

Happy Birthday!

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Tracy
Oct 8

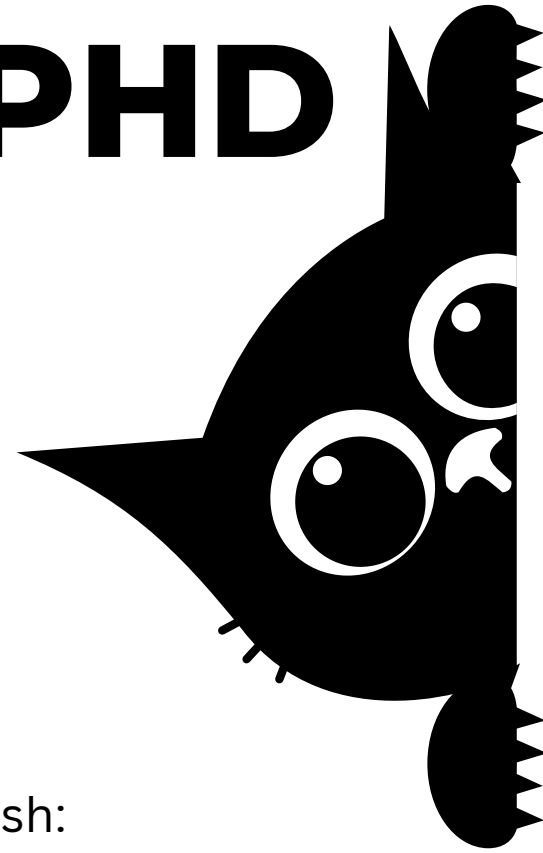


Anna Maria
Oct 13



Tatiana
Oct 18

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Message from Dr. Ghosh:

Happy fall! While this is the beginning of the academic year for a lot of folks, it's also the home stretch for a number of our colleagues. Best of luck to the MS4s applying for residency and the G4/G5s gearing up for their defenses! Both of these can feel like a “black box event” – one where the inner workings of the process can seem opaque, making the outcome difficult to predict. Don't fret, you will get through it.

Registration

Deadline 10/3

APSA NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

HOSTED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S MSTP
415 ELMWOOD AVE, ROCHESTER, NY 14642

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11TH, 2025
8:30AM-4:30PM

Keynote Speaker

SYLVIA OWUSU-ANSAH, MD, MPH, FAAP

Associate Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine,
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

*"Medicine, Media, and My Journey: The Impact of
"The Pitt" medical drama series"*

TRAVEL AWARD APPLICATIONS DUE FRI, SEPT. 5TH

POSTER/SPEAKER ABSTRACTS DUE FRI, SEPT. 5TH



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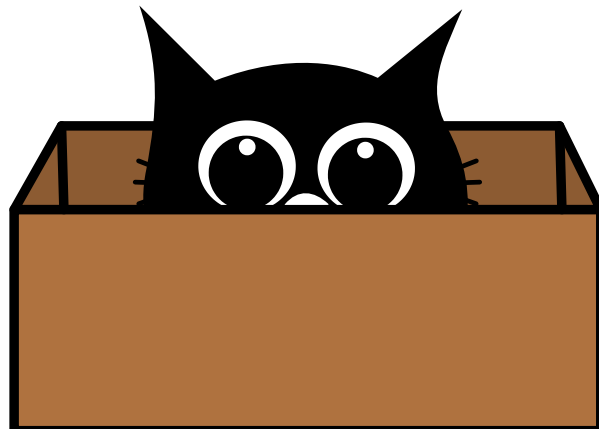


2025/6 GRAND ROUNDS : Thursday's in Setnor 3509/10 at 5PM

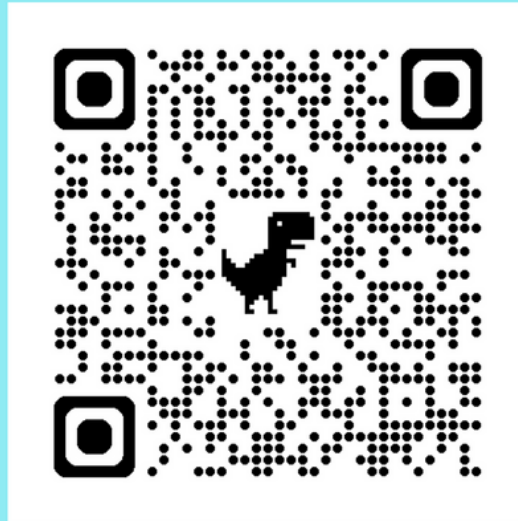
Date	Presenter
Oct. 2	Alyssa- Truncated Dissertation + Benchtop > Bedside
Oct. 9	Gargi- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Oct. 16	Cora/Olivia- Dissertation Work
Oct. 23	Anna Maria- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Oct. 30	Open Workshop for Dhamoon Gifts
Nov. 6	Ankita- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Nov. 13	Tyler- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Nov. 20	Matty- Clinical Trial
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving
Dec. 4	Greg- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Dec. 11	Rafi- Paradigm Shifting Research Paper
Dec. 18	Holiday Party - details TBD
Dec. 25	Winter Break

