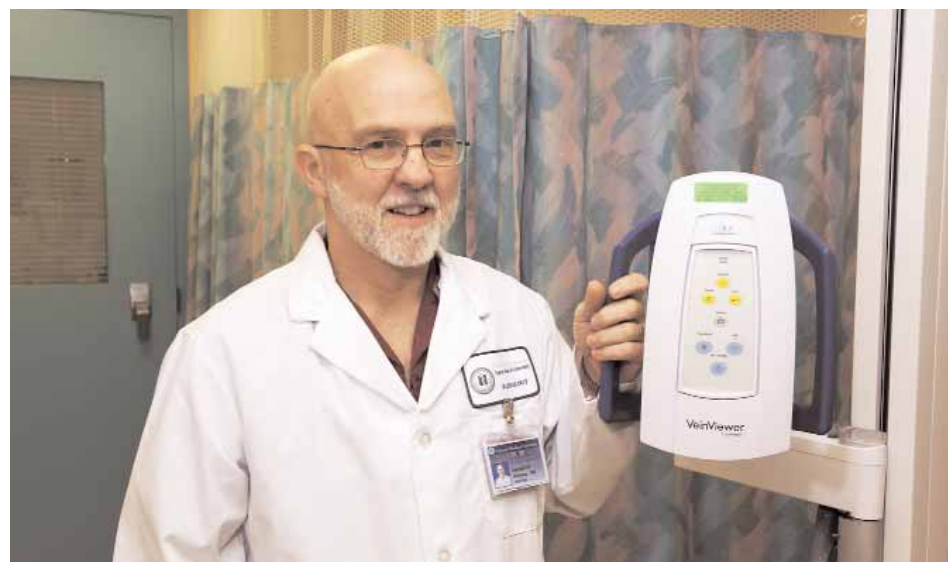


VeinViewer eases pain of venipuncture for patients with hard-to-find veins

The VeinViewer, considered to be one the most advanced technologies to ease the pain and stress of venipuncture for adult and pediatric patients with hard-to-find veins is available in Central New York only through the Department of Interventional Radiology at University Hospital.

“Some people have veins that can be significantly difficult to locate and access,” said Leonard Hurteau, RN, MSN, FNP, patient service director of Interventional Radiology. “For them, clinicians may need multiple attempts at needle sticks, causing the patient pain and anxiety. The VeinViewer is good news for those patients and for clinicians who no longer need to guess at the locations of veins.”

VeinViewer is a mobile, non-



Photograph by William Mueller

Leonard Hurteau, RN, MSN, FNP, with the VeinViewer, one of the most advanced technolo-

gies to ease the pain and stress of venipuncture for adult and pediatric patients.

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SUNY Upstate physicians see spike in heart disease if obesity not curbed

Physicians who once treated mainly elderly patients for health problems such as diabetes, heart disease and stroke are seeing increasingly younger patients who have the same ailments, according to a review in the December issue of *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, authored by SUNY Upstate Medical University professors Lewis Johnson, MD, and Ruth Weinstock, MD, PhD.

The review focuses on the increasing prevalence of metabolic syndrome, a state characterized by cardiovascular risk factors such as obesity, high blood pressure and abnormal levels of glucose (sugar) and

fats in the blood. Drs. Johnson and Weinstock say physicians and public institutions must work in tandem to curb the obesity epidemic.

“Unfortunately, as the population becomes less active and more obese, we’re seeing a rise in this constellation of risk factors for cardiovascular disease,” says Dr. Weinstock, chief of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. “That’s of great concern because of the increased risk for heart attack, stroke and diabetes, and we’re seeing this occur in younger and younger individuals.”

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death and disability

among adults in the United States. The number of U.S. adults who are overweight or obese increased from 47 percent of the adult population in 1976-1980 to 65 percent in 1999-2002.

An estimated 1 million U.S. adolescents meet the criteria for metabolic syndrome. Based on these and other numbers, Dr. Weinstock and Dr. Johnson say a major increase in cardiovascular disease could occur in the next two decades.

