



May 2018 Newsletter

Midwest FACES, June 9-10th

Midwest FACES is just around the corner!

We are so excited to bring together the many faces of food allergy and look forward to building an amazing network of support with all of those in attendance.

The Adult, Kid and Teen, and Healthcare Provider [tracks](#) will all offer unique opportunities to learn the latest in food allergy research, different management techniques, and most importantly, how to empower one another to better understand and support those living with food allergies!

If you have not yet registered, there's still time! Learn more about the Midwest Food Allergy Conference for Education and Science by visiting midwestfaces.com or register by clicking the button below.

[Register for Midwest FACES](#)



Also, be sure to join us Saturday, June 9th from 8:30 pm – 10:30 pm for an evening cruise on Lake Michigan to watch the fireworks. A full service bar with a selection of beers, wines, cocktails and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Please click [here](#) to purchase tickets. Select June 9th on the calendar and then click on the **8:30 pm Chicago Fireworks Cruise**. Be sure to enter the promo code for our reduced fare:

Promo Code: Lurie18

Cost: \$19.50 Adults; \$9.00 Kids

Date: June 9, 2018

Boarding begins at 8:00 pm and departure is 8:30 pm

Research News

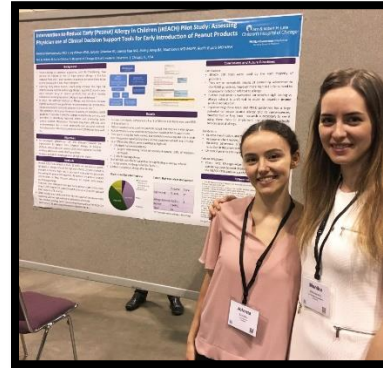
Published and Accepted Manuscripts

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5. Dyer AA, O'Keefe A, Kanaley MK, **Gupta RS.** **Leaving the Nest: Improving food allergy management on college campuses.** Annals of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. 2018. In Press, Accepted Manuscript.
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Pediatric Academic Societies, May 5th-8th, 2018

Toronto, Ontario

Jolanta Szkodon (Behavioral Research Coordinator, Team SOAAR) and Monika Martusiewicz, MD, (Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago) standing with their poster titled: **"Intervention to Reduce Early (Peanut) Allergy in Children (iREACH) Pilot Study: Assessing Physician Use of Clinical Decision Support Tools for Early Introduction of Peanut Products"** at PAS 2018.



On Monday, May 7th, Dr. Gupta presented **"The Updated Prevalence of Peanut Allergy Among Children in the United States"**, at the Pediatric Academic Societies Conference. The data presented were an update from her 2011 study, ["The Prevalence, Severity, and Distribution of Childhood Food Allergy in the United States."](#)

Food Allergy Research and Resource Program's (FARRP) 10th Workshop on Food Allergen Methodologies

Toronto, Ontario

Dr. Gupta was invited to speak at the 10th Workshop on Food Allergen Methodologies hosted by FARRP while in Toronto. Her presentation, titled "**What is the Cost to Allergic Consumers and Their Families?**" covered results from her 2013 study focusing on the [the economic impact of childhood food allergy in the United States](#). The study found that the overall economic cost of FA annually was estimated to be \$24.8 billion annually and \$4,184 per year per food allergic child.



4th Annual Chicago Science Festival- May 12th

Chicago, IL



Ruchi Gupta, MD, MPH, Associate Professor Pediatrics and Medicine at Northwestern Medicine and [Joan Cook-Mills](#), Professor of Medicine, Allergy Division at Northwestern Medicine co-presented "**Getting Beyond Scratching the Surface of Food Allergies**" during 4th Annual Chicago Science Festival.

Recent Events

7th Annual FARE Spring Luncheon- May 11th, 2018

Four Seasons Hotel-Chicago, IL



Team SOAAR at their table at the FARE Spring Luncheon on May 11, 2018!

The annual luncheon benefits Food Allergy Research & Education's mission and initiatives to improve the quality of life and health of individuals with food allergies and to provide hope through the promise of new treatments. We are grateful to have been in attendance to support this cause! Read more about the event [here](#).

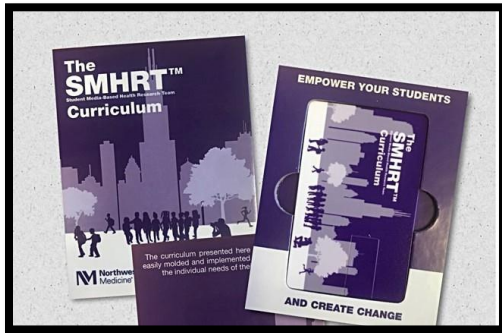
***Pictured:** Jolanta Szkodon, Kathy Boon, Jennifer Chung, Ruchi Gupta, Jialing Jiang, Ozge Aktas, Crystal Johnson, Madeleine Kanaley, Pamela Newmark, and Stacey Sturner*



SOAAR Educational Resources:

Free upon request!

