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Happy Birthday!



NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

Dear Colleagues,

program.

Greg May 1



Olivia May 2



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.

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

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

Keith May 11



May 6, 2025 12:00 (noon) - 1:00 NRB 4709



<u>Proceedings of the second annual dengue endgame</u> <u>summit: A call to action</u>

Shervin's Secret Papers

<u>Appraisal of Gene Expression-Based Classifiers for</u> <u>Neuropsychiatric Disorders: A Meta-Regression</u>

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

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

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

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 2nd 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



SAVE THE DATE



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.

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TALK - 11:00 AM - WH 9295

STUDENT LUNCH - 12:00 WH 3111 - RSVP HERITZJ@UPSTATE.EDU

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY WELCOME



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.

Many Congrats!



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<u>Upstate graduates two physician-scientists from</u> <u>rigorous MD/PhD program</u>



Andrea is excited to be the recipient of Upstate's 38th Annual Dearing Writing Award Competition (press and publication coming this fall)