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Upstate signs agreement with JCC on North Country educational programs

Representatives from Upstate Medical University and Jefferson Community College (JCC) formally signed a memorandum of understanding Jan. 28 making Upstate the third official partner institution in JCC's Higher Education Center initiative.

The initiative provides increased access to bachelor's, master's and professional certifications for residents in the North Country region. Higher Education Center partners provide collaborative educational offerings to benefit the region's workforce and economic development.

"Dr. Smith and Upstate Medical University have long been supporters of the higher education center concept," said Carole A. McCoy, president of JCC. "They recognized the critical shortage of nurses, physicians and other healthcare professionals in the Jefferson County area and the need for advanced

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Photograph by Dan Hurley

Signing the memorandum of understanding are, front row, Upstate Presidents David R. Smith, MD, and JCC President Carole McCoy; back row, from left, Craig D. Johnson, JCC vice president for Community Engagement; Linda Dittrich, dean for the Science Division; and Edward J. Knapp, vice

president for Academic Affairs. Also attending was Daniel Hurley, assistant vice president for Government and Community Relations at Upstate; and Jill M. Bettinger, dean for the Continuing Education Division at JCC.

Newest generation of radiosurgical tools added to Gamma Knife Center

The Upstate Gamma Knife Center at Upstate University Hospital has upgraded its technology to include the newest generation of radiosurgical tools—the Leksell Gamma Knife Perfexion system.

The system offers greater comfort, improved radiation protection, less recovery time and more precise treatment for University Hospital patients who have metastases or other diseases in the head and neck region. The system gives clinicians the ability to treat multiple lesions in the brain in a single

treatment.

"We can treat multiple targets much faster and with unprecedented conformity," said Gregory Canute, MD, associate professor of neurosurgery at Upstate Medical University.

The Perfexion gives clinicians unlimited cranial access and has the potential to treat a broader array of conditions than was possible with the original—and highly effective Gamma Knife—which was installed at the Gamma Knife Center in 1998.

The Perfexion is fully automated.

Benefits of the system include faster set-up and treatment delivery to one or more tumors in a single session, and the potential to treat select lesions in the paranasal sinuses, orbits and upper cervical spine, paraspinal metastases and laryngeal tumors.

The system directs 192 precise beams of radiation at the target. Strong doses of radiation are released at the exact point where the beams converge, however, before they converge, the individual beams are weak and do not

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

A Service of Remembrance and Celebration of the Life of Robert B. Barlow, PhD, will be held Feb. 5, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Ninth Floor Auditorium of Weiskotten Hall. A reception will follow the service. Dr. Barlow, professor of ophthalmology at Upstate Medical University and an award winning, internationally known vision scientist, died Dec. 24. To offer a remembrance of Dr. Barlow online, visit <http://www.upstate.edu/barlow>.

The Eighth Annual Father Daughter Valentine Ball will be held Feb. 9, from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Empire Room at the New York State Fairgrounds. The event is presented by Eastside Vineyard Church to benefit pediatric cancer services at the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. The ball is open to girls 3 years and older and their fathers or special man in their lives. The evening includes dancing, entertainment, magicians, gift bag, cookies and soft drink and a silent auction. Special patron activities will be offered during the event for an additional fee. For fee information or to register, visit eastsidevineyardchurch.org/valentineball. For more information or for credit card reservations only, call 464-4416.

The Third Annual "Have a Heart and Give a Can" drive will be held Feb. 10 and 11, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the second floor lobby at University Hospital. The drive, sponsored by Nursing Recruitment, Retention and Recognition, will benefit the Food Pantry on North Salina Street in Syracuse.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine Grand Rounds will be held Feb. 10, from 4 to 5 p.m. in 2231 Weiskotten Hall. Drs. Sandra Lane and LynnBeth Satterly will discuss providing students with real life opportunities in the Amaus Health Clinic, where public health and medical needs of the underinsured are provided. For more information, e-mail paikinc@upstate.edu.

A representative from the New York State Deferred Compensation Plan will be on campus Feb. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside University Hospital's Café 750. John Pisani will be available to meet with state employees who have questions or are interested in finding out more about this supplemental retirement savings plan.

