

New Family Medicine Office Sites

Sheridan-UB Family Medicine has made a smooth transition to its new state-of-the-art facilities at 2465 Sheridan Drive, Tonawanda.

Clinicians and staff recently celebrated their first half year in the 5,500-square-foot office, after moving from tighter quarters in March.

The staff worked hard to make the move efficient, organized, and as painless as possible for their patients.

The new office has nine exam rooms, compared to five at the previous site, and the parking lot is larger. The spacious new office design has enhanced patient flow.



Other notable features include a nurses station with a unique half-circle design and a flat screen TV in the waiting room.

The Medical Director of Sheridan-UB Family Medicine is Alicia Lisak, MD. Also practicing there are Donald Bartlett, PhD, Robert Gumberts, DO, Andrew Symons, MD, Diana Wilkins, MD, and Michael Zions, MD. Telephone: (716) 835-9800

UB Family Medicine of Amherst had previously been located at the Louis Lazar Family Medicine Center on the campus of Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. The move to 850 Hopkins Road (at the corner of Klein) on July 14, 2008

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Cogitations from the Chair

Thomas C. Rosenthal, MD

Need for Primary Care Becoming Even More Evident



The Massachusetts Health Care Reform Plan dramatically reduced the number of uninsured.

The Plan, however, also exposed the fact that the state with the greatest number of physicians per population has a shortage of primary care physicians. As a result, the Plan cannot guarantee timely access to primary care, and newly insured patients are seeking care in emergency departments, further aggravating the cost of the demand bubble experienced in the first two years of any universal plan.

As expected, when it became responsible for access to health care for all citizens, the Massachusetts state government embraced the medical home concept and enacted sweeping legislation to strengthen the primary care infrastructure. The state will develop a medical home pilot project, encourage increased use of mid-level providers without expanding their scope of practice, increase penetration of electronic medical records, and revise reimbursement methods.

In spite of a tight budget, several initiatives have also begun in New York. As part of *Doctors Across New York*, 100 physicians will receive loan forgiveness and practice start-up support when they commit to practice in underserved communities. Enhanced funding for the NYS Area Health Education Center (AHEC) System will increase opportunities for students from underserved communities to pursue health careers. Graduate medical education (GME) payments will also become available to community based physicians who agree to host residents and medical students in their offices, if located in an underserved area. There will also be medical home pilots.

The pendulum swings again toward primary care. As more of the U.S. population becomes aware of the essential role of primary care in a modern health system, we need to do the research necessary to improve primary care delivery.

2008 Resident Graduates

J. Kyle Betz, MD, MS - Private practice in PA
Inderpreet Budhiraja, MBBS - Private practice in Canada
Eddy Capote, MD - Orchard Park Family Practice
Isabelle Chughtai-Harvey, MD - New Zealand locum tenums
Sepideh Dadras - Palliative Care Fellowship - UB
Jeevan Errabolu, MBBS - Primary Care Sports Med. Fellowship - UB
Irum Iqbal, MBBS - Private practice in ND
Tina Harutunians, DO - Private practice in CA
Anthony Janas, MD - Private practice in TX
Smita Kolli, MBBS - Hospitalist in MA
Salwat Malik, MBBS

Annie Mathai, MBBS - Geriatric Fellowship - UB
Ali Parsaeian, MD
Simarjot Singh, MD - Private practice in Canada
Angelina Sulikowski, MD - Hospitalist at Kaleida Buffalo General



Department Receives Four Training Awards from the HRSA Bureau of Health Professions

With a total of more than \$2.6 million in new federal funding, UB Family Medicine is launching three important new training programs and continuing a fourth.

The new programs include a Primary Care Master Educator Program for faculty, a Predoctoral Training Program in Disabilities for medical students, and a Leadership in Quality Improvement program for residents. The fourth grant enables continuation of the Primary Care Research Fellowship Training Program. All four grants, announced this summer, are from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration Bureau of Health Professions.

The Programs

The “SUNY at Buffalo Primary Care Master Educator Program” (\$540,000) is a faculty development initiative directed by Dr. David Newberger, Family Medicine Vice-Chair for Faculty Development, along with Drs. Elie Akl and Peter Winkelstein from General Medicine and General Pediatrics. The program, involving 12 Master Educators and 60 General Faculty at-large over 3 years, is a new model for part-time faculty development. It will provide highly structured trainee support services to participants who will conduct two-year projects with the engagement of fellow faculty. This model curriculum will build competencies in curricular innovation and medical education assessment pertaining to the care of high-risk populations. This in turn will begin to enhance medical student and resident competencies, ultimately translating into better care.

