**Department Mission**
The mission of the Department of Plastic Surgery at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is to restore wholeness to people suffering from physical deformities through integrated programs in patient care, education and research in the field of plastic surgery.

**Department Vision**
Our vision is to be the world’s leading center for the practice, training and advancement of plastic surgery.
Welcome to the Department of Plastic Surgery at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center. The past several years have been a period of extraordinary academic growth for our department, with the development of state-of-the-art surgical techniques and innovative technology designed to provide the highest quality care to our patients. In each critical mission area—patient care, education and research—the Department of Plastic Surgery is working diligently to distinguish itself as a leader in the field.

Our guiding principle in clinical care is to provide the highest quality services in reconstructive and aesthetic surgery and medicine that are fully integrated into the unique multidisciplinary environment of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, including Ohio State University Hospital, Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Ohio State University Hospital East, Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute and Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

Our surgeons were among the first to use minimally invasive and the new robotic technologies for advanced techniques in reconstructive and aesthetic surgery. We have the largest team of reconstructive microsurgeons in the Midwest dedicated to restoring functional and aesthetic abnormalities for people disfigured by cancer, injury, burns, birth defects, degenerative processes and aging.

Working together, we emphasize an integrative approach in providing minimally invasive surgery, structural heart disease treatment, peripheral vascular/limb salvage procedures, sarcoma care and hernia repair. This approach offers a unique opportunity to work with a team of professionals dedicated to improving patient quality of life and well-being. We have also established a new service dedicated to comprehensive inpatient wound management.

Our primary mission is to restore wholeness to people suffering from physical deformities, through integrated programs in patient care, education and research within the field of plastic surgery. Our vision is to foster and build partnerships with other academic disciplines and hospitals, as well as with our patients and the community, to develop our program and become nationally and internationally renowned. Our faculty and staff have initiated outreach efforts globally, with cooperative relationships in Europe, India, Africa, Asia and Central America.

We provide outpatient care to patients in our main office at the Eye and Ear Institute located at Gowdy Field, and the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center, CarePoint East, Comprehensive Wound Center at Martha Morehouse Medical Plaza, University Hospital East and Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

We have a diverse program of research with active clinical, translational and basic science projects in areas relevant to plastic surgery. These include regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, computational tissue modeling, 3D manufacturing, wound healing and hemangioma formation and treatment. Our program is funded from sources including the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Department of Defense and private industry.

The formalization of our department status at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center makes us a very unique program and one of the largest in the nation. We are committed to continuing to be an innovator and leader in the field of plastic surgery nationally and globally. It is a privilege to be an integral part of advancing The Ohio State University “from excellence to eminence.”

Michael J. Miller, MD, Chair, Department of Plastic Surgery

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Overall Department of Plastic Surgery Highlights
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- Ohio State’s Department of Plastic Surgery is now a full-service, comprehensive plastic surgery program and one of the largest plastic surgery programs in the nation.  
- Our clinic at the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center received the facility’s Patient Satisfaction Award in 2012 and 2013.  
- Ohio State’s Department of Plastic Surgery earned a year-end HCAHPS Doctor Communication patient satisfaction score of 88.3 percent, placing in the 97th percentile and ranking as the highest among all of the physician groups in Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center.  
- Drs. Michael Miller and Richard Kirschner were recognized as being among America’s Top Doctors.
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Appointment: 2014
Specialty Interests: Complex traumatic extremity and oncologic reconstruction, peripheral nerve repair/regeneration techniques, and aesthetic surgery
Accomplishments in Education

Under the direction of Dr. Gregory Pearson, the Department of Plastic Surgery initiated the final year of a six-year integrated residency program. The program has experienced unprecedented success in recruiting the very best match candidates from around the country and world.

The department now offers unique opportunities for plastic surgery related fellowships each year. Two microsurgery fellows are joined by fellowships in aesthetics, craniofacial speech pathology, pediatric plastic surgery and hand.

Ohio State’s education program’s reputation is gaining national and international attention as a result of positively reviewed presentations and the participation of our residents and fellows in national and international conferences.
Closer to home, the department has continued to enhance communication with the community faculty through social events, a monthly community faculty meeting and a city-wide Morbidity and Mortality conference. We have also been actively involved in a local professional society, the Columbus Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Every year, Ohio State’s internationally renowned visiting professors offered broad and diverse insights for students through our weekly didactic resident conference. Visiting professors are also encouraged to speak at the Columbus Society of Plastic Surgeons meeting, which highlights what Ohio State’s Department of Plastic Surgery has to offer the community.