The New York State Deferred Compensation Plan {457b} is a voluntary retirement savings program that permits New York state employees to defer income taxes on their compensation while working. Eligible employees may make bi-weekly contributions on a pre-taxed basis between \$16,500 to \$22,000 per calendar year. There are no employer contributions and employees select the investment provider(s) with low investment and management fees. For more information, visit www.nysdcp.com, call the Plan's HELPLINE at 1-800-422-8463 or call Upstate's Human Resources Benefits Office at 464-4946.

"The Psychiatric Patient: Nursing Care Issues" will be presented by Karen Hirschman, MS, RN, C, PSM, of inpatient psychiatry, Feb. 17, from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 103 Weiskotten Hall. The Upstate community is welcome; registration is not required. 1.0 contact hour will be awarded by the ICNE. For information, contact Ellen Albanese at 464-9443 or albanese@upstate.edu.

Mae Lankes, an Upstate physical therapy doctoral student and marrow donor, and Paula Miller, regional recruiter for the national marrow donor program, will talk about how and why to be a match at "Be the Match: Marrow Donor Talk and Drive," an activity of Black History Month, Feb. 17, at noon in the Ninth Floor Auditorium of Weiskotten Hall. Attendees will have the opportunity to join the national marrow donor registry.

Parents and professionals will learn of a practical strategies system to help educa-

tors understand how and when to implement an instructional program for young children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) at a community education day Feb. 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Syracuse University Hotel and Conference Center, 801 University Ave., Syracuse. The education day, "Autism Spectrum Disorder: Developing a Comprehensive Program for Young Children," is open to parents and professionals who work on behalf of children with ASD and other communication and social challenges. Registration deadline for the education day is Feb. 22. For registration fees or more information, call 464-8668 or toll free at 1-800-464-8668.

The Occupational Health Clinical Center of Upstate Medical University will sponsor free health clinics for hotel housekeepers Feb. 18, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, featuring special guest Geovanny Treviño, an expert on workers' job rights; and March 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at The Spa at 500, 500 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse. For more information about the health clinics, call 432-8899, ext. 27.

The inpatient orthopedic surgical unit has moved from 7A of the north wing to 6B/6C of the north wing. The new unit will be referred to as 6L and will feature 30 beds and 8 telemetry beds; telemetry begins Feb. 17. For information, email bennettb@upstate.edu.

University Hospital has returned to its regular visiting policy. Restrictions were instituted over the past couple of months to protect patients, staff and the hospital community during the H1N1 flu season.

NYS and Research Foundation (RF) employees who contributed to a Flex Spending Account (FSA) in 2009 must submit unpaid claims on or by March 31 for all qualifying expenses incurred by Dec. 31, 2009. Individuals who fail

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Teen finds treatment for rare disease at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital

At around the age of 12, Charley Hill had begun to experience headaches, dizziness, nausea, balance issues, facial twitches and numbness. Doctors initially attributed her problems to a slew of possibilities, including a chemical or hormonal imbalance, body changes, vision problems— even food allergies.

As her symptoms progressed, Charley underwent several medical tests, all leading to no conclusive diagnosis. Charley and her family lived with her condition until one day at school, at the age of 14, she couldn't speak, proving to be the final straw for a school nurse who watched Charley's symptoms worsen over the course of two years.

"The nurse ordered a CT scan for Charley at Watertown's Samaritan Hospital," said her mom, Karen Harris. "The scan showed broken blood vessels on one side of her brain and vessels completely closed on the other side. It appeared that Charley had been suffering mini-strokes."

Charley's pediatrician immediately referred her to the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital and to its director of pediatric neurosurgery—Zulma Tovar Spinoza, MD, who had just joined the ranks of the world-class pediatric experts at the children's hospital. With the help of cerebral angiography, Dr. Tovar Spinoza diagnosed Charley as having Moyamoya disease, a rare disorder of blood vessels in the brain known as internal carotid arteries. "Finally, we knew what was wrong with Charley and that we could move forward to treat her," said Karen Harris.

The cause of Moyamoya disease is unknown and there is no cure. Treatment of Moyamoya in children requires the surgical skills of highly trained neurosurgeons with technical expertise in cerebrovascular/microvascular neurosurgery. The Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital has on faculty two such surgeons—Dr. Tovar Spinoza and Dr. Eric M. Deshaies.

"In the past, pediatric Moyamoya patients were typically transferred to other major centers for treatment," said



Photograph by Richard Whelsky

Charley Hill, second from right, poses with, from left, her mom, Karen Harris, Dr. Zulma Tovar Spinoza and Dr. Eric Deshaies.