The “Predoctoral Training Program in Disabilities: A Model for Professionalism” (\$707,400) is an undergraduate medical education award directed by Dr. Andrew Symons, Vice-Chair for Predoctoral Medical Education, along with Dr. Akl from General Medicine. The program will institute a model curriculum to en-

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Thomas Rosenthal, MD, honored by New York State Academy of Family Physicians

Thomas C. Rosenthal, MD, has been honored as the 2008 Family Practice Educator of the Year by the New York State Academy of Family Physicians (NYSAFP).

The award, presented during the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates in Albany, recognizes “outstanding contributions to education for family medicine in undergraduate, graduate and continuing education spheres.”

“It was a special honor to be singled out by a group of my peers,” Dr. Rosenthal said of the award. “The New York State AFP puts patients and the health of New Yorkers first and foremost.”

A graduate of the State University of New York at Geneseo, Dr. Rosenthal completed Medical School and residency at UB before establishing a family practice in 1978 in rural Western New York, where he provided care for 2,800 families and community-based training for medical students. In 1986 he returned to UB as Medical Director in the Department of Family Medicine, and he became Residency Program Director the next year. Dr. Rosenthal has been Department Chair since 1994. He also is Director of the New York State Area Health Education Center System, and was a moving force in its establishment in 1998.

Dr. Rosenthal has published more than 50 peer-reviewed articles, monographs and book chapters. His research interests include rural health services delivery, rural education in the health fields, and office based primary care clinical problems. He is lead editor of the textbook “Office Care Geriatrics” (Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, 2006) and is completing his third term as editor of The Journal of Rural Health.

We congratulate Dr. Rosenthal on this well deserved recognition for his contributions to medical education.

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hance medical student knowledge, attitudes, and skills pertaining to patient-centered care of persons with disabilities. Medical school courses and clinical rotations will be modified to implement a new longitudinal curriculum woven into all four years of predoctoral education, eventually involving 600 students annually.

The “Residency Training Program for Developing Leadership in Quality Improvement” (\$496,800) is a graduate medical education project directed by Dr. Michael Zions, Vice-Chair for Graduate Medical Education, along with Drs. Diana Wilkins and Marlon Koenigsberg. The project is funded for 3 years to develop a model curriculum for graduate medical education to teach practical application of *Model for Improvement* methods in developing a *Chronic Care Model* of practice, instilling leadership qualities and attitudes for graduates to enter practice prepared to become champions of quality care throughout the nation.

The “UB Primary Care Research Fellowship Training Program” (\$893,660) is a National Research Service Award program directed by Dr. Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter, Vice-Chair for Research. The project continues training focused on primary care research career development of MD or PhD investigators specializing in three training tracks: (a) Patient Safety, (b) Translation of Research Into Practice (TRIP), and (c) Patient Centered Care. All tracks focus on health disparities and underserved populations. This is a fully collaborative program involving family practice, general medicine and geriatrics, general pediatrics, as well as the School of Public Health and Health Professions.

New Residents The Class of 2011

Beenish Arif, MBBS
Vineet Bansal, MBBS
Nupur Batra, MBBS
Jennifer Corliss, MD
Natasha Fajardo, MD
Punit Goel, MBBS
Gayatri Iyer, MBBS
Srivalli Konduri, MBBS
Pretei Lemo, MBBS
Christy Manganello, MD
Steven Matlis, MD
Victor Nikolsky, MD
Saburo Okazaki, MD
Amit Parmar, MBBS
Priyanka Patnaik, MBBS
Jason Skeete, MD

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provided a modern, state-of-the-art facility. The practice, which saw almost 20,000 visits last year, has David Thomas MD as Medical Director, and Roseanne Berger, MD, Marlon Koenigsberg, PhD, Peter Kowalski, MD, Daniel Morelli, MD, David Newberger, MD, and Gregory Schenk, MD on staff, along with 12 residents.

The new office features a spacious waiting room, 15 exam rooms, a modern procedure room, 2 conference rooms, administrative offices, and plenty of parking. A major enhancement to the practice is its transition to an electronic medical record (EMR) system. *Telephone: (716) 688-9641*



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