Highlights include the following accomplishments in education:

- Drs. Gayle Gordillo and Michael Miller served as examiners for the American Board of Plastic Surgery examinations in 2014.
- The department successfully presented the 6th Annual Ruberg Symposium, which offered up to eight CME credits.
- Dr. Gayle Gordillo was a Plastic Surgery Foundation (PSF) Visiting Professor.
Just as there is no routine cancer, there is no routine cancer treatment. Each patient’s cancer is different, and each requires individualized, targeted treatments for the best possible outcomes. Our sub-specialized multidisciplinary teams of nationally-renowned medical, surgical and radiation oncologists, reconstructive surgeons and other specialists put their collective knowledge to developing and delivering the best, most optimal treatments for each patient, including the sequencing of surgery, reconstruction and radiation therapy.

As one of the largest and most experienced microvascular surgery teams in the nation, our reconstructive surgeons perform some of the nation’s most advanced reconstructive surgeries. Their pioneering techniques provide many options to skin, breast, colorectal and gynecologic cancer patients at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (OSUCCC – James) including, for breast cancer, the option to consider reconstruction at the time of mastectomy, after treatment or years later.

Reconstructive surgery is also of particular importance to patients who have previously received radiation therapy or anticipate receiving radiation therapy after surgery. Wound healing can be compromised after radiation, and reconstructive procedures have been shown to facilitate healing and minimize complications.
Multidisciplinary Sarcoma Team

Our multidisciplinary team includes medical oncologists, orthopaedic oncologists, radiation oncologists, rehabilitation specialists and other experts.

Ohio State’s specialists collaborate in the diagnosis, classification, treatment and rehabilitation of sarcomas to improve outcomes and quality of life. Breakthrough research keeps Ohio State’s sarcoma specialists on the cutting edge.

Their current research studies include:

• Exploring the origins of sarcoma at the genetic level
• Testing new drugs aimed at slowing or halting the progress of sarcomas
• Developing treatment strategies with available drugs
• Finding innovative ways to help the body’s immune system subdue sarcoma cancer cells
The Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Institute within The Ohio State University Department of Plastic Surgery is a fully equipped, state-of-the-art facility offering the latest in cosmetic enhancement and plastic surgery procedures. Our center offers both surgical and non-surgical treatments designed to help patients achieve their goals with results that look both natural and beautiful.

We offer some of the most advanced cosmetic and plastic surgery treatments available, performed by experienced plastic surgeons and skin care professionals.

At the Aesthetic Plastic Surgery Institute, we offer a full range of procedures that can enhance appearance, redesign body contour and shape, and reduce signs of aging and fatigue. In addition, we offer a wide range of rejuvenating spa treatments for all ages and body types.
Burn and Wound Care

The Comprehensive Wound Center was developed by Drs. Gayle Gordillo and Chandan Sen, Professor of Surgery:

- To accelerate the translation of basic science findings to clinical application
- To encourage novel partnerships and multidisciplinary approaches in order to investigate complex problems related to wound repair and regeneration
- To use data to develop clinical best practices and become leaders in the field of tissue repair and wound management

The objectives and activities of the Comprehensive Wound Center adhere to NIH Roadmap guidelines. The Center was used as a focal point in the recently funded Clinical and Translational Science Award from NIH ($35,000,000), proposed by The Ohio State University.

The Inpatient Wound Consult Service was established and directed by Dr. Gayle Gordillo. This service provides expertise in the evaluation and management of inpatients with pressure ulcers, venous stasis ulcers or diabetic foot ulcers. The service sees about 200 patients per year.

The Hemangioma and Vascular Malformation Clinic at Nationwide Children's Hospital was also established and is directed by Dr. Gayle Gordillo. This service provides comprehensive care to patients with hemangiomas and vascular malformations. The clinic is staffed by four physician providers, including a dermatologist and three plastic surgeons. The volume of patients seen has also doubled in size and exceeds 400+ patient visits per year.
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center offers unparalleled expertise and innovative surgical approaches to treating patients with hernias and other abdominal wall defects. A team of reconstructive experts led by Jeffrey Janis, MD, FACS, takes a personalized approach to treating each patient.

A Widespread Problem
Every year in the United States, nearly 250,000 people experience hernias. Hernias can result from a variety of issues, including trauma, cancer, infection, prior surgery or weak abdominal muscles. Hernias and other abdominal wall defects can cause extreme discomfort and can result in serious health complications.

Surgical Approach
Hernias can be treated with a variety of surgical approaches — it’s not a one-size-fits-all surgery. When patients are evaluated at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Hernia Clinic, they get a customized approach to tackling their problem.