SMHRT Curriculum



Peer-to-Peer Food Allergy Videos



SMHRT Curriculum

Student Media-based Health Research Team (SMHRT) curriculum is available—at NO COST—for schools, community-based organizations and other youth-focused programs to implement. SMHRT’s goal is to empower students to better understand their own health conditions and how their environment/community helps or hurts their health.

The SMHRT Curriculum includes a syllabus, goals and objectives, lesson plan, Powerpoint slides, resource sheets, homework activities, and evaluation forms and can be modified to address specific health needs of different communities.

If you are interested in receiving the SMHRT Curriculum, [click here to order!](#)

Peer-To-Peer FA Videos

Our team created food allergy educational videos for elementary, middle, and high school students in collaboration with families who have food allergies. The three videos aim to increase awareness of food allergy and early identification

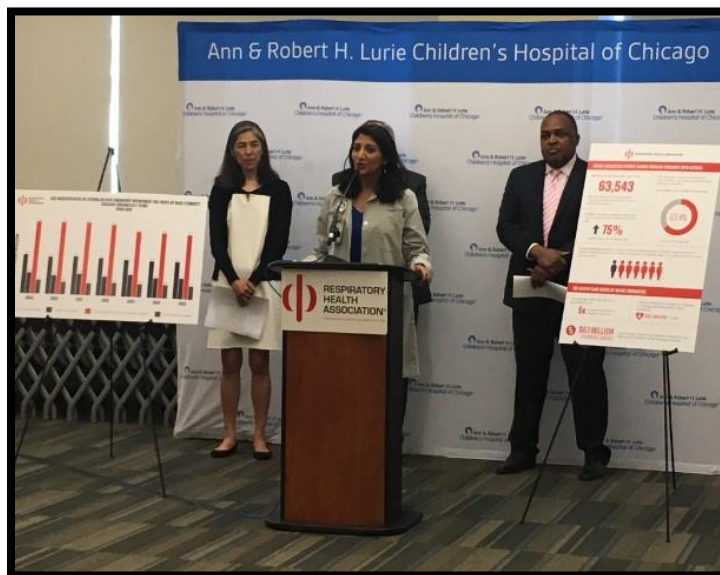
of anaphylaxis symptoms. Overall, we hope to empower children and their families to be advocates for themselves in and out of the classroom.

These videos, along with FAQs and resources for teachers, are available on a USB. If you are interested in receiving a USB, please [click here](#) to order.

World Asthma Day Events

World Asthma Day- May 1st, 2018

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago



In honor of World Asthma Day on May 1st, representatives from around Chicago came together for a Chicago Children's Asthma Summit to share their initiatives to improve asthma outcomes in the city. The Summit concluded with a discussion about next steps, recommendations, and potential collaborations to increase health equity among Chicagoans with asthma!

Those in attendance included: [Respiratory Health Association](#), [Presence Health](#), [Chicago Department of Public Health](#), [Ann & Robert H. Lurie](#)

[Children's Hospital of Chicago](#), [Lurie Children's Healthy Communities](#), [The University of Chicago](#), [University of Illinois at Chicago](#), [Mobile Care Chicago](#), and [Sinai Urban Health Institute](#).

Learn more about the event [here](#).

Indiana World Asthma Day Regional Summit- May 3rd, 2018

Franciscan Health Hospital- Crown Point, IN

Dr. Gupta was invited to serve as a panelist during the Indiana World Asthma Day Regional Summit at Franciscan Health Hospital. The main topic of the summit was to discuss how to address asthma in minority populations and each presenter gave a brief overview of their initiatives before discussing actions they can take back to their own community to improve care and outcomes.

Pictured: Roni Ford, [Director of the Indiana Joint Asthma Coalition \(InJAC\)](#), Pamela Newmark, Ruchi Gupta, Nadia Krupp, MD ([IU Health](#)) Madeleine Kanaley, Kathy Boon, and Jolanta Szkodon



In the News

NewsWise:

[Parents Want Better Food Labeling in Schools to Help Keep Their Kids with Food Allergy Safe](#)

[Immunotherapy Trials for Food Allergy Hold Strong Appeal for Parents](#)

News Medical-Life Sciences:

[Study identifies key food allergy policies that parents want in schools to improve safety of kids](#)

Chicago Tonight-WTTW:

[Study: 'Alarming' Racial Disparities Persist Among Kids with Asthma'](#)



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