#### **Happy Birthday!**



Arnav June 4



Assistant Director: Dr. Auyon Ghosh

Coordinator: Andrea Cifonelli







Cora June 15

Joe June 20





Dear Colleagues,

The last few weeks have been very special. We are welcoming our newest batch of MD/PhD students to the fold as we bid farewell to Akshay and Adam. Our summer grand rounds are not mandatory, but we would love to see you all there for our family meal.

I would like to share a couple of pictures. The first picture is the view from our dock on Song Lake in Tully a few days ago. Because of the rain, the water is high. Perfect for swimming and kayaking. We are looking forward to welcoming you into our home on June 27. Let's cross our fingers for dry weather and some warmth.

The second picture is a snapshot of a lovely evening I shared with Christine Ly and Sungsu Lee over pho. Christine worked with Dr. Zuber in ophthalmology and graduated from our program three years ago. She is finishing up her family medicine residency program at URMC and will be moving with her fiancé to Atlanta for a sleep medicine fellowship. She hopes to move back to NYC after her training, find an academic position, and find her research niche. Sungsu graduated four years ago after completing his dissertation work with Dr. Calvert. He is completing his psychiatry fellowship and will start his geriatric psychiatry fellowship in a few weeks. He has found his passion in medical education and he and his wife are planning on staying in Rochester for the near future.

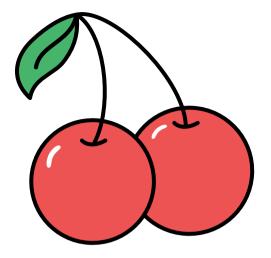
In other news, I connected with Karen Cyndari who was visiting her mom in Rochester. She is the first graduate of the inaugural MSTP program in EM at University of Iowa. She is funded by her startup package and already has her first student in the lab. Amazing.

Sam MacKenzie, who was our keynote speaker at the MD/PhD thruway conference is thriving in his work as a pediatric neurologist and scientist. He has his first MD/PhD student in his lab. In his spare time, he and I worked on a <u>paper together</u> based on a patient that we saw in the hospital that is currently under peer review.

I look forward to connecting with all of you soon.

Best wishes, Amit

## **MDPhD Summer**



#### June 2 - 6

MD/PhD Orientation Week

#### June 12, 5-6p, Setnor 3509/10

- Summer Grand Rounds (optional)
- Clinical Reasoning for Physician Scientists

#### June 12, 11a-12p, WKH 9295

• Dr. Zapata Seminar + Lunch (see flier)

#### June 27, 12-4p, Dhamoon Lake House

• MD/PhD Picnic (see flier)

#### <u>July</u>

#### July 17, 5-6p, Setnor 3509/10

- Summer Grand Rounds (optional)
- The Art of Seeing

#### **July 31, 5-6p, Setnor 3509/10**

- Fall Grand Rounds Kick-Off
- Queen's Jubilee!

# 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 - II:00 AM - WH 9295

STUDENT LUNCH - 12:00
WH 3III - RSVP HERITZJ@UPSTATE.EDU





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## MD/PHD PICNIC

June 27, 12:00p - 4:00p

7422 Song Lake Rd, Tully, NY, 13159 \*please carpool, limited parking

Dinosaur BBQ and soft drinks provided

**BYOB** 

Family members/significant others welcome! Enjoy swimming and kayaking!

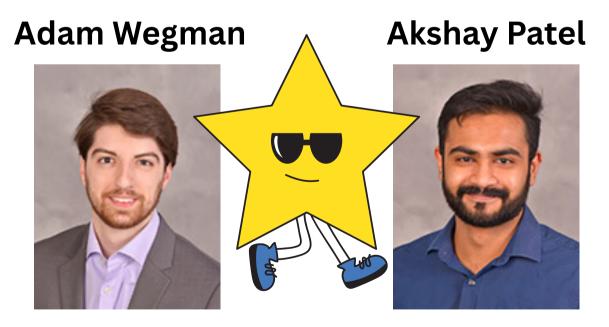
## ...and they're off!



(a long time ago)



(May, 2025)



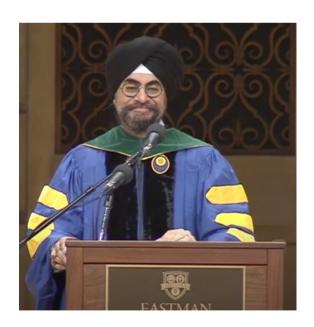
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### **Dr. Dhamoon's Faculty Address**

The graduating students at University of Rochester asked Dr. Dhamoon to deliver the <u>faculty address</u> at their commencement ceremony! In his address, Dr. Dhamoon shares two significant personal career stories. The first story takes place during his 2<sup>nd</sup> year of his internal medicine residency. The second story begins later in his career as a hospitalist and spans a number of years thereafter. Through heartfelt storytelling, Dr. Dhamoon addresses the realities of medical training, career adversity and learning on the job. He also paints vignettes intertwined with empathy, pain, companionship, support, family, tragedy, resilience, death, gratitude, and growth- the human parts of being a doctor. I encourage everyone to find a moment to check this out.

Start at 33:45 for Dr. Dhamoon's introduction and comments.



"Peaking out from the muck of failure and shame is the most beautiful flower in the world- growth and learning."