With a broad range of expertise, we use the most advanced surgical techniques for each patient. These can include advanced perforator sparing minimally invasive component separation to get the muscles and fascia back together, skin and muscle flaps to restore soft tissue coverage, tissue expansion to generate more skin, a variety of surgical meshes (both biologic and synthetic) to provide more strength to the repair and a more durable result and concomitant panniculectomy, when indicated, to remove extra heavy, weighty skin and fat.
One Stop
The Comprehensive Hernia Clinic reviews the patient’s record before the patient is seen to help provide an efficient patient experience. Records, images and referral paperwork from other physicians are analyzed to ensure that the right members of the team are present during the patient consultation. The goal is to provide a seamless patient-centered experience whereby the doctors come to the patient and not the other way around. When a patient shows up to the Hernia Clinic, they will see multiple professionals, and by the time the patient leaves their one appointment with the entire team, he or she will have a treatment plan in hand.

Challenging Cases
We routinely take care of complex patients with previous surgical complications or comorbidities. Using our multidisciplinary approach, we evaluate the risk of each surgery and do what it takes to optimize each and every patient to have a successful outcome. This optimization not only prepares a patient for surgery, but also helps them recover afterwards. Best scientific evidence, advanced techniques, modern technologies and enhanced recovery pathways are used to promote best outcomes. Our Comprehensive Hernia Clinic has the experts and expertise to take care of hernias from simple to complex, and we strive to do so in a personal, patient-centered approach that uses best practices to obtain optimal results that last.
A major focus of Ohio State’s preclinical research program has been the 3D printing of resorbable scaffolds. Cells, such as Mesenchymal Stem Cells (MSCs) or vascular progenitor cells are seeded onto solid, 3D printed polymer scaffolds or within hydrogels. The constructs may then be cultured, in a bioreactor, before implantation. The intent of pre-culturing scaffolds prior to implantation is to fill and coat them with tissue that the body perceives as a “tissue engineered bone graft.”

Dr. David Dean’s lab is located in the Center for Regenerative Medicine and Cell-Based Therapy. The Dean Lab focuses on providing computer-assisted, pre-operative planning tools for the surgical reconstruction and regeneration of craniofacial skeletal tissues. This research includes the use of locally developed implant Computer Aided Design (CAD) software to prepare patient-specific implants, implant components and surgical devices that are rendered via additive manufacturing (3D printing). These techniques are used to prepare restorative but inert (i.e., non-resorbing) cranial implants for patients.
• Dr. Adriane Baylis’s projects
  - The Development of Stop Consonants in Children with Repaired Cleft Palate was awarded an NIH NIDCR R01 grant. This study will examine the speech sound development of infants and toddlers with repaired cleft palate as compared to peers with chronic otitis media and a control group. It will also provide new information about the timeline for acquisition of velopharyngeal closure in children after palate repair.

  - The Americleft Speech Study: An Intercenter Comparison of Speech Outcome in Children with Repaired Cleft Palate was awarded an NIH NIDCR R21 grant. This multicenter study examines speech outcomes of five- to six-year-old children with repaired cleft palate. It establishes benchmarks for speech performance of children with clefts as compared to non-cleft age and gender matched peers.

• Dr. Gayle Gordillo and Mastectomy Reconstruction Outcomes Consortium (MROC) – The primary goal of the study is to collect relevant, up-to-date information from the patient’s point of view on the relative advantages and disadvantages of the common options for breast reconstruction following mastectomy. Study results will help patients, providers, payers and policy makers in determining which procedures work best for women recovering from breast cancer.
Ohio State’s Comprehensive Wound Center Limb Preservation Program offers help for patients at risk for limb loss. Common diagnoses that threaten limbs include diabetic foot ulcers, chronic osteomyelitis with open wounds, non-healing ulcers (vascular or neuropathic), and both acute and chronic trauma. This service is conveniently located at Ohio State’s Comprehensive Wound Center in University Hospital East. Our goal is to see patients as soon as critical limb ischemia is discovered. Michael R. Go, MD, MS, director of Vascular Services at University Hospital East, works together with our faculty on this project.

