

# Happy Birthday!



Gargi  
Feb 1



Dasha  
Feb 8



Sam  
Feb 9

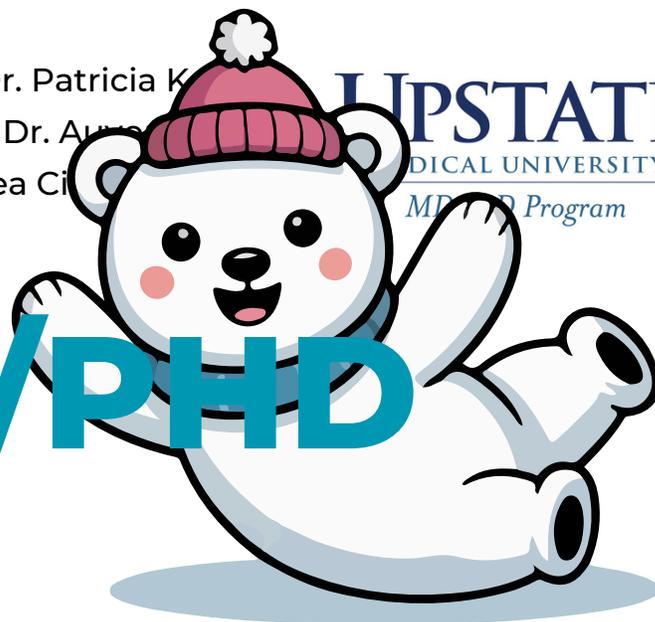


Sanaea  
Feb 29

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NEWSLETTER  
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It's been six months since I took over as interim director of the MD/PhD program. I've greatly enjoyed meeting all of you students and hearing about your journeys as you move through the program. You are a very impressive group, and the institution has every reason to be proud of you. I've learned a lot—although I'm comfortable in the research realm papers and presentations on cases and clinical trials are new to me. Thank you for helping me stretch my boundaries and for your patience as I learn more about the program as I go. Many thanks to Andrea and Auyon, who have helped me at every step. The future of this program is very bright and I look forward to being part of it over the next few months.

Best wishes,  
Patty



# Publications



Cellular proteostasis during mitochondrial protein import clogging requires the mitochondrial F-box protein 1 and DJ-1 homolog HSP31 in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*



*Bacteroides fragilis* colonization induces protective systemic IgA

# MD/PhD Program Immersion Days

## Save the Date!

### Thursday, April 9th



## Grander Rounds

### (a social hour following GR)

**\*February 26\***

**\*March 26\***

**\*April 9\***

**\*April 23\***

**\*May 25\***

# February Defense Dates



**Tyler**

**2/13 | 11:00AM | WH 103**



**Ankita**

**2/25 | 10:00AM | NRB 4709**

# MD/PhD at Arctic Blast!

