



February 2018 Newsletter

Congratulations, Dr. Gupta!

On January 25th, Ruchi Gupta, MD, MPH was awarded the "Mary Ann and J. Milburn Smith Research Professorship for a Sr. Scientist in Child Health Research" chair at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago's Research Scholar Investiture Ceremony. Dr. Gupta was recognized for her tremendous contributions to pediatric food allergy and asthma research, and this honor was bestowed upon her by both Patrick M. Magoon, President & CEO Lurie Children's Hospital and Thomas P. Shanley, Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Founders' Board Centennial Professor in Pediatrics, Pediatric & Chief Research Officer, Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute.

The SOAAR team, Dr. Gupta's colleagues, family and friends were in attendance to celebrate this amazing accomplishment and are so proud of her continued hard work and dedication to improving the lives of children and their families! To see more photos from the event, click [here](#).



From left to right: [Thomas P. Shanley, MD](#), Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Founders' Board Centennial Professor in Pediatrics, Pediatric & Chief Research Officer, Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute; [Dr. Ruchi Gupta](#); and [Patrick M. Magoon](#), President & CEO Lurie Children's Hospital.



Team SOAAR

From left to right: Pamela Newmark, Madeleine Kanaley, Kathy Boon, Dr. Gupta, Jolanta Szkodon, Alexandria Bozen, Jennifer Chung, and Jialing Jiang.

Register Today!

**2018 Midwest Food Allergy Conference for Education & Science
Midwest F • A • C • E • S**

June 9th – June 10th | Chicago, Illinois

Bringing together food allergy families, clinicians, researchers and experts throughout Midwest region for the latest research on the state of food allergy and new advancements in treatments, prevention and daily living.

For the first time ever, SOAAR is gathering the many "faces of food allergy", including parents, caretakers, kids, researchers, pediatricians, allergists, nurses, school personnel and anyone who helps care for someone with food allergy. The Midwest FACES conference presents the perfect platform for exchanging ideas and creating connections among all dedicated stakeholders, in addition to learning the latest and greatest in food allergy research. Join us to share your perspective, while gaining support from others who get it...know it...live it!

To continue reading this blog article, click [here](#).

To register for this conference, click [here](#).

Partner Spotlight: Gordon Research Conference



In January, the inaugural Gordon Research Conference on *Mechanisms, Prevention of, and Emerging Therapies for Food Allergy* was held in Ventura, CA. As the conference description states, it was a great opportunity to "provide cross-fertilization and collaboration among researchers in relevant fields, and will help to develop and integrate this rapidly evolving field." Dr. Gupta participated in and spoke at this conference about the prevalence of childhood and adult food allergy in the United States.

SOAAR thanks [Kari Nadeau, MD, PhD, FAAAAI](#), Conference Chair and [Gideon Lack, MA, MBBCH, FRCP, CH, MD](#), Conference Vice Chair for their leadership and vision for making this conference a reality. We look forward to collaborating with everyone at future conferences!

To learn more about this conference, visit [here](#).

Recent Events

Chicago Health Solutions' Winter 2018 Community Health Case Competition: Childhood Asthma

Chicago Health Solutions (CHS) is an innovative program that enables undergraduates from various disciplines across University of Chicago to develop solutions for a public health problem and present them to a panel of experts in that field. This winter 2018 competition focused on childhood asthma in Chicago Public Schools, and Dr. Gupta was invited by Chicago Health Solutions (CHS) to serve as a judge.

Teams pitched their final proposals to the judges through 10 minute presentations and two teams were declared winners. Those two teams were invited to present their proposals at a Center for Global Health research symposium, scheduled for April 2018.

To learn more about the Community Health Case Competition and CHS, click [here](#). To see more pictures of the event, click [here](#).



Dr. Gupta and Community Health Case Competitors

Netflix Premiere of "Rotten"

On Thursday, January 11th, Spokin, Auvi-Q, Enjoy Life and Safe + Fair hosted an exclusive screening of "The Peanut Problem", which is one episode of the 6-part Netflix documentary series, *Rotten*. The episode focuses on food allergies and the people working to combat the increase in incidence.

Two people featured in "The Peanut Problem" as experts are Dr. Ruchi Gupta and Susie Hultquist, Founder of Spokin. The evening's festivities included a pre-screening meet and great and a post-screening Q & A session with the evening's hosts and experts.



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From left to right: Pamela Newmark, Madeleine Kanaley, Justin Zaslavsky, Dr. Gupta, Jennifer Chung, Kathy Boon, Jolanta Szkodon, and Crystal Johnson.



Q+A after Netflix Screening

From left to right: Mary Tobin, MD; Joel Warady (Enjoy Life Foods CMO); Ruchi Gupta, MD, MPH; Susie Hultquist (Spokin Founder + CEO); Eric Edwards, MD, PhD (Kaleo Pharma); Will Holsworth (Safe + Fair CEO); and Aaron Donnell, MD.

To watch the trailer for the "The Peanut Problem", click [here](#). For additional pictures of this event, visit our [Facebook](#) page.

Thanks Dr. Lieberman!

Team SOAAR thanks Dr. Allen Lieberman of [Austin Family Allergy & Asthma](#) (Austin, TX) for his positive feedback about "The Peanut Problem". To read his recommendation, click [here](#).

Engaging with Parker Students

On Wednesday, January 24th, Dr. Gupta visited the Francis W. Parker School, located in Chicago, to educate 3rd grade through high school students about food allergies and anaphylaxis. Students also learned strategies for how to support their peers who have food allergies.

Click [here](#) to read the Parker School's article about the event.



Questions?

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