## **Department News**

## Announcing Our Newest Physician: Sanjay R. Patel, MD, MS



We are pleased to announce the appointment of Sanjay R. Patel, MD, MS, as director of the Sleep Medicine and Cardiovascular Outcomes Center and medical director of the UPMC Sleep Laboratory.

Dr. Patel received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School before moving on to the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania where he completed an internship in internal medicine. Following a fellowship in

pulmonary and critical care at Massachusetts General Hospital, he continued as a sleep fellow at Brigham and Women's Hospital and is recognized as the only person to win the American Academy of Sleep Medicine Young Investigator award twice.

In 2005, he obtained his master's degree in epidemiology from Harvard School of Public Health. In 2008, Dr. Patel received the James B. Skatrud Young Investigator Award from the American Thoracic Society.

Dr. Patel has developed a national reputation as an expert in the epidemiology of sleep and sleep disorders on the relationship between sleep and obesity. He brings a wealth of experience from his previous roles as associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School and the Division of Sleep and Circadian Disorders at Brigham and Women's Hospital.

## Sally Wenzel, MD, honored with Breathing for Life Award

Sally E. Wenzel, MD, director of the University of Pittsburgh Asthma Institute at UPMC, was recently honored with the Breathing for Life Award at the annual American Thoracic Society Foundation Research Program Benefit. The award is the highest honor given to an ATS member for philanthropy.



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"It's a great honor to be the first woman recognized by the foundation for the professional society (ATS) that has provided me so much during my career," Dr. Wenzel said. "I look forward to continuing my longtime commitment to the society as part of the global pulmonary community."

An internationally-recognized expert in severe asthma patient care and research, Dr. Wenzel gives back to the pulmonary community in many ways. Not only is she a sought-after clinician for treatment of severe asthma, she is also well recognized for her advocacy for women in science and mentoring of young scientists.

Dr. Wenzel is a global leader in the investigation of asthma phenotypes and in understanding the complexities of severe asthma. Her research has been dedicated to the investigation of asthma in humans, as opposed to mouse models. Dr. Wenzel has published more than 250 peer reviewed publications and has been funded by the National Institutes of Health for 30 years.

## The 12th Annual Fran Magister "Fore IPF" Golf Outing

Monday, August 22, 2016

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