Limb preservation patients have access to highly-skilled experts in a setting designed around their need for coordinated and efficient care:

- On-site, patient-centered evaluation, treatment and follow-up care
- A multidisciplinary team of vascular medicine, vascular surgery, podiatry, plastic surgery, general surgery and rehabilitation experts
- Experienced wound care nurses, physical therapists, dietitians and other allied health professionals
• Advanced techniques, including interventional care, surgical and microsurgical procedures

• Access to clinical trials and developing technology to preserve tissue perfusion

These approaches work toward a single goal—to avoid amputation and save limbs. The multidisciplinary team members include:

• Said Atway, DPM, podiatrist

• Rajiv Chandawarkar, MD, plastic/microvascular surgeon

• Michael Go, MD, MS, vascular surgeon and director of the Limb Preservation Program

• Gayle Gordillo, MD, plastic surgeon

• Jeffrey Janis, MD, plastic surgeon

• Richard Schlanger, MD, PhD, general surgeon

Combined expertise in one comprehensive setting gives patients the best chance to achieve limb preservation. Patients will receive an integrated health plan in the Comprehensive Wound Center.
When Medications Are Not Enough

Physicians refer patients with chronic migraine headache to Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center because Ohio State has the multidisciplinary expertise to offer all evidence-based diagnostic and treatment options.

Surgical treatment to prevent chronic migraines is a safe and effective option for those who have not responded well to treatment with medications (antidepressants, anticonvulsants, beta-blockers or calcium channel blockers) or other interventions (herbals, acupuncture, chiropractor services, electrical stimulation, patches or biofeedback).

For those whose migraines do not respond to medications or interventions, Ohio State specialists can:

- Assess each patient to determine an optimal treatment plan
- Use Botox or nerve blocks to identify the migraine headache trigger sources
- Design a surgical intervention to eliminate headache symptoms caused by these triggers

A Surgical Solution for Chronic Migraines

Surgery to alleviate the symptoms of chronic migraine headaches is available only to patients who have been diagnosed by a board-certified neurologist with migraine headaches or cranial neuralgias, such as supraorbital or occipital neuralgia.

Patients are treated using an individualized approach, but based upon a multidisciplinary concept that begins with the patient’s history and a physical exam.
Botulinum toxin (Botox) or nerve blocks are administered to determine whether a patient has “trigger points” arising from peripheral nerves of the head and neck that may be compressed by surrounding tissue, including muscle, fascia, bone, or even blood vessels.

If a patient has a peripheral trigger point that is contributing to the migraine symptoms, the patient may be a candidate for surgical intervention, specifically a technique used to identify and decompress these nerves.

The patient will then potentially be offered surgical intervention, which can take the form of multiple procedures, all performed in one operation in an outpatient setting. The types of procedures performed within that operation are dictated by the number and location of “trigger points” that are diagnosed.

**Proven Results**

This technique has a tremendous amount of data to support its efficacy, safety, and outcomes, with at least 24 studies published in peer-reviewed journals. The literature includes retrospective studies, prospective pilot studies, prospective randomized controlled studies, sham surgery studies and five-year follow-up studies.

Dr. Janis has recorded excellent results from surgeries he performed while at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Among his patients who responded to surgery, average improvement from baseline levels was 96.9 percent. Among the entire patient population, average improvement was 78.2 percent from baseline. This is far more effective than traditional treatments, and reflects a significant impact and improvement on the patient’s quality of life.
Ohio State University International Outreach

Our Department is committed to international service and training. The potential benefits of restorative surgery worldwide are enormous. Members of our faculty have provided care and taught other surgeons around the world. Our goal is to have durable cooperative relationships involving patient care, teaching and research with partners around the globe.

Casa Azul Program

Dr. Richard Kirschner continued his work with the Casa Azul Partnership Program in Peru. Casa Azul America, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides free surgery and education for the development of comprehensive team care to underprivileged children with cleft lip and palate in Lima, Peru. The organization partners with local providers to carry out surgical missions and educational activities.

Global Health Initiative

Dr. Ted Nagel, represented the department on an international outreach trip to Taiwan.
The New James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute

In December 2014, Ohio State will open the doors of the new James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, a transformational facility that will foster collaboration and integration of cancer research and clinical cancer care. The new James will be the Midwest’s largest cancer hospital and the third largest cancer hospital in the United States.

The patients served by this new 21-floor hospital will find themselves at the intersection of research, education and sub-specialized care. Research and educational spaces will be located on every floor, enhancing the bench-to-bedside approach to patient care and giving patients early access to new treatments and tools.

The new James will help revolutionize cancer prevention and care by enabling world-class oncologists and researchers to work side-by-side to solve the mysteries of this disease. Through their discoveries, cancer care will evolve from traditional, broad-based therapies to molecular- and genetic-based prevention strategies and targeted treatments for each patient’s unique cancer.

To learn more, visit cancer.osu.edu.
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