Pelotonia was a Successful Ride

Ron Harter, MD, Antolin Flores, MD, Kasey Fiorini, MD, Joshua Lumbley, MD, Jon Lipps, MD, and Greg Stockton, CRNA, all took part in Pelotonia on August 7th. They, along with all the other riders helped raise over 13,000,000 dollars for cancer research. The department also helped raise funds to support Pelotonia. The fundraiser at King Ave 5 on August 1st raised $1,700 and the waffle breakfast Greg Stockton, CRNA, put together raised $400. However, the fundraising did not stop on August 7th; you can still donate to any of the riders until October 9th.

Visit: [http://pelotonia.org/profiles/](http://pelotonia.org/profiles/) to donate to any of the riders and to help put an end to cancer.

Faculty Profile: David Stahl, MD, Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to David Stahl, MD for being honored as the 2015 Teacher of the Year! Each year, one faculty member, whom is nominated and voted on by the entire resident body, is recognized for outstanding performance in resident teaching. "I was drawn to teaching early on because of the challenge, and have been sustained by the reward of seeing a learner really "get it" for the first time. Trying to explain a concept in a way that makes sense to an individual learner forces me not only to know the concept I’m teaching but to try to envision how each learner is thinking.”

Creating a safe learning environment for residents to take risk is something that is very important to Dr. Stahl, "I think this is often the biggest challenge in a group of hard-working, high-achieving individuals like our residents: learning to love failing. I truly believe the biggest strides in my own education have been when I felt supported enough to test the limits of my knowledge.”

Dr. Stahl’s teachers during his residency have had a lasting impact on his teaching skills, “I was fortunate to have exceptional teachers and mentors. I like to think, on my best days, that I channel a little bit of each one of them. Most of all, they taught me to set high expectations of the residents, and be prepared to be surprised.”
Anesthesiology Accolades
Four faculty members received an academic promotion. Congratulations to:
Robert Small, MD Professor Clinical
Yun Xia, MD Professor Clinical
Galina Dimitrova, MD Associate Professor Clinical
Kenneth Moran, MD Associate Professor Clinical

Meet the Resident Class of 2018

Upcoming Events
Anesthesiology Conference 2015 San Diego
October 24 - 28
Department of Anesthesiology Reception
Saturday, October 24 at 7:00 pm
Marriott Marquis
Temecula #1-3 (1st Floor North Tower)
San Diego, CA

76th OSA Annual Conference
September 25-27
Hilton Easton
Easton Town Center
3900 Chagrin Dr,
Columbus, OH 43219

Department Picnic
Saturday, October 3rd
Fancyburg Park
Upper Arlington
11:00am to 1:00pm

Chief Residents’ Note
As chief residents for 2015-2016, we will face a number of new challenges. One of these will be the continued expansion of the Wexner Medical Center. The new James Cancer and Critical Care Tower is up and running and with that comes a diverse and inspirational patient population. Additionally, the Same Day Surgery center has opened; combined, these two sites will allow exposure to a multitude of interesting new cases. As always, we strive to maintain a healthy work-life balance for the residents and will continue to implement the early/late call system to try to accomplish this. We're looking forward to serving our fellow residents as best we can.

Meghan Cook, MD and Clinton Highley, DO
Suren Soghomonyan MD, Ph. D., authored, “Neurophysiological Monitoring during Surgery on the Central Nervous System: The Role of Evoked Responses”, which was recently published in International Journal of Anesthesiology & Research. This article did inclusive review of evoked potentials literature that involved collaboration from multiple departments at OSU.

Triple therapy with scopolamine, ondansetron, and dexamethasone for prevention of postoperative nausea and vomiting in moderate to and vomiting in moderate to high-risk patients undergoing craniotomy under general anesthesia: a pilot study. This study was published in Frontiers in Medicine. The study presents successful perioperative management for pregnant trauma patients.

Emmett Whitaker, MD Clinical Assistant Professor (2013-present)

Attending Pediatric Anesthesiologist, Nationwide Children's Hospital. He is a member of our Neuromodulation Program efforts to develop basic, translational and clinical research related to Anesthesiology. He is currently funded by (1) NIH Loan Repayment Program Grant titled "Development of a Preclinical Piglet Model to Further Study Anesthetic-induced mechanisms of neurotoxicity in the pediatric population". (2) Nationwide Children's Hospital Intramural Grant, and (3) Davis-Bremer Foundation Pre-K Award titled “Isoflurane-induced neuroinflammation in children with hydrocephalus: A bench-to-bedside, translational study of molecular pathways and therapeutic approaches”

Patents Inventors, Ali Rezai, MD Fievos L. Christofi PhD, AGAF. Neuromodulatory systems and methods for treating functional gastrointestinal disorders

We want to acknowledge the efforts and excellent support provided by our clinical research team. They are doing an outstanding job in supporting the activities of our faculty, residents, students, fellows and trainees.