“Increase of heart disease and stroke is of particular concern,” says Dr. Weinstock. “If that tide can be reversed, then hopefully we can make

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C A M P U S B R I E F S

UHEART, the amateur radio emergency communications team that provides emergency communications for SUNY Upstate during a disaster or crisis, is seeking licensed amateur radio operators to join the team. UHEART works with the Onondaga County Emergency Management Office and the local Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES)/Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services (RACES) organization. To join, operators must be an employee, student or volunteer of SUNY Upstate and live in Onondaga County. For more information, contact Dave Reamsnyder, W2DER at 464-4108 or e-mail reamsnyd@upstate.edu.

SUNY Upstate physicians are invited to participate as a mentor to medical students at a Career Advisory Dinner for medical students Jan. 8, from 6 to 8 p.m. in the ninth floor dining room in Weiskotten Hall. The event will give SUNY Upstate's second and third year medical students an opportunity to meet and network with professionals who will share their expertise within each of their specialties. The event is hosted by the Medical Alumni Foundation and Division of Student Affairs. R.S.V.P. by Jan. 2.

The SUNY Upstate community is invited to a retirement reception for Sandra Lazzaro, RN, nurse administrator for Employee/Student Health Jan. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. in 1403 University Hospital. Lazzaro retires in January after 39 years of service to SUNY Upstate.

"State of Palliative Care at University Hospital: Current Trends and Findings," is the topic of Nursing Grand Rounds Jan. 12, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 6500 University Hospital. The SUNY Upstate community is invited. The program, presented by Pat Knox, RN, FNP, MSN; Joyce Baker, RN, MSN; and Sharon Bauer, RN, BBA-HCM of University Hospital, is CEU accredited. For more information, call 464-9443 or e-mail Albanese@upstate.edu.

University Hospital will hold a blood drive Jan. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Jan. 19, from 7 a.m. to noon in Café 750, second floor University Hospital. To schedule an appointment, call Brenda Clarke at 464-5738, or sign up outside Café 750 Jan. 3 through 5, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., or outside the ninth floor auditorium in Weiskotten Hall Jan. 8 and 9, from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The CNY Chapter of the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care will hold presentations and a round table discussion led by a panel of experts Jan. 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center, 801 University Ave., Syracuse. Topics will include testing, symptoms, needle sticks, children and teens with AIDS/HIV and treatments. The presentation is CEU accredited. There is no charge for nurses, nursing students and other health care professionals. A meal will be provided. RSVP by Jan. 22 to napierkm@upstate.edu or call Melissa at 464-7313.

Correction:

The article titled "University Hospital earns high praise, commendation for its cancer care" that appeared in the last issue of *Upstate Update* incorrectly listed the number of cancer patients treated annually at University Hospital. The hospital treats more than 16,000 cancer patients for current and supportive care annually. In addition, Leslie Kohman, MD, was misidentified in the article. She is the vice chair of the hospital's Cancer Committee.

I N T H E N E W S

Gail Banach was interviewed by *WSTM-TV3, WTVH-TV5* and *WSYR-570AM* on the potential for poisonings in a home decorated for the holidays.

Sharon Brangman, MD, was interviewed by *NEWS10NOW* on the recent outbreak of gastrointestinal illness at area nursing homes.

Darlene Endy, RD, was interviewed by *WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9* about the benefits of drinking Joint Juice, a new dietary supplement.

The *Post-Standard* carried a feature article regarding the appointment of **James Knoll, MD,** as SUNY Upstate's first full-time director of forensic.

Michael Gordon, PhD, and **Stephen Faraone, MD,** were interviewed by *WSYR-570AM* and *WAER-FM88* regarding

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder.

Wendy Gordon, PhD, was interviewed by *WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9* about the FDA's review of putting warning labels on antidepressants.

Susan Greetham was interviewed by *WSYR-TV NewsChannel 9* on how to stay healthy during the holidays.

Charles Hodge, MD, was interviewed by *WTVH-TV 5* regarding the Everest Study that examines electrical stimulation in stroke recovery.

Jody Kearns, RD, was quoted in the *Post-Standard* regarding Joslin Diabetes Center's new nutritional guidelines for diabetics.

Endowed lecture, created to honor clinician and educator Dr. Robert Hays, will be held Jan 5.

The Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will introduce the first in a series of annual endowed lectures in honor of clinician and educator Robert Hays, MD, who died this summer at the age of 80.

The lecture, "Ethical and Practical Dilemmas Associated with Embryo Cryopreservation," will be presented by Edward Wallach, MD, professor of reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Johns Hopkins University, Jan. 5, from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Suzle Auditorium at the Marley Education Center. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Hays was an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology at SUNY Upstate from 1961 to 1968. He left SUNY Upstate to establish a private practice. However, he continued to support the academic mission of the department as clinical associate professor.

Dr. Hays was promoted to the position of clinical professor in 1995 and was named SUNY Upstate Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in 1999 for his distinguished service to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and to the College of Medicine.

In 1996, Dr. Hays received the President's Award for Voluntary Faculty Service at SUNY Upstate.

"Dr. Hays maintained a very strong academic status in the medical community and his contributions to the academic welfare of our department were significant," said



Robert Hays, MD

Shawky Badawy, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. "He was an excellent teacher for both the students and residents who very much enjoyed working with him. He was known for his strong academic comments at Grand Rounds and teaching programs. We miss his academic figure and for this reason we are holding a yearly memorial lecture in his honor."

For more information about the lecture, call 470-7900.

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invasive medical device that uses safe, near-infrared light and other technologies to locate veins and project their location onto the surface of the skin.

The device features an adjustable unit that can be positioned over any part of the patient's body to produce the image, leaving the clinician's hand free to perform venipuncture.

The VeinViewer's light source differentiates red blood cells from surrounding tissues. The infrared light photons are received by a detector located in a video camera within the system. A computer digitizes the photons, producing an image and projects the image onto the patient's skin to show the location of the veins. With VeinViewer, medical professionals may quickly and conveniently map a patient's vasculature, regardless of age, size or ethnicity and without the device touching the patient.

The first and only patented technology of its kind, the VeinViewer differs from older transillumination technology because of the infrared light that makes the veins visible much deeper.

Venipuncture is the puncture of a vein through the skin to obtain blood samples, to start an intravenous drip or to inject medication or a radiopaque dye. In many circumstances it is performed by a phlebotomist, although nurses, doctors and other medical staff are also trained to take blood and to start intravenous lines.

University Hospital staff may request use of the VeinViewer by calling 6-2567.

Tune in Sundays,
9 to 10 a.m.
570 WSYR-AM

University Hospital's
HealthLink
On Air

HIPAA and Patient- and Family-Centered Care: Fostering Collaboration

The HIPAA Privacy Rule can help a patient and family centered model of care by giving patients greater rights and control of their health information and by requiring the establishment of 'reasonable' safeguards to enhance the confidentiality and privacy of their health information.

The complexity of the law and inadvertent misinterpretation of the law's intent and requirements can sometimes pose barriers to patients and their families. HIPAA provides a basic framework of laws, but each organization has the flexibility to develop and implement practices specific to their organization's needs, abilities, and resources. In addition, healthcare providers still maintain discretion to impose professional judgment and a 'what's best for the patient' approach when making decisions about patient information and the exercising of the patient's rights. Effective means of communication, information sharing, and accuracy of information is vital to the provider/patient/family collaborative decision-making processes inherent to a patient and family centered care model.

Below is the first installment of frequently asked questions regarding HIPAA and building an effective patient and family centered care model:

Does HIPAA prevent discussions at the patient's bedside if it is not a private room?

No, it is not reasonable to expect that all patients have private rooms or that they be moved to private areas for discussions, providing minimum safeguards and practices are implemented such as drawing the bedside curtain, lowering the volume of voices, and courteously asking the other patient's visitors to step out of the room for a few minutes.

2. Can a patient's care and treatment only be discussed with the patient or their personal representative?

In urgent situations or situations in which the patient or

their personal representative is otherwise not present and available a healthcare provider can, in the exercise of professional judgment, share information with another individual based on their knowledge of that individual's involvement in the patient's care. For example, a friend or family member who has been at the patient's bedside or accompanied the patient to clinical visits consistently and has been assisting in care the provider may disclose necessary information to the individual for care and treatment purposes.

