Please Welcome New Providers

Harry Cohen, MD, ophthalmology, joined the team in Coudersport. Dr. Cohen earned his medical degree from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland and served his residency at the University of Iowa, department of ophthalmology and visual sciences, Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Cohen is board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Cohen will see patients at UPMC Cole, 1001 E. Second St., Suite B IMAC Building, Coudersport. To refer a patient, call 814-274-7910.

John Dresser, DPM, foot & ankle specialist, joined the team in Coudersport. Dr. Dresser earned his medical degree from Kent State University School of Podiatric Medicine, Independence, OH, and completed his surgical residency at St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Hartford, CN. He is a member of the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons and the American Podiatric Medical Association. Dr. Dresser will see patients at UPMC Specialty Care, 700 South Ave., Bradford and at UPMC Cole, 1001 East Second Street, Suite C, Coudersport. To refer a patient, call 814-596-0010.

S. Sree Kesan, MD, electrophysiologist, has joined the cardiology team. Dr. Kesan earned his medical degree from the University of Madras, India, and completed fellowships in electrophysiology at Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Ind., and University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Ark., and in general cardiology at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Ark., and University of Wales, U.K. He is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine in electrophysiology and cardiology. Dr. Kesan sees patients at the Heart & Vascular Institute, 740 High Street, Suite 2001, Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-321-2800.

Le Yu Khine, MD, endocrinology, joined the team in Williamsport. Dr. Khine earned her medical degree from University of Medicine I, Yangon, Myanmar. She completed her residency at Richmond University Medical Center, Staten Island, New York, and served a fellowship in endocrinology at Marshall University Medical Center, Huntington, WV. Dr. Khine is board-certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Khine sees patients at 1100 Grampian Blvd, 3rd Floor, Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-320-7848.

Dr. Edward Lynam, MD, child psychiatrist, joined the team in Coudersport providing care through telemedicine. Dr. Lynam earned his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH. He completed his residency training in general and child psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Lynam will see patients at UPMC Cole, 1001 East Second Street, Suite I, Coudersport. To refer a patient, call 814-274-5571.

Nina Miller, DMD, dentist, joined the team in Coudersport. Dr. Miller earned her Doctor of Medicine in dentistry from University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and her Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and molecular biology from University of Massachusetts Amherst. Dr. Miller sees patients at UPMC Cole Dental, IMAC Building, 1001 E. 2nd St., Coudersport. To refer a patient, call 814-274-5252.

Kathryn Morton, MD, ear, nose and throat specialist, has joined Ear Nose and Throat of UPMC Susquehanna. Dr. Morton received her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD. She completed her otolaryngology residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, New York, NY. Dr. Morton will see patients at 1705 Warren Ave, Suite 204-205, Williamsport. To refer a patient, call 570-320-7474.

Olufunke Oladejo, MD, MPH, pediatrician, has joined the pediatrics team at SH Pediatrics in Williamsport. Dr. Oladejo earned her medical degree from University of Ibadan, Oyo, Nigeria, and her Master of Public Health from Harvard University School of Public Health, Boston, MA. She completed pediatric residencies at University College Hospital, Ibadan, Nigeria, and New York Medical College, New York. Dr. Oladejo will see patients at SH Pediatrics, 700 High St., ninth floor, Williamsport. For more information, call 570-321-2810.
**Help us Shine a Light on Lung Cancer**

As part of Lung Cancer Awareness Month, we are bringing together those living with lung cancer, their families, and their health care team by hosting Shine a Light on Lung Cancer events on Monday, November 4 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Williamsport and Thursday November 21 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in Wellboro at the UPMC Hillman Cancer Centers.

These free events provide community members with the opportunity to give hope, inspiration, and support to those battling lung cancer. Anyone impacted by the disease is encouraged to attend, from newly diagnosed patients to survivors, loved ones, and care providers.

At the event, UPMC Susquehanna experts will discuss the latest advancements for lung cancer detection, prevention, and treatment. Local lung cancer survivors will also share their stories with a moment of remembrance, hope, and healing to follow. Light refreshments will be served.

We strongly encourage and welcome a representative from your practice to join our community, patients, caregivers, and medical staff in this event. Collaborating could result in your high-risk patients being screened. Ultimately, early detection of lung cancer can result in a cure.

Registration is required. Call Laurie King, cancer center social worker, at 570-320-7877.

