



New Faculty – Welcome Dr. Jessie Allan!

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jessie Myers Allan to our Peds Hospitalist Team. The



Crier was able to have an exclusive interview with Dr. Allan. She is originally from Syracuse, New York and graduated from Cornell University where she studied child development.

She moved out west to attend medical school at University of California, San Francisco and completed her pediatric residency at Stanford University.

Dr. Allan practiced as a pediatric hospitalist for 12 years at Stanford Children's Hospital in Palo Alto, CA where she cared for patients in the newborn nursery, intermediate care nursery, and acute care pediatric ward. Her research has explored workforce disparities and reducing unnecessary interventions.

Dr. Allan is active in the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Chair-Elect of the Section on Hospital Medicine, serving over 5,000 pediatric hospitalists. She was the co-creator and inaugural co-chair of Women in Pediatric Hospital Medicine Sub-Committee and continues to serve as a member of the Steering Board of the non-profit organization Women In Medicine'

Despite twenty years living in the Bay Area, Jessie has remained loyal to her New York sports teams, including Syracuse lacrosse. Her husband, John, works in technology and their two school aged daughters are thrilled about the "many types of weather here". Their 13 years young pup, Yogi (who has only lived in temperate climate) seems to be having the hardest transition.

Dr. Allan also mentioned she is good friends with former resident Katie Fry (2013)! We warmly welcome Dr. Allan and her family back home!

New Peds Neurosurgery

Upstate welcomes Dr. Kathleen Knudson



who has been named as the new Director of Pediatric Neurosurgery. Dr. Knudson is board-certified in neurological surgery with a focused practice-board certification in

pediatric neurological surgery. She earned her MD at Case Western Reserve Univ and completed her Neurological Surgery Residency at George Washington University followed by a Fellowship in Pediatric Neurosurgery at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

The Crier was able to locate an interview Dr. Knudson did a few years ago in NC for the local news that you might enjoy.

<https://www.witn.com/2021/01/26/healthy-habits-understanding-pediatric-neurosurgery/>

The Perfect Matches

Congratulations to all of our PL3s and Chiefs who matched in their respective fellowship matches on 12/4:

Precious Alabi – ED, Cincinnati

Mohammed Doklajjah – Card, U Mich, MI

Lamia Jouhar – Card, Med Coll of WI in Milwaukee

Michael Kennedy-Yoon – Adol, UCSF, CA

Areeb Mustansar – PICU, Univ of Mich, MI

Mhd Khalil Tamr Agha – GI, Wash U, St. Louis MO

Sarah Taha – GI, Rochester, NY

Deepa Thomas – GI, Houston, TX

Ayat Siddiqui – Card, Univ of Mich, MI

Lauren Thomas – PHM, Children's National, Wash, DC

We are super proud of every one of them!



Resident/Faculty Holiday Lunch

The residents along with several faculty members, and lots of Santas, enjoyed a leisurely holiday lunch and hot cocoa bar on Thursday, December 19th. There was lovely music and a yule log (thank you Dr. Stacey for setting that up), the cocoa bar was provided by Dr. O'Malley, the special lunch was ordered by Aubrey, and thanks to all of the Santas who brought a lot of smiles throughout the holiday season.



Interview Stats

As 2024 comes to a close, we are well into our interview season, having complete 137 interviews, with only three remaining interview dates in January along with the Thursday night virtual resident social hours. We received over 1375 applications this year and invited 230 applicants to interview. Our last interview will be on January 17th but also have two virtual second look events in February for the applicants that will allow them to ask any last questions to

our chiefs and residents. And then, we wait for the results of another great match in March!

Pictures from Kenya

Two of our residents, Drs. Michael Markel, and Lauren Waichenberg, spent their December call-free rotation at the Obama Children's Hospital in Kenya.



They saw patients and learned the practice of medicine in a resource limited environment. They worked with the Kenya residents and helped facilitate learning experiences for them.



But it wasn't all work and no play. They had a chance to also experience some of the beautiful Kenya countryside with friends and colleagues.



In The News

Dr. Jana Shaw was interviewed by WRVO (NPR for CNY) about keeping kids healthy during the holidays.

<https://www.wrvo.org/2024-11-26/wash-your-hands-experts-say-limiting-exposure-can-keep-kids-healthy-during-the-holidays>

Brad Taylor, the gaming and technology specialist at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, is featured in the latest issue of Central New York Magazine: The Good Life!

<https://bit.ly/3CxCMxb>



Read more about Brad's wonderful work gaming with hospitalized children

<https://bit.ly/40SXmCa>

The UPAC Buzz

In case you missed it, here is the link to the exciting December issue of the UPAC Buzz.



A typical day at UPAC.

<https://sway.cloud.microsoft/BdIHHCcuePgwQDnJ?ref=Link>

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1/2 Manal El-Nayir
- 1/4 Bob Hingre
- 1/10 Anna Hrbac
- 1/13 John Andrade
- 1/16 Andrew Dickson
- 1/17 Tara Dowd
- 1/21 Lamia Jouhar
- 1/24 Jessica Mayer
- 1/25 Nienke Dosa