3. Is it permissible for a patient or their personal representative to participate in patient rounds?

Absolutely, providing that the care and treatment of other patients is not discussed with the patient or their personal representative present.

4. Can patient information be maintained at the bedside?

Yes, as long as reasonable measures are taken to minimize the chance that someone not otherwise entitled to the information could access it readily. Examples of such safeguards entail simply having a cover sheet over the front of a clipboard or keeping a medical record out of plain view and in a drawer at the bedside. This does not mean that patients or their personal representatives cannot access and view the information but rather refers to others who have no relationship to the patient.

Call Leola Rodgers at 464-4237 or via e-mail at rodgerl@upstate.edu for questions regarding University Hospital's Patient and Family Centered Care Initiative. Contact the SUNY Upstate Medical University Institutional Privacy Administrator, Cindy Nappa, at 464-6135 or nappac@upstate.edu for questions related to patient privacy.



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an impact in terms of improving public health in the future.”

The obesity epidemic has been making headlines for years, authors note, and strides have been made to address the problem. Schools are serving healthier meals, health insurers are offering price reductions to members who exercise, and cities are being designed so that residents can leave their cars at home and safely traverse trails and paths.

But more needs to be done, physicians say, including further research on how to prevent metabolic syndrome. Dr. Weinstock says physicians agree that treatment should be aggressive and urge patients to modify their lifestyles to include weight loss, physical activity and a healthy diet. Medications are important in treating risk factors such as

diabetes and high blood pressure.

Another important component is informing the public that becoming obese can bring serious health problems, Dr. Weinstock says. Ultimately, helping prevent people from becoming obese is the top goal for physicians and other health officials, she says, especially because maintaining weight loss is the toughest challenge for people who are obese.

A peer-review journal, Mayo Clinic Proceedings publishes original articles and reviews dealing with clinical and laboratory medicine, clinical research, basic science research and clinical epidemiology.

C O N F E R E N C E S , W O R K S H O P S , S E M I N A R S

Free HealthLink Seminars are open to all. To register, call Health connections at 464-8668 or register via www.upstate.edu/healthlink.

To register for free Nursing Forums, call 800-464-8668 or visit www.universityhospital.org/healthlink.

To register for workshops, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/hr/training/form.shtml>

Jan. 9, 16, 23, 25, 30. Noon to 1 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool. Same dates, 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking For Good and For Free." Participants will receive a personalized quit plan and learn about nicotine-replacement therapy options, the New York State Smoker's Quitline and maintenance and relapse prevention techniques.

Jan. 9. 6 to 8 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Free Nursing Forum. "What's Love Got To Do With It?" will define the issues of palliative care as they relate to ethical decision-making and the law. The forum will describe the needs and concerns of families throughout the course of a child's life-threatening illness and the changes in goal-setting based upon changing patient needs.

Jan. 10. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip Street, Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Care of the Upper Spine and Neck" will cover cervical spine and related arm pain and conservative treatments available as well as surgical options. Advances in cervical spine surgery will also be discussed.

Jan. 10. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Herbal Remedies: Guidelines for Choosing Wisely" will offer an overview of commonly used herbals including efficiency data, safety data and other pertinent issues.

Jan. 10. 6 to 7 p.m. North Syracuse Library, Trolley Barn Lane, (near S. Bay Road and Church Street.)

HealthLink Seminar. "Choosing Dr. Right" will help participants choose the right professional to help them learn the most and make the best decisions about their condition.

Jan. 11. 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

Workshop. "Tracker Training," will give the participant a working knowledge of the Tracker educational Oracle database. The course involves hands-on simulations as well as time for individual questions.

Jan. 16 (8:30 to 10:30 a.m.) and Jan. 22 (1:30 to 3:30 p.m.) 6500 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Charge Description Master (CDM)" training for managers will explain the CDM process and policy, including annual review and update requirements; how the add, delete or revise existing CDMs; and how CDMs impact hospital charging, billing and revenue.

Jan. 17. 6 to 7 p.m. North Syracuse Library, Trolley Barn Lane, (near S. Bay Road and Church Street.)