Thank you to our senior lab manager Alberto Uribe, our clinical research coordinators Andrew Otey and Zoe Peters, and our postdoctoral researchers Nicoleta Stoica, Karina Castellon, Carlos Arias, Juan Fiorida, Ana Mavarez and Alix Zuleta. The picture includes members of our clinical research team, and our many outstanding trainees engaged in clinical and translational research in the department. We would like to thank you for all your efforts, enthusiasm and contributions to our research activities. (Continues on Page 4)
The summer research team included undergraduates (Irfan Minhas, Brooks McNerny, Cassidy Lawrence, Nicholas Joseph, and Rohan Dalal), Roessler scholarship students (Amy Du, Neha Nidhi, Wai-tim Chew, Dorothy Lakis, Courtney Tipton, Ramya Baddigam), volunteering medical students (Gregory Versteeg, Jennifer Wajahn, Nicholas Gastaldo, Andrei Jipa), FAER students from Ohio University (Benjamin Rausch) and Toledo University (Diana Slawski), international fellows, Satoshi Kimura MD (Anesthesiologist, Japan), Muhammad Shabsigh MD (Syria), Byron Rosero MD (Anesthesiologist (Columbia), Alicia Gonzalez MD (Venezuela), International observers (Hisham Raqab (Jordan), Maria Danielle (Argentina, medical student), Diana

**Upcoming Visiting Professor**, September 15 - 17th: Greg A Gerhardt, Ph.D., University of Kentucky, College of Medicine; Professor, Anatomy and Neurobiology, Neurology, Psychiatry and Electrical Engineering; Director, Morris K. Udall Parkinson’s Disease Research Center of Excellence; Director, Center of Microelectrode Technology; Dr. Gerhardt will be giving presentations at our Department Research Meeting on Wednesday 3pm September 16th and Grand Rounds on September 18th (James Wasserstrom Conference room). His research focuses on dopamine and glutamate neurotransmitters in animal models of Parkinson’s disease. A major research area of Dr. Gerhardt’s laboratory is the dynamics of neurotransmitter function in the CNS using micro sensors.

For inquires about research you may contact Dr. Fievos L. Christofi (Vice Chair of Research, Fedias.christofi@osumc.edu), Dr. Sergio Bergese (Director of Clinical Trials and Neurological Research, Sergio.bergese@osumc.edu) or members of our research team (Nicole Stoicea, Alberto Uribe, Iveta Grants)

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**Department Graduation Dinner a Success**

On Friday, May 30th, anesthesiology residents and Fellows were honored at the annual resident graduation dinner at the Blackwell. Residents, Fellows, and their guests enjoyed cocktails and a seated dinner during the black-tie event. An awards presentation recognized the outstanding achievements over the past year.

**Teacher of the Year**
- David Stahl, MD

**Resident of the Year**
- Michelle Humeidan, MD

**Hardest Working Residents**
- Doug Dearth, MD (CA-1)
- Dominic Robinson, MD (CA-2)
- Michelle Humeidan, MD (CA-3)
- Joseph Kuhn, MD
- William Beeston, DO
- Thomas Felter, MD
- Jarrett Heard, MD
- Michelle Humeidan, MD
- Craig Imm, MD
- Matt Jaruwannakorn, MD
- Linden Lee, MD
- Mike Powell, MD
- Cassidy Schwab, MD
- Daniel Verrill, MD
- Lisa Weaver, MD
- Colleen Wirtz, DO
- Amar Bhatt, MD
- Peter Dienhart, MD
- Brian Dishong, MD
- Kasey Fiorini, MD
- Leonid Gorelik, MD
- Jesse Richards, MD
- Jacob Uhler, MD
- Tristan Weaver, MD
- David Yehsakul, MD
A Message from the Chair: Ronald L. Harter, MD

Welcome Home!

In an Academic department such as ours, summer ushers in a wave of new faces: new faculty, residents, fellows, anesthetists and staff. For some of our new team members, Ohio State is a familiar friend to which they have returned. Others are continuing at OSUWMC but in a different role, perhaps transitioning from medical student to intern, or from resident to fellow or faculty. For still others, Ohio State is a strange, new world, blanketed in scarlet and gray, where everyone you meet is consumed by “Buckeye Fever.” It is my sincere hope that all of you—whether you are new to Ohio State or a “Buckeye Lifer”—view this as your home. It is my wish that everyone who joins our department will recognize how special it is to be here; where each of us contributes in our own way to the amazing things we do here every day.

Our new faculty members come from each of the categories listed above. Returning to OSUWMC after varying amounts of time elsewhere is Alfonso Basile, MD, who trained here, and has been in private practice for several years, most recently in Maryland. Richard Cook, MD, trained here in the same era as Dr. Basile. He will be jointly appointed in our department and the College of Engineering, after spending most of his career at the University of Chicago. Also on the “returnee” list is Heather Eck, MD, who many of you will remember from her recent time with us, returning from private practice.

The list of those transitioning from other roles is longer. Kasey Fiorini, MD joins us following completion of Cardiothoracic and Obstetrical Anesthesiology fellowships with us. Leo Gorelik, MD joins us following completion of his cardiothoracic fellowship here. Jarrett Heard, MD will be dividing his time between serving as a member of our faculty and as a fellow in our Ambulatory Anesthesiology-Business of Medicine fellowship, in which he will also pursue his Executive MBA. Michelle Humeidan, MD, PhD will divide her time between serving as an attending and as a neuroanesthesiology fellow. The final member of this cohort, Tristan Weