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# Happy Birthday



Ankita  
Sept. 18



Nick  
Sept. 22

# MD/PHD NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Amit

I hope all of you had a wonderful summer. I have missed seeing you regularly over the last few months. I am looking forward to the start of Grand Rounds again for the fall. I sincerely hope that you consider this a safe space to ask questions and express your curiosity about medicine and science. I am looking forward to meeting with you over the next few weeks to get updates on your life. As always, please reach out if you need anything.

## Message from Andrea

A new season can mean a shift in energy. If you're like me, autumn feels heavier, perhaps even a little daunting. To lighten things up, especially if you're new to New York, try finding some of the quintessential upstate NY fall joys. There's a lot of them! I suggest finding time to enjoy old fashioned autumnal activities and foliage this month. It's kind of nice, being in this deciduous inland city, to have such seasonal beauty at our fingertips. Feel free to reach out if you need suggestions for outings or connect with colleagues to make plans. Reflecting on our MDPHD summer, I think we had some nice times. Thank-you for the support and time in navigating this new role as your MDPHD Program Coordinator. I know a lot more now- especially more about the good places to order food from, which is highly important. I am also looking forward to seeing you all on a weekly basis at Grand Rounds this fall. There are plenty of good times, good eats and good science ahead!

## Upcoming Events

# September 7th

22nd Annual  
Biomedical Sciences Retreat.

The Lodge in Skaneateles Falls

## Sept. 9, 13, 19 and Oct. 17

### Student Flu Clinics

- Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 1143 Academic Building
- Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 1143 Academic Building
- Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in 1143 Academic Building
- Oct. 17 from 9 to 11 a.m. in Weiskotten Hall Library

Schedule an appointment at the Employee/Student Health portal: <https://eshportal.upstate.edu/>. Walk-ins will be accepted, but priority will be given to those with appointments.

All Upstate students are required to receive an annual influenza vaccination and must have documentation of such on record in their student health file by Nov. 1, 2022. Students who receive the vaccine elsewhere, upload the documentation via the Employee/Student Health portal at <https://eshportal.upstate.edu/>.

# September 29th

## MDPhD Group Photo

4:30pm

Weiskotten courtyard  
(dinner and GR to follow)



# October 22nd

## BURROW

**Buffalo, Upstate, Rochester: Research out West(ern NY)**

### MDPhD Conference

University of Rochester will host the event in person on Saturday, October 22nd. This will be an all-day event complete with student talks, posters, faculty talks, breakout sessions and more. This event is open to all MD/PhD students, and medical students in research in the Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo areas. More details coming soon!

\*Registration is not open yet.

# Successful Summer Grand Rounds



Cheers to the upcoming season of more terrific MDPHD memories!

## Awards and Publications

Engineering protein and DNA tools for creating DNA-dependent protein switches



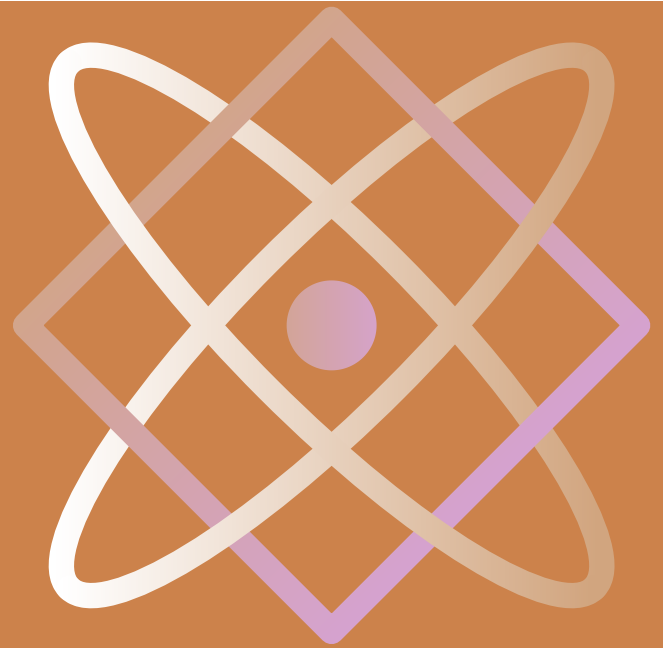
+ F30 training grant awarded on his August 9th birthday! Congrats HJ!

## Personal and Other

**Ankita** passed her qualifying exam this summer. Way to go!

**Adam** is starting a dengue infection experiment using humanized scid mice.

**Sam G.** experienced some quintessential upstate New York spots and events by volunteering at the NYS Fair infirmary and visiting the Adirondacks.



## Happening Now

### "A Day in the Life of an MDPH Student"

- A SUNY Upstate MDPH Video Production and Collaboration

*Stay tuned for more information!*

### Check-in's with Dr. Dhamoon

September 8th and September 15th  
\*some virtual

### **MDPH Town Hall- Date TBD**

A virtual event will be planned soon. Let us know what's on your mind and let your voice be heard!

**All MDPH student website profiles are complete and they are wonderful. Check them out. Thank-you everyone for your participation!**