Thomas Welch, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Pediatrics at Upstate Medical University and medical director of Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. "However, combining their unique skills into a team approach, Drs. Tovar Spinoza and Deshaies were able to successfully perform the delicate microsurgery required to treat the first pediatric Moyamoya patient at Upstate. With the recruitment of these two neurosurgeons, both adult and pediatric patients with Moyamoya disease across the region can be treated at Upstate Medical University."

"Dr. Tovar Spinoza was amazing," said Karen Harris. "Talking to her about the diagnosis was comforting. She and Dr. Deshaies talk to you, not at you. They told us they had a plan."

Charley underwent a nine-hour operation to repair both sides of her brain. "Her surgery entailed a myopial-synangiosis, or placement of the scalp artery in the temple onto the surface of the brain using an operating microscope," said Dr. Tovar Spinoza. "This surgical treatment induces new vessel formation in the areas of the brain that are losing the native vessels to the disease process."

Follow-up treatment for Moyamoya is symptomatic and supportive. Certain medications can be very helpful to control the symptoms. For the rest of her life, Charley will require daily aspirin

therapy to prevent vascular thrombosis, and a daily dose of Keppra, an anticonvulsant medication. She will also need to limit her physical activities and will require continued, highly specialized follow-up care at the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Charley's condition has forever changed her life and the lives of her supportive family members, mom Karen; stepdad, Curtis Harris; brothers Jermari, Brandon and Hassan; and sisters, Tierra and Capri. "Without Dr. Tovar Spinoza's diagnosis and without the surgery, medication and the aspirin therapy, Charley could have died," said Karen Harris. "There are certain things that come with this disease that she will never be able to do—she can't ride a bike, run, jump or skip. But, she can still have a beautiful life, play with her friends, walk the mall or go to the movies. She's our beautiful daughter and we are very grateful that she is with us today."

And as for Charley, she's living for today and for a wonderful future. "I knew that I would be o.k. because my grandma, Emma, gave me angel figurines to take with me into surgery and they were the first things that I saw when I woke up," said Charley. Looking toward the future, Charley adds "My mom says that I'm really funny. I want to be an actress or a comedian when I get older. I'm just glad that I'm getting better."

Gamma Knife Perfexion—*from page 1*
damage the brain tissue.

The Perfexion is especially suitable for treating intracranial lesions such as: metastatic brain tumors, arteriovenous malformations; deep-seated intracranial tumors; meningiomas; neoplasms; partially resected tumors; pituitary tumors; trigeminal neuralgia; vascular malformations; skull-based tumors; glomus jugulare; and optic melanoma.

Treatment by the Gamma Knife Perfexion system is performed as an outpatient procedure. Patients may be lightly sedated but are awake

throughout the procedure. They go home the same day and often return to work the next day. All follow-up studies and treatment plans are performed in conjunction with the patient's physician.

More than 100 patients at University Hospital have been treated by the system since it was offered in the Gamma Knife Center in June of 2009.

For more information about the Gamma Knife Perfexion, go to <http://www.upstate.edu/uh/gamma> or e-mail GAMMA@upstate.edu.

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education programs for those currently working in the field. Dr. Smith has been a leader and proponent of this initiative since day one. I'm so pleased to formalize an agreement that has been in the works and in fact, has already been implemented, in Watertown."

Initially, Upstate will offer four programs on JCC's campus in Watertown: a master of science degree in family health nurse practitioner, a master of science degree in family mental health nurse practitioner, a bachelor of science degree in respiratory therapy, and a bachelor of science degree in medical technology. Classes for both master's programs began in the Fall 2009 semester and enrollment continues for Summer and Fall 2010 start dates.

Applications for Fall 2010 will be accepted until April 1. There are currently seven students enrolled between the two programs. Designed for the working adult, both programs are offered as part-time study with two courses each semester and approximately four years to degree completion.

Student recruitment has begun for both the respiratory therapy and medical technology degree programs with an estimated start date for both in Fall 2010 and 2011 semesters. Pre-requisite coursework is available at JCC

for those who do not possess sufficient transfer credit. Both bachelor's programs are full-time study with degree completion possible in two years.

The partnership between JCC and Upstate Medical University will have a direct impact on the North County medical community's ability to serve the needs of the region.

A comprehensive needs assessment undertaken by the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) identified that the single greatest limiting factor in the delivery of quality healthcare is a critical shortage of healthcare professionals and a lack of educational pathways to support local workers in health occupations.

"The link between our two campuses is not new," said Upstate President David R. Smith, MD. "For years, Jefferson students have been among our very best recruits. This agreement allows us to expand that relationship in ways that help the region and support the healthcare needs of the next generation. We are very proud to 'co-brand' our campuses and look forward to a long and productive relationship with Jefferson Community College."

Upstate continues to work with many partners in the Watertown, Fort Drum, and North Country region to establish a full branch campus for its

College of Medicine. While a medical school branch campus would oversee students in the region's healthcare facilities, the Higher Education Center will provide a home for student and administrative support resources.

SUNY Upstate Medical University joins Paul Smith's College and SUNY Potsdam as official higher education center partners with office and teaching space on the Jefferson campus, providing, along with Jefferson, classes and integrated academic services for adult learners in the community. Partners in the Higher Education Center initiative will be located in the Extended Learning Center (previously referred to as the "modular" building) on campus as an interim location before a permanent facility is built. Long range strategic and facilities plans include the construction of a more comprehensive and community oriented Higher Education Center on campus.

For additional information about programs offered in Watertown by Upstate Medical University, email admiss@upstate.edu, visit www.upstate.edu or call 800-736-2171.

Prospective students can also learn more about the Watertown programs at an open house on March 27 from 8:45 a.m. to noon in Weiskotten Hall, 766 Irving Ave., on Upstate's campus in Syracuse.

Two events planned to celebrate 25th Annual Elizabeth Blackwell Day

N. Lynn Eckhart, MD, MPH, DrPH, author of “A Lady Alone: Elizabeth Blackwell, First American Woman Doctor,” will present the 25th Annual Elizabeth Blackwell Day Lecture, titled “Global Health: Progress, Priorities and Pitfalls” Feb. 9, at noon in the Ninth Floor Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. The lecture is co-sponsored by Upstate Medical University’s Global Health Lecture Series. Lunch will be provided.

Dr. Eckhart, a pediatrician, is professor of family medicine and community health, professor in the Graduate School of Nursing and adjunct professor in public health at the University of Massachusetts Medical School and a senior lecturer in Population Health at Harvard Medical School. Her lecture will address the changing trends in global health and its impact on U.S. academic health centers

in providing health around the world.

A play depicting Dr. Eckhart’s book will be presented Feb. 10, at noon in the Medical Alumni Auditorium in Weiskotten Hall. Linda Gray Kelley will portray Dr. Blackwell.

A meet and greet reception for Dr. Eckhart and lunch will be held following the play. The lecture, play and lunch are free and open to the public.

Dr. Blackwell graduated in 1849 from what is now SUNY Upstate Medical University.

Elizabeth Blackwell Day is sponsored by Upstate’s Office of the President, the Upstate Medical Alumni Association, the Dean’s Office, the office of the Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Faculty Development and Women in Medicine at Upstate Medical University.



N. Lynn Eckhart

LECTURES, SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

Register for workshops and Webcasts at www3.upstate.edu/hr/training. Click Management Development.

HealthLink Seminars are free, unless otherwise noted, and are open to all. Call Upstate Direct at 464-8668 or visit upstate.edu/healthlink to register.

Feb. 8. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. “Surgical Solutions for Weight Loss” explores a weight lost option from the accredited Bariatric Surgery Center at Upstate Medical University.

Feb. 10. 6 to 7 p.m. Oasis/HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. “New Concepts in Addiction Treatment” discusses new thoughts on how to effectively manage addiction, and the Psychiatric Pain Consultation Program, Outpatient Psychiatric Detox, Emergency Department consultation and Ward Consultation at Upstate Medical University.

Feb. 11. 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Workshop. “Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (full course)” promotes the Care, Welfare, Safety and Security model for staff and those in their care.

Feb. 11. 6 to 7 p.m. Oasis/HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

HealthLink Seminar. “Carotid Artery Disease: Are You at Risk for a Stroke?” discusses the diagnosis and treatment of carotid artery disease including medical, surgical and endovascular therapy options.

Feb. 19. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dunbar Center, 1453 S. State St., Syracuse.

HealthLink Seminar. “Getting Started with Exercise” discusses how to get started on a program, the types of exercise, how much and how long to stay on a program and strategies to maintain the program.