HealthLink Seminar. "Walking and Heart Health: The Ultimate Two for One Deal" will discuss the American Heart Association's new campaign to get people walking.

Jan. 18. 9 a.m. to noon. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "Healthcare Diversity Management," explores the historical context for understanding diversity and looks at the legal, moral, and business cases for valuing diversity in a healthcare environment. Best practices are identified and staff competencies are generated at the conclusion of the course.

Jan. 19. 9 a.m. to noon. 1328b University Hospital.

Workshop. "If Disney Ran Your Hospital: Customer Service," will focus on the need to create customer experiences and reframing to think about the perception of customers. Department teams welcome.

Jan. 22. 6 to 7 p.m. North Syracuse Library, Trolley Barn Lane, (near S. Bay Road and Church Street.)

HealthLink Seminar. "Planning Ahead With a Health Care Proxy" will address the ethical, legal and practice issues surrounding planning for decisions near the end of life.

Jan. 24. 10 to 11 a.m. 1541 University Hospital.

Workshop. "Computer Skills for PSLs," open to any level of computer ability, will teach GroupWise, Microsoft Word, and Internet skills. PSLs have first consideration, but all are welcome. Evening classes can be arranged, by calling 464-4407.

Jan. 25. 9 to 11 a.m. 205 Jacobsen Hall.

Workshop. "What Every Supervisor Needs To Know About Employee Absences" covers the Family and Medical Leave Act, and teaches how to report work-related injuries or illnesses, addresses contractual and legal constraints and attendance counseling/discipline.

Jan. 25. 6 to 7 p.m. North Syracuse Library, Trolley Barn Lane, (near S. Bay Road and Church Street.)

HealthLink Seminar. "So, You Want to Begin Exercising? Now What?" will teach the benefits of exercise and ways to exercise to reap the greatest rewards. Practical suggestions and specific exercises will be demonstrated and practiced.

Jan. 31. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, Tulip Street, Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Common Thyroid Disorders" will offer an overview and general descriptions and treatments of thyroid disorders such as hypothyroidism, hyperthyroidism and thyroid nodules.

APPOINTMENTS

Nakeia Chambers has been appointed as a student admissions officer for the Office of Student Admissions, concentrating on the recruitment of African American, Latino and Native American applicants to the colleges of Graduate Studies, Health Professions, Medicine and Nursing. Chambers holds a bachelor's degree in journalism and a master's degree in counseling from St. Bonaventure University. She was a multicultural recruitment coordinator at Messiah College in Pennsylvania prior to joining SUNY Upstate.

Robert Marzella has been promoted to the position of associate administrator for planning and operations improvement for University Hospital. In this role, Marzella will remain responsible for the hospital's performance improvement and strategic planning activities and will work with Janice Ross, associate administrator, in construction and shared services. Marzella's new office is located at 512 Jacobsen Hall. His telephone number is 464-4202.

The Rev. Betsy Spaulding, MDIV, MBA, an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister who trained at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, has joined the Center for Spiritual Care as weekend pediatric chaplain to strengthen the continuity of spiritual care provided by full-time pediatric chaplain, the Rev. Louise Shepard, M.ED, M.TS, CT. Rev.

Spaulding will be on Saturday and Sundays to provide spiritual care visits with patients and families on inpatient pediatric units. Rev. Spaulding can be reached at 464-1400 or 464-4687. Her position is funded through a grant from the Children's Miracle Network (CMN) through proceeds from the 2006 CMN Father-Daughter Ball.

Members of the Pharmacy Department made presentations at the national meeting of the American Society of Health System Pharmacists, held Dec. 3 through 6 in Anaheim. Presenters were **Roy Guharoy, PharmD; William Darko, PharmD; Adrienne Smith, PharmD; Bruce Stalder, RPH; James Zahra, RPH; Luke Probst, PharmD; Paul Lipinoga, RPH; Travis Boevin, PharmD; Sarabeth Baxter, PharmD; Kristyn Churmusi PharmD;** and **Amu Gutowski, PharmD.** The meeting was attended by 18,000 pharmacists from academic and non-academic medical centers.