Dhamoon Gifts: As a way to show Dr. Dhamoon our gratitude (and also for us to process and express our feelings of our time with Dr. Dhamoon), we are going to be assembling a book full of letters to Dr. Dhamoon which can include sentiments, pieces of art, and other meaningful things you would like to present alongside the book. Along with this we will also do an audio component along with the book for people who want to record music or audio messages.

- **10/30** – Setnor 3509/10 open for dedicated time to work on components for this and eat some good food.
- **Audio recordings** can be done on your own and sent to me or Andrea so we can burn them all onto a CD that can go along with the book. **Alternatively, Olivia has volunteered the use of her audio equipment during our free grand rounds on 10/30 which would allow us to record then as well!**



Training and Career Influences on the Physician-Scientist Pipeline: A National Trainee Survey



Please consider taking 5 min to fill out this voluntary survey designed to capture the perspectives of MD/PhD students and explore how recent administrative actions and policy changes since January 2025 may be influencing training paths and career decision-making.

Hi everyone,

For those of you who weren't in Grand Rounds last week, I was hoping to share a national survey intended to capture the perspectives of MD/PhD students as well as MD students interested in research careers. In particular, we hope to explore how recent administrative actions and policy changes since January 2025 may be influencing training paths and career decision-making.

We would be very grateful if you could fill out the survey below. The data collected will be used to represent trainee perspectives to national leaders and inform ongoing advocacy efforts on behalf of the physician-scientist community. Additionally, participants have the option to enter a raffle to win one of two \$25 gift cards as a token of appreciation for their time.

Survey Link: [Click here](#) or use QR code above

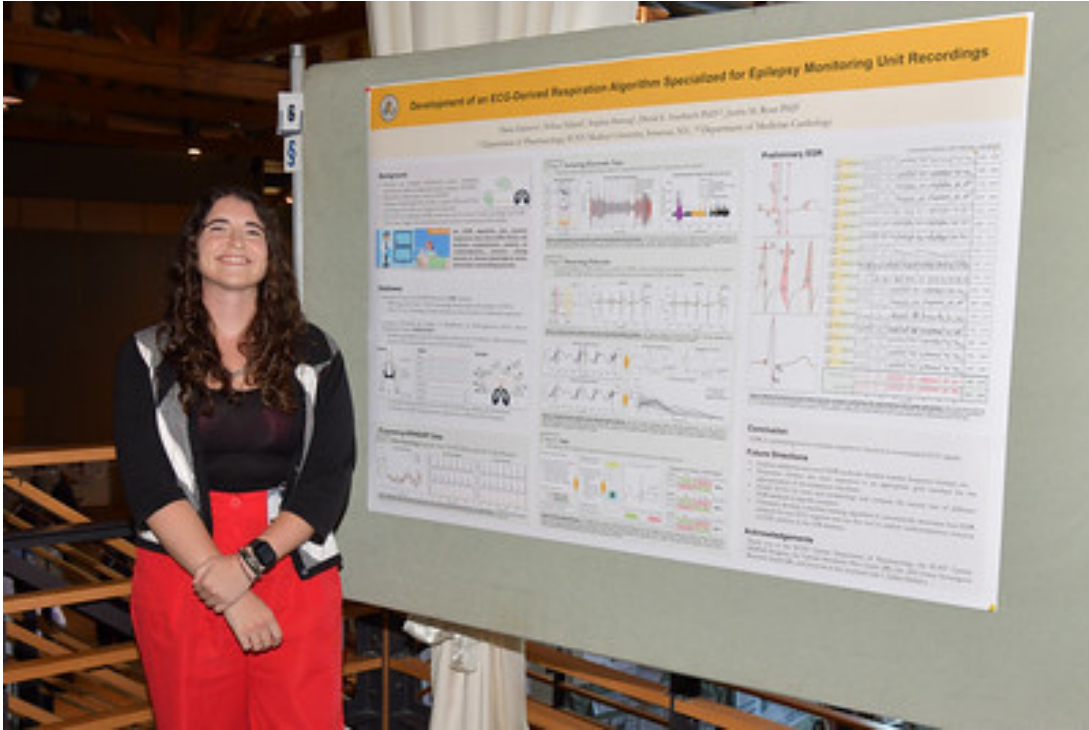
Thanks so much for your help! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Best wishes,
Sanaea Bhagwagar