Feb. 22. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

HealthLink Seminar. “How Can I Stop this Heart from Breaking?” discusses the signs and symptoms of a heart attack, how they differ in males and females and what to do to improve the chance for survival.

Feb. 24. 6 to 7 p.m. Magnarelli Community Center, McChesney Park, 2300 Grant Blvd., Syracuse.

HealthLink Seminar. “Exercising with Arthritis: Yes, You Can!” teaches ways to exercise despite arthritis pain and how to achieve optimum benefits that may improve that pain.

Feb. 25. 6 to 7 p.m. Joslin Diabetes Center, 3229 E. Genesee St.

HealthLink Seminar. “Preparing for College When You Have Diabetes” explores how high school students with diabetes and their families can prepare now for college.

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Rectal Cancer Update." Jiri Bem, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Neuroscience Grand Rounds. "Parasomnia Overlap Disorder: A Variant of REM Sleep Behavior Disorder." Antonio Culebras, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. Danielle Katz, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Eosinophilic Esophagitis: From Bedside to Bench." Christopher Justinich, MD, Kingston General Hospital. 8 to 9:15 a.m. Kinney Drugs Performance Center, Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

• **Rev. Weez and Friends Storytime.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Webinar. "Physical Environment Compliance 2010: The Joint Commission's Latest Interpretations and Survey Hotspots." 1 to 2:30 pm. 1307D, University Hospital.

Spiritual Care Grand Rounds. 4 to 5:15 p.m. First Floor Conference Room, Setnor Academic Bldg.

College of Medicine Phonathon. Dinner: 6 p.m. Calling: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

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

Thursday, Feb. 4

New Employee Orientation. 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. East

Lounge, C.A.B.

Weight Watchers at Work. Weigh-in: 7:15 to 7:30 a.m. and 8 to 8:15 a.m. Meeting: 7:30 to 8 a.m. Small cafeteria, University Hospital.

Medicine Power Rounds. "The Prodromal Parkinson's Disease: Raising the Index of Suspicion." Dragos Mihaila, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:15 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Oasis/ HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Chaplain Intern Interfaith Devotions. Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Psychiatry Meeting for Full-time Faculty. 12:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

Webinar. "Health Literacy: Using a Self-assessment Tool to Guide Quality Improvement in Primary Care." 3 to 4:15 p.m. 1307D University Hospital.

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

Friday, Feb. 5

New Employee Orientation. 7:30 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. "Amniotic Fluid Embolism Syndrome." John J. Folk, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Sulzle Aud., Marley Educ. Ctr.

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

• **Sabbath Service.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

• **Ju'mah Islamic Service.** 1:15 p.m. Chapel, Crouse Hospital.

Service of Remembrance and Celebration of the Life of Robert B. Barlow, PhD. 3 to 4 p.m. Ninth floor auditorium, Wsk. Hall.

Film. "Twilight Saga: New Moon." Rated PG-13.

7:30 p.m. 103 Wsk. Hall. Free with Upstate ID. Guests: \$2.

Saturday, Feb. 6

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

Film. See 2/5 listing.

Sunday, Feb. 7

Healthlink on Air. 9 to 10 a.m. WSYR-570AM.

• **Christian Ecumenical Worship.** 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

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

Monday, Feb. 8

Vocera Training Class. 7:30 to 9 a.m.; 9:30 to 11 a.m.; noon to 1:30 p.m.; 2 to 3:30 p.m. E8405B University Hospital. E-mail Hawkins@upstate.edu with questions.

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

Yoga Class. 5 to 6:15 p.m. East Lounge, C.A.B.

HealthLink Seminar. "Surgical Solutions for Weight Loss." Casey Hammerle, MS, RN, CBS, and Denise Smith, MBA, RN, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. Liverpool Library, 310 Tulip St., Liverpool.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

Elizabeth Blackwell, MD, Day Lecture. "Global Health: Progress, Priorities and Pitfalls." N. Lynn Eckhert, MD, MPH, DrPH. Noon. Ninth Floor Auditorium, Wsk. Hall.

• **Weekly Ecumenical Prayer Service.** Noon. Interfaith Chapel, University Hospital.

Spiritual Fitness. 3 p.m. 2N, PM & R Dayroom, University Hospital.

Infectious Diseases Conference. Madhuchhanda Choudhary, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician's Office Bldg., Irving Ave.

