yoon
- 4/18 Elena Wolner
- 4/19 Angela Wratney
- 4/20 Mide Ajagbe
- 4/23 Sarah Hendrix
- 4/24 Jenica O'Malley