**UPMC to Host Town Hall on Advantages of Living-Donor Liver Transplant**

Living-donor liver transplant is a viable, if not preferable, option for the more than 14,000 people currently on the waiting list, as well as many more who will never qualify to be on the list. To help raise awareness of the advantages of living-donor liver transplant, UPMC Transplant Services will host a Living-Donor Town Hall Thursday, Oct. 10 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Elaine Langone Center, Bucknell University, 701 Moore Ave., Lewisburg.

During the Town Hall, experts from UPMC Transplant Services will discuss the advantages of living-donor liver transplant over deceased-donor transplant, how to identify a potential donor, and answer questions from the audience.

“The consequences for patients on the waiting list can mean the difference between life and death because the longer they are waiting, the sicker they become,” said Abhinav Humar, MD, chief of transplant services at UPMC and clinical director of the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute. “Living-donor liver transplants, in tandem with deceased-donor liver transplants, represents an opportunity to significantly decrease the risk of wait-list mortality, and gives us the ability to transplant a person sooner.”

UPMC’s transplant program expanded earlier this year to offer a liver transplant evaluation clinic at UPMC Williamsport Regional Medical Center. This clinic brings the expertise of the UPMC Transplant Services to the region and allows patients on the waitlist for liver transplant to be seen and evaluated by the same transplant surgeons and specialists they would see in Pittsburgh. UPMC Susquehanna is the only health system in the region offering patients access to the living-donor program for liver transplant.

Seating is limited. For more information or to register, call 1-877-883-4791.
It’s Almost Time to Armor Up

Make sure you’re prepared to defend yourself against the flu, and plan to get your flu shot as early as possible. To improve the effectiveness of the vaccine, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) delayed the distribution of the shot. Because of the delay, employee flu shot clinics will begin in late September.

As part of UPMC’s commitment to keeping both you and our patients safe, the flu vaccination is mandatory for those in clinical roles or who work primarily in clinical areas. **Friday, Nov. 15**, is the deadline for compliance with the policy.

**Here are some key points to know for this year:**

- For this season, all flu vaccinations provided by UPMC are egg-free. High-dosage vaccines are not available. The egg-free vaccine is more effective against the current strains of influenza.
- If you are considered patient-care staff, you must either receive the flu vaccination or apply for and receive a medical or religious exemption.
  - Exemption requests must be made by **Friday, Nov. 15**, through the Flu Portal on Infonet. Search “flu portal” on Infonet to submit your request.
  - In some cases, if you received an exemption last year, you will not need to reapply. Instead you will simply verify is still valid in the Flu Portal.
- If you are considered a non-clinical* staff member, you must either receive the flu vaccination or indicate that you decline the vaccination in the Flu Portal. Search “flu portal” on Infonet to submit your request.
- Anyone granted a medical or religious exemption will be required to wear a mask when they are in a patient care area and within six feet of a patient until notified that masking concludes.
- If you received a flu shot somewhere other than a UPMC-sponsored clinic, you must verify your vaccination in the Flu Portal.
- Don’t forget to remove the 2018-2019 flu shot hang tag from your ID badge, if you haven’t done so already. New tags will be distributed with flu shots for the 2019-2020 season.

Still have questions about the flu shot? Send them to flu@upmc.edu.

In the Practices

Rutul Dalal, MD, has been named a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America (FIDSA.) This Fellowship is a recognition of, and honor conferred upon, those who have achieved professional excellence in the field of infectious diseases. Dr. Dalal specializes in treating brain infections, HIV, bone and joint infections and parasitic diseases. He see patients at Infectious Disease, 700 High Street, 6th Floor, Williamsport. For more information or to refer a patient, call 570-321-2181.

We’re Expanding

UPMC Susquehanna recently broke ground for renovations of the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport. This $15 million multi-phase project will take place over the next two years transforming the center with more than 10,000 square feet of space with a new patient-centric footprint. A significant portion of the center’s existing exam rooms, offices, and support staff areas will be expanded and renovated. The UPMC Hillman Cancer Center in Williamsport has more than 30,000 patients every year and performs more than 45,000 procedures every year.

Pictured from left: Abdalla Sholi, MD, regional medical director for oncology; Michelle Gaida, administrative director; Steve Johnson, president; Sister Teresa Ann Jacobs; and Sherry Watts, vice president.

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