Eighth Annual Father/Daughter Valentine Ball. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Empire Room, NYS Fairgrounds.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

Computer Systems Training. 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Classroom D, Institute for Human Performance.

Have a Heart and Give a Can Drive. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Second floor lobby, University Hospital.

Surgery Grand Rounds. "Is Type 2 Diabetes a Surgically Treatable Disease." Robert Cooney, MD, Upstate Medical University. 8 to 9 a.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. Daniel DeBottis, MD. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. "Pediatric Update: Cranial Helmets, Hearing Screening, and the Latest Controversy Regarding Management of Jaundice." Robert Hingre, MD, Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. 8 to 9:15 a.m. Kinney Drugs Performance Center, Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital.

Elizabeth Blackwell, MD, Day Play. "A Lady Alone: Elizabeth Blackwell, First American Woman Doctor." Presentations by actress Linda Gray Kelley. Noon. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Meet and Greet Reception with author N. Lynn Eckhert, MD. 1 p.m. Lobby, Setnor Academic Bldg. An activity of Elizabeth Blackwell Day.

• **Rev. Weez and Friends Storytime.** See 2/3 listing.

Public Health and Preventive Medicine Grand Rounds. 4 to

5 p.m. 2231 Wsk. Hall.

HealthLink Seminar. "New Concepts in Addiction Treatment." Brian Johnson, MD, and Marcus DeCarvalho, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Thursday, Feb. 11

Workshop. "Workplace Violence: CPI Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (full course)." 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3509 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Nursing Services Orientation (NSO). 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1328b University Hospital.

Have a Heart and Give a Can Drive. See 2/10 listing.

Smoking Cessation Class (part of a series). Noon to 1 p.m. Oasis/HealthLink, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

Weight Watchers at Work. See 2/4 listing.

Medicine Power Rounds. 7:15 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Chaplain Intern Interfaith Devotions. See 2/4 listing.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. "Recent Advances in Autism Spectrum Disorders." Gregory S. Kiptak, MD, MPH, Upstate Medical University. 2:30 to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

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

HealthLink Seminar. "Carotid Artery Disease: Are You at Risk for a Stroke?" Michael Costanza, MD, Upstate Medical University. 6 to 7 p.m. HealthLink/Oasis, ShoppingTown Mall, DeWitt.

College of Medicine Phonathon. Dinner: 6 p.m. Calling: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

Friday, Feb. 12

Computer Systems Training. See 2/10 listing.

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to submit appropriate receipts for any unused funds by the March deadline date will forfeit such contributions and will not receive reimbursement or credit. Mail or fax the 2009 FSA claims along with receipts as follows: *Note: Mileage reimbursement for 2009 is \$0.24 per mile.

- Claims may be mailed by NYS employees to Fringe Benefits Management Company, P.O. Box 1800 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1800 or fax toll-free to 800-743-3271. To download claim forms or other documents, visit http://flexspend.state.ny.us/2010/forms/hcsa_reimb_form.html (for Health Care Spending) or http://flexspend.state.ny.us/2010/forms/dcaa_reimb_form.html (UDependent Care) or call calling the FSA Hotline at 1-800-358-7202.

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- Claims for RF employees may be mailed to Fringe Benefits Management Company, P.O. Box 1800 Tallahassee, FL 32302-1800 or fax toll-free to 866-440-7145. To download claim forms for both Health Care and Dependent Care, visit http://www.upstate.edu/libproxy2.upstate.edu/hr/intra/document/rf_flex_reimbursement.pdf, or call 1-800-342-8017.

Upstate’s 10th Annual Career Expo will be held March 6, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Institute of Human Performance. Free parking is available behind the building. The career expo is intended for RNs, health professionals and administrative personnel. Interviewing will be available at the expo. For current openings, visit www.upstate.edu. For information on the expo, call 1-800-464-8668.

Upstate’s Volunteer Services and Advocates for Upstate Medical University are now part of the department named PATIENTSfirst, Guest and Volunteer Services.

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Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. “Medicaid Status: A Risk Factor in Pregnancy.” Richard Aubry, MD, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Sulzle Aud., Marley Educ. Ctr.

- **Sabbath Service.** See 2/5 listing.
- **Ju’mah Islamic Service.** See 2/5 listing.

Saturday, Feb. 13

- **Mass.** See 2/6 listing.