The **Department of Pathology** was among the top 15 percent of institutions worldwide to submit first-authored scientific abstracts that were peer-reviewed by experts and accepted for presentation at the 2007 annual meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology Inc., (USCAP) held in San Diego. Approximately 330 medical school programs and academic institutions submitted scientific abstracts for consideration. The abstracts were published in the January issues of

Modern Pathology and *Laboratory Investigation*, and online with *Nature Publishing Group* (NPO) and the USCAP website.

The CNY Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) presented plaques to **Jeremy Shefner, MD, PhD,** professor and chair of the Department of Neurology, and **Carl Crosley, MD,** professor of neurology/pediatric neurology, for their dedication to adult and pediatric patients with muscular dystrophy and ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, at the MDA's annual ball, held Nov. 10 at DeWitt's Wyndham Hotel.

Joan O'Brien, chair of Radiation Therapy and associate dean of the College of Health Professions was one of 12 educators nationwide selected to participate in the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions (ASAHP) Leadership Development Program for 2007.

Anna-Luise Katzenstein, MD, professor of pathology, presented lectures at a meeting of the Kansas City Society of Pathology, held Nov. 3 in Kansas City, Mo. She co-authored an article about immunohistochemical markers in the diagnosis of papillary thyroid carcinoma in *Modern Pathology*, (19:1631, 2006). Co-authors are **Michel Nasr, MD, Sanjay Mukhopadhyay, MD,** and **Shengle Zhang, MD.**

SUNY Upstate to conduct hospital and campus employee surveys

SUNY Upstate Medical University will conduct surveys for hospital and campus employees beginning the week of Jan. 8.

Data gathered by both the hospital and campus surveys will be instrumental in prioritizing areas of improvement for SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Press-Ganey Associates Inc. will facilitate the hospital survey that will

be mailed to the homes of hospital employees. Hospital employees will also have the option of completing the survey via the internet. The internet address will be included in the Press-Ganey mailing.

The campus survey will be conducted using Zoomerang on-line service that ensures confidentiality of responses. Specific information on this process will be mailed to campus

employees. Paper copies for the campus survey will be available for employees who do not have internet access through SUNY Upstate's Department of Human Resources-Organizational Training and Development.

For questions regarding either of these surveys, contact Eric Frost at 464-4942 or Barb Riggall at 464-4964.

Wednesday, Dec. 27

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Hootan Zandifar, MD. 7 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. "Is There a Down Side to Lock Plating?" Andrew Grose, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

***Rev. Weez's Storytime.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Thursday, Dec. 28

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

***Weekly Devotions.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Friday, Dec. 29

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Assisted Reproductive Technologies." Francis Shue, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

Clinical Hands-On Practice Orientation (CHOP). Noon to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

***Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Saturday, Dec. 30

***Mass.** 4 p.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Sunday, Dec. 31

***Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Monday, Jan. 1

***Mass.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting. 3:30 p.m. 2N, University Hospital.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

Workshop. "I Don't Have Time to Come to the Library. Finding Those Elusive E-Journals." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Jeff Nelson, MD. 7 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Diabetic Amyotrophy: New Insights Into Pathophysiology and Treatment." Jianxin Ma, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Minimally Invasive Surgery: Past, Present and Future." Taewan Kim, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. Maria Iannolo, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "The Importance of Herd Immunity: Lessons from the 2006 Mumps Outbreak and Endemic Pertussis." Joseph Domachowske, MD, Upstate Medical University. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

***Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 12/27 listing.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds. 4 to 5:15 p.m. 5299 Wsk. Hall.

Burn Survivors Support Group. 5 to 7 p.m. 6551 University Hospital.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Medical Grand Rounds. Dana Savici, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8:30

a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

***Weekly Devotions.** See 12/28 listing.

Friday, Jan. 5

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. Robert Hays, MD, Memorial Lecture. "Ethical and Practical Dilemmas Associated with Embryo Cryopreservation." Edward Wallach, MD, John Hopkins University School of Medicine. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

***Mass.** See 12/29 listing.

Saturday, Jan. 6

***Mass.** See 12/30 listing.

Sunday, Jan. 7

***Mass.** See 12/31 listing.

Monday, Jan. 8

***Mass.** See 1/1 listing.

Spiritual Fitness Group Meeting. See 1/1 listing.

