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**UPSTATE**  
MEDICAL UNIVERSITY  
*MD/PhD Program*

# Happy Birthday!



Greg  
May 1



Olivia  
May 2



Keith  
May 11

# MD/PHD

NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

Dear Colleagues,

It was a joy to see those of you who could join us for the Town Hall a few days ago. Thank you for the feedback and suggestions on the program.

Two big transitions in the next month. We wish Akshay and Adam farewell as they graduate and start residency. We are so proud of both of them and will miss them dearly. We are also very excited to welcome the incoming MD, PhD students to our community in the next month.

I look forward to seeing you all at the picnic this summer. As always, reach out with any questions or concerns. 315-263-8968.

Best wishes,  
Amit

# Defense



May 6, 2025

12:00 (noon) - 1:00

NRB 4709

# Publications



Proceedings of the second annual dengue endgame  
summit: A call to action

# Shervin's Secret Papers



Appraisal of Gene Expression-Based Classifiers for Neuropsychiatric Disorders: A Meta-Regression

Machine Learning and MRI-based Diagnostic Models for ADHD: Are We There Yet?

Effects of ADHD and ADHD treatment on glycemic management in type 1 diabetes: A systematic review and meta-analysis of observational studies

A Review of Long-Term Outcomes of Liver Transplantation Using Extended Criteria Donors in the United States

***Continue to send Andrea accepted publications.  
Thank-you!***

# Save the Date(s)



## **PSTP Panel: May 15, 5-6p**

- *The panelists are program directors or recent graduates of PSTP programs.*
- *The panelists are zooming in and we will be meeting in Setnor 3509/10. For those who cannot attend in person but would like to zoom in please email Andrea individually for a link.*
- *Email Dr. Dhamoon questions that you would like to ask the panelists about PSTP residency programs.*

## **New Students Arrival + MD/PhD Orientation Week: June 2**

- *Email Andrea if interested in being a first-year student mentor! You would need to be available 12-1p on June 2<sup>nd</sup> for a lunch with your mentee.*

## **Queen's Jubilee + Start of 2025/26 Grand Rounds: July 31, 5-6p**

- *Complete schedule is forthcoming*

## **MDPhD Standardized Patient Training: Sessions beginning August 15**

- *Complete schedule is forthcoming*

***Annual MD/PhD Picnic Date TBD***





# Save the Date



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SAVE THE DATE

APSA  
American Physician Scientists Association

**APSA NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025**

Hosted by University of Rochester MSTP

415 Elmwood Ave, Rochester, NY

**Opportunity to join Planning  
Committee for this meeting**

*email Andrea if interested*

# Upstate MD/PhD Alumni!

## RSVP Required for Lunch



*Upstate MD/PhD  
program Alumni*

INVITED SPEAKER SERIES

# Heidi Zapata, MD PhD

THURSDAY JUNE 12

Dr. Zapata is an Assistant Professor and infectious disease physician at the Yale School of Medicine. Her work focuses on studying host response to infection to a variety of pathogens and identifying determinants of disease severity.



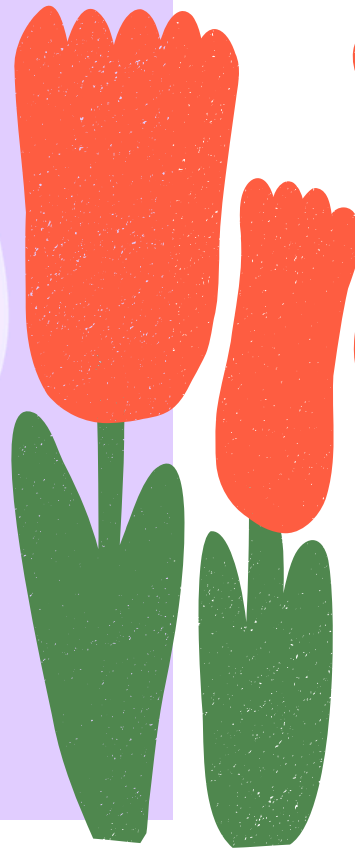
TALK - 11:00 AM - WH 9295

STUDENT LUNCH - 12:00

WH 3111 - RSVP [HERITZJ@UPSTATE.EDU](mailto:HERITZJ@UPSTATE.EDU)



**REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**  
**ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY WELCOME**





# Graduate Dinner



## Alumni Update



Dr. Dhamoon reports that Mike is finishing up his intern year at U of R and is doing well!

# MD/PhD Program Student Involvement

- MD/PhD Orientation Committee (June 2-6)

Email Andrea and Sanaea if interested - looking for 1-2 student(s) to help this year and take over for next year

- MD/PhD Social Committee

Email Andrea and Kevin if interested - we want more for this committee

- Recruitment Panel/Welcome Committee

Email Andrea if interested in panel- minimal time commitment, recruitment dates occur in the October/November. Email Andrea (cc: Jess and Matty) if interested in joining the Welcome Committee

- SURF Journal Club

**Email Andrea if interested- last call for registration is EOD 5/2**

- Transition Panels

Email Andrea if interested or have ideas for this!

- New MD/PhD Student Mentorship

Email Andrea ASAP - need availability 6/2, 12-1 PM

- Tri-Institutional Conference

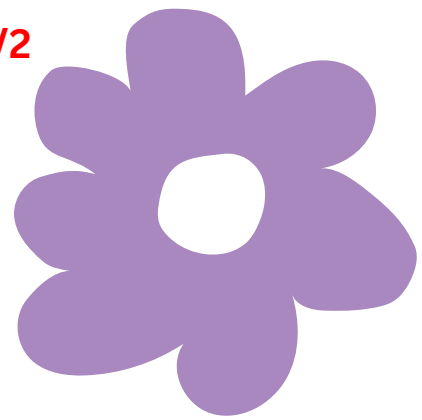
See “Save the Date” above and/or email Andrea/Celine with questions

- MD/PhD Grant Writing Workshop Tutor

Email Andrea if interested

- MD/PhD Alumni Liaison

We don't have anyone doing this currently. Karen Cyndari did this years ago. She built a website that is not longer in use, but I've pulled the information from it before it was deactivated. The effort of one student years ago helped a lot. I am looking for an active MD/PhD student to maintain ties with alumni and organize any outreach dealing with alumni. Please reach out if interested.



*Any of these roles are CV worthy! Feel free to create fancy titles for any given role..*