Fresh off submitting his residency applications, Josh traveled to Denver in late September to attend the Annual National Med-Peds Resident Association (NMPRA) Conference. This two-day event brought together medical students, residents, and faculty from across the country to focus on Med-Peds career development, advocacy, and research opportunities. A highlight of the conference was the poster competition, where Josh was awarded the Clinical Research Award for his presentation, recognizing the significance of his PhD work on intestinal microbiome manipulation and immune system development. The meeting also provided valuable networking opportunities with Med-Peds program directors and residents from a wide range of institutions, helping to inform his approach to the upcoming interview season. To top off the weekend, Josh and some fellow Upstate MS4s explored the natural beauty of Colorado with a hike at the iconic Red Rocks Amphitheatre, getting a taste of the local landscape and culture before returning to Syracuse energized for the next stage of the match process - interview season.

MD/PhD at Biomed Retreat

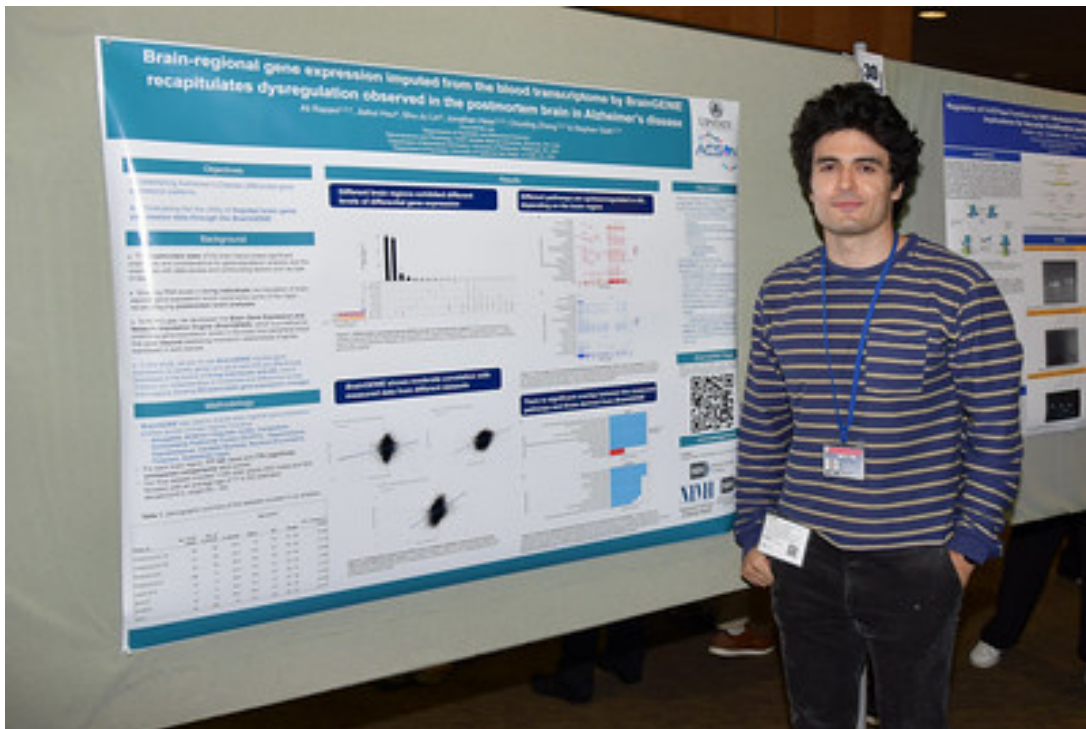


Dasha at poster



Aws at poster with Dr. Lin and labmates

MD/PhD at Biomed Retreat



Shervin at poster



Tracy supporting David after Welcome Ceremony for new graduate students

MD/PhD at Biomed Retreat



New graduate students after Welcome Ceremony - MD/PhD class of 2031



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