Career Advisory Dinner. 6 to 8 p.m. Ninth Floor Dining Room, Wsk. Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

Weight Watchers-At-Work. Weigh-in: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meeting: Noon. 5303 Wsk. Hall. Call 464-9017 for more information.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good and For Free." Noon to 1 p.m. Liverpool Library, Tulip Street, Liverpool.

Workshop. "Finding Evidence-based Information." Noon to 1 p.m. 220 Health Sciences Library.

Sandra Lazzaro Retirement Reception. 2 to 4 p.m. 1403 University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. Madhuchhanda Choudhary, MD. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physicians Office Building.

Vascular Conference. 5 p.m. 8800 University Hospital.

Nursing Forum. "What's Love Got To Do With It?" Sharon Bauer, RN, and Christine Dwyer, PNP, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 8 p.m. HealthLink,

ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt. Free CEUs.

HealthLink Seminar. "Quit Smoking for Good and For Free." 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. Timothy Minton, MD. 7 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Surgery Morbidity/Mortality Conference. 7 to 8 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 7 a.m. Wsk. Hall Auditorium.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Botox in Neurology." Moshin Ali, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. Marley Education Ctr.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. Jaison James, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. 9:15 a.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds. "Triaging Ethical Principles in Emergencies: the Case of polyHeme." Kathy Faber-Langendoen, MD, Upstate Medical University. 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. 3105 Wsk. Hall.

***Rev. Weez's Storytime.** See 12/27 listing.

NIH Wednesday Afternoon Lecture Series. Tom Silhavy, PhD. 3 p.m. 318 Health Sciences Library, Wsk. Hall.

Undergraduate Student Council Meeting. 5:30 p.m. West Lounge, C.A.B.

Graduate Student Council Meeting. 6 p.m. 115 C.A.B.

HealthLink Seminar. "Care of the Upper Spine and Neck." Amir Fayyazi, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, Tulip Street, Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. "Herbal Remedies: Guidelines for Choosing Wisely." Adrienne Smith, PharmD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink,

ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. "Choosing Dr. Right." Trisha Torrey, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. North Syracuse Library, Trolley Barn Lane, North Syracuse.

Thursday, Jan. 11

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Medical Grand Rounds. Robert Simms, MD, Boston University School of Medicine. 8:30 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Workshop. "Tracker Training." 9 to 11 a.m. Room D, Institute for Human Performance.

***Weekly Devotions.** See 12/28 listing.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. Ron Leifer, MD. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Friday, Jan. 12

SUNY Upstate New Employee Orientation. 7 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "What You Must Know About Interventional Radiology and Women's Health." Stuart J. Singer, MD, Crouse Hospital. 7:30 a.m. Marley Education Center.

Clinical Hands-On Practice Orientation (CHOP). See 12/29 listing.

***Mass.** See 12/29 listing.

Nursing Grand Rounds. "State of Palliative Care at University Hospital: Current Trends and Findings." Pat Knox, RN, FNP, MSN; Joyce Baker, RN, MSN; Sharon Bauer, RN, BBA-HCM, Upstate Medical University. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 6500 University Hospital.

Saturday, Jan. 13

***Mass.** See 12/30 listing.

Sunday, Jan. 14

***Mass.** See 12/31 listing.



Photograph by: William Mueller

Looking at the toy selection are, from left, Zanette Howe, Leah Caldwell, Rebecca Cerio and Maxine Thompson. All are members of SUNY Upstate's Council for Employee Volunteerism.

SUNY Upstate celebrates season of giving



The SUNY Upstate Medical University community embraced the holiday spirit by collecting more than 1,000 toys for area needy families. Between Nov. 17 and Dec. 15, SUNY Upstate participated in a New Toy Drive sponsored by

the United Way and the Salvation Army, with support from the Old Newsboys and the local U.S. Marine Corp Reserve. The toys were distributed by the Salvation Army's Christmas Bureau Food and Gift Distribution Dec. 22.

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