Sunday, Feb. 14

- Healthlink on Air.** See 2/7 listing.
- **Christian Ecumenical Worship.** See 2/7 listing.
 - **Mass.** See 2/7 listing.

Webinar. “A Language Assistance Plan: Ensure Your Hospital’s Compliance.” 1 to 2 p.m. E3431 University Hospital. To register, e-mail hydeg@upstate.edu.

Monday, Feb. 15

- **Mass.** See 2/8 listing.

Yoga Class. See 2/8 listing.

College of Medicine Phonathon.

Dinner: 6 p.m. Calling: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Atrium, Setnor Academic Bldg.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

- **Weekly Ecumenical Prayer Service.** See 2/9 listing.

Spiritual Fitness. See 2/9 listing.

Infectious Diseases Conference. Scott Riddell, MD, Upstate Medical University. 4 p.m. 304 Crouse Physician’s Office Bldg., Irving Ave.

Wednesday, Feb. 17

Anesthesiology Grand Rounds. 6:45 to 8 a.m. Medical Alumni Aud., Wsk. Hall.

Otolaryngology Grand Rounds. 7 to 8 a.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

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

Orthopedic Grand Rounds. “Treatment of Distal Tibia Fractures.” Leela Farr, MD. 8 a.m. 3507 Setnor Academic Bldg.

Pediatric Grand Rounds. “Legend of Circulation Theory in the Treatment of Hydrocephalus.” Satish Kristnamurthy, MD, MCh, Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital. 8 to 9:15 a.m. Kinney Drugs Performance Center, Upstate Golisano Children’s Hospital.

New York State Deferred Compensation Plan Information Table. 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Outside Cafe 750, University Hospital.

- **Rev. Weez and Friends Storytime.** See 2/3 listing.

Be the Match: Marrow Donor Talk and Drive. Noon. Ninth Floor Aud.,

Wsk. Hall.

Pathology Grand Rounds. Noon. 6717 University Hospital.

Nursing Grand Rounds. “The Psychiatric Patient: Nursing Care Issues.” Karen Hirschman, MS, RN.C, Upstate Medical University. 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. 103 Wsk. Hall.

Thursday, Feb. 18

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

Weight Watchers at Work. See 2/4 listing.

Medicine Power Rounds. 7:15 a.m. 1159 Wsk. Hall.

Chaplain Intern Interfaith Devotions. See 2/4 listing.

Psychiatry Grand Rounds. “Healthcare Reform 2010.” Dale Tussing, PhD, Syracuse University. Noon to 2 p.m. PBS Bldg., 713 Harrison St.

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

Free Health Clinic for Hotel Housekeepers. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Plymouth Church, 232 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse. Sponsored by the Occupational Health Clinical Center.

Friday, Feb. 19

New Employee Orientation. 7:30 a.m. to noon. East Lounge, C.A.B.

Obstetrics/Gynecology Grand Rounds. “Too Much? Too Little? Fertility in History With Italy as a Case Study.”

Sandra D. Lane, PhD, MPH, Upstate Medical University. 7:30 a.m. Sulzle Aud., Marley Educ. Ctr.

HealthLink Seminar. “Getting Started with Exercise.” Dale Avers, PT, DPT, PhD, Upstate Medical University, and Christopher Abbott, Syracuse Department of Parks, Recreation and Youth Programs. 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dunbar Center, 1453 South State St., Syracuse.

Clinical Hands-on Practice. See 2/5 listing.

- **Sabbath Service.** See 2/5 listing.

- **Ju’mah Islamic Service.** See 2/5 listing.

Comedy Hour with Rob Stapleton. Happy Hour: 5:30 p.m. Performance: 6:15 p.m. Lobby, C.A.B. Admission: \$4. Not appropriate for children under 18.

Saturday, Feb. 20

- **Mass.** See 2/6 listing.

