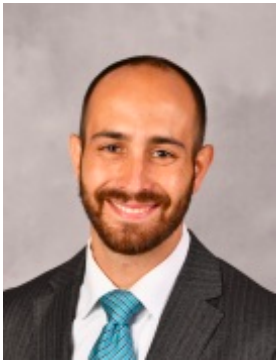


# Happy Birthday!

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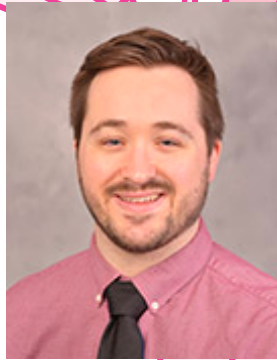
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Celine  
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## MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2023

### Message from Amit

Dear Colleagues,  
March was such an exciting month. So amazing to hear about the match day results of our graduates. Ron and Kyle, so glad that you will continue to be part of our Syracuse community. Move over Osler, Alan and Liam are in the house—they will spread the good name of SUNY Upstate to the Baltimore community. Laura is the best thing to happen to Wisconsin after 'that 70s show' and cheese—two things I love. Selfishly I am very sad to see you all move on. We will celebrate your successes over the next few weeks before you graduate. We will firm up our incoming class of MD, PhD students over the coming weeks. Thank you all for your help with recruitment. Our usual grand rounds schedule will be coming to a close over the coming weeks. We will have some workshops over the summer so that we can get together. Happy spring everyone!

### Message from Andrea

I have been living for the Thursday evening Grand Rounds vibes all winter. You are each amazing and it's astonishingly evident when you gather and combine your awesomeness. As we approach the end of spring semester, stay tuned for emerging summer MDPHd workshops, gatherings/events and seminars.

# Semester Grand Rounds Close-Out

<b>6-Apr</b> Setnor 3507, 5-6 (food 4:30)	Ankita Saxena
<b>13-Apr</b> Setnor 3507, 5-6pm (food 4:30)	Nick Brennan
<b>20-Apr</b> Zoom, 5-6pm	Hannah Connolly

## Notes:

End-of-Semester Gathering for 4/27 or 4/28: TBD (ideas welcome)

April is last month of Clinical Mentorship, please plan appropriately. We encourage you to send a message of appreciation to your mentor, including your plans regarding mentorship for the fall.

## New for 2023/24

MDPhD 602 - MDPHD Grand Rounds  
(revised)

\*MDPhD 603- MDPHD Patient Care and  
Clinical Skill

\*pending approval, details coming soon,  
requirement during PhD years only



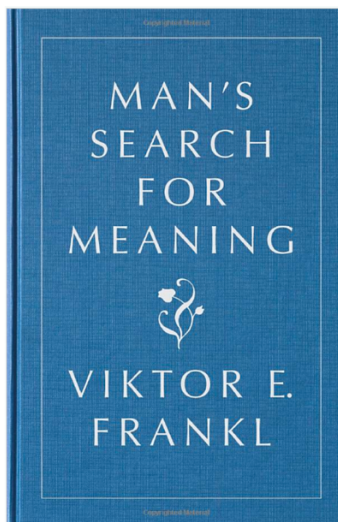
# Recent Events, Meetings, Conferences

## First Annual MDPHD Un-match Day!



Congratulations to Jen, Gargi and Ankita for their initiation into Upstate's MDPHD "Un-matched and Unstoppable" elite members-only club.

## MDPhD Book Club



July Meeting - TBD

New members welcome  
E-mail Andrea to join

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## ADVANCES IN SKELETAL MUSCLE BIOLOGY IN HEALTH AND DISEASE

### UNIVERSITY *of* FLORIDA

Joe and Nick attended the Advances in Skeletal Muscle Biology in Health and Disease Conference at the University of Florida in Gainesville, FL on March 15-17. The goal of the conference was to facilitate advances in skeletal muscle biology through discussions and presentations to promote new ideas, research lines, and collaborations. Joe and Nick presented their research on how “Mitochondrial Precursor Overaccumulation Stress (mPOS) Causes Severe Muscle Wasting Without Affecting Lifespan.”



### APSA Northeast Regional Meeting

Upstate attendees got a double dose of Dr. Vyas during the week as he was the keynote speaker for APSA's Northeast Regional Meeting. Thank-you AOA members for inviting Dr. Vyas to chat with our group, too! It was a memorable conversation.



# Women In Science and Healthcare (WISH) Symposium



The GWIS Upstate chapter held its first Women In Science and Healthcare (WISH) Symposium on March 17th as a celebration of Women's History Month. We had 4 Upstate faculty speakers representing the 4 colleges (Dr. Anuradha Duleep from NCOM, Dr. Michelle Dolphin from CHP, Professor Caitlin Nye from CON, and Dr. Patty Kane from COGS). Lastly, we invited Dr. Cara Pager from the University of Albany to deliver a keynote talk. A cocktail hour followed for the attendees to mingle with our speakers. Coconut from the Simulation Center also attended our event!

-Gargi

# News and Awards

## MDPhD SUNY GREAT Awardees



UPSTATE  
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**Harsimranjit Sekhon**

*Upstate Medical University  
Molecular Devices for the Detection  
and Treatment of HCMV Infection*



UPSTATE  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

**Akshay G. Patel**

*Upstate Medical University  
Rab4A Control of Liver Dysfunction in  
Mouse Models of Systemic Lupus  
Erythematosus*