Sunday, Feb. 21

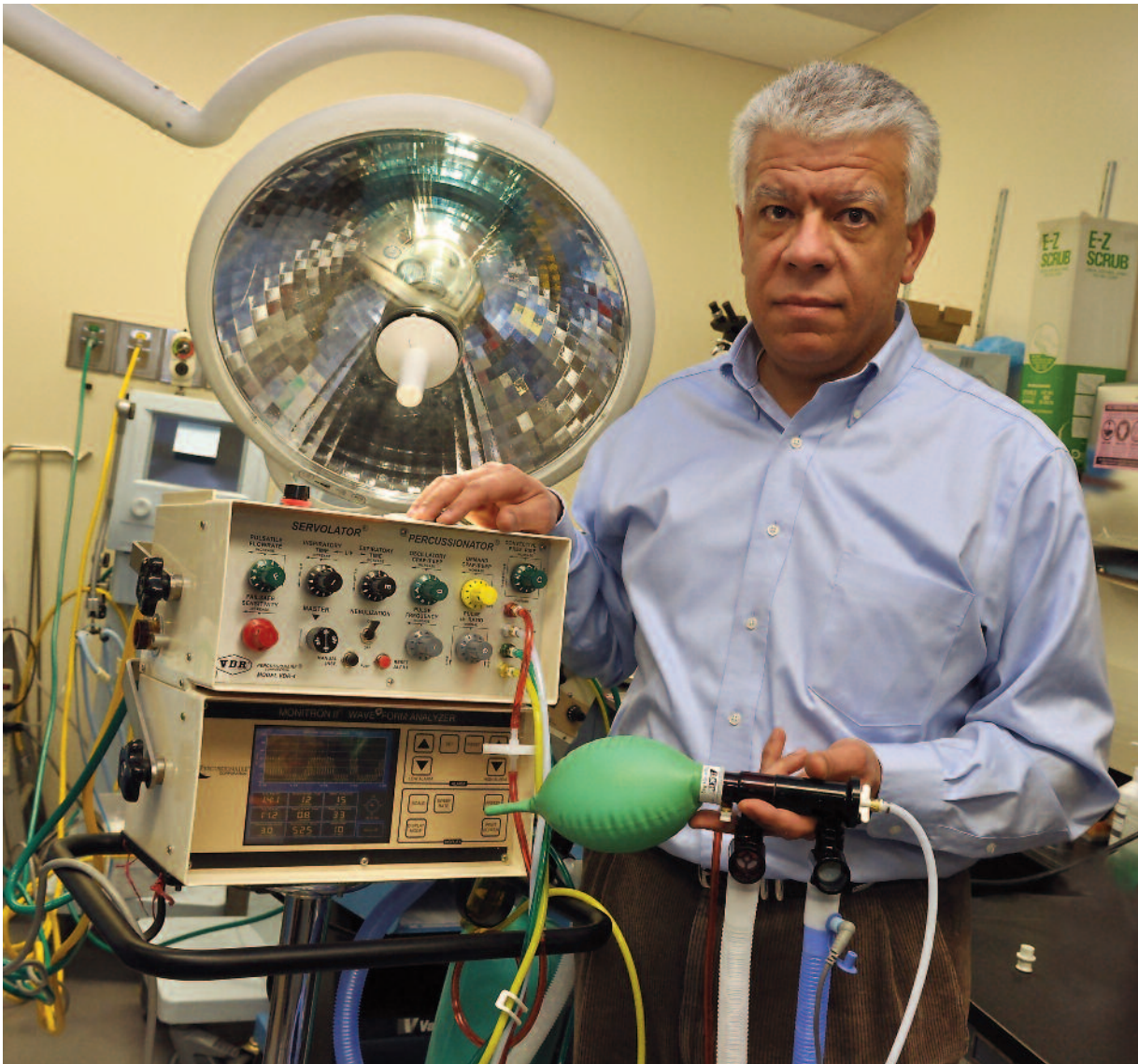
Healthlink on Air. See 2/7 listing.

- **Christian Ecumenical Worship.** See 2/7 listing.

- **Mass.** See 2/7 listing.

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World expert on ventilators collaborates with Upstate researchers

Adel Bougatef, MD, PhD, above, world-renowned expert in the use of high frequency percussive ventilation (HFPV), a unique ventilator system for critical care patients, visited Upstate Medical University the week of Jan. 18 to assist in experiments to determine the benefit of using HFPV at University Hospital. Dr. Bougatef, who was invited by Gary Nieman, associate professor and senior research scientist in the Surgery Department, also met with faculty and staff and offered a presentation on HFPV

during Surgery Grand Rounds. Dr. Bougatef is a neonatal and intensive care specialist at the Academic Children's Hospital of Free University of Brussels, Belgium. For more information about the use of HFPV at University Hospital, contact Nieman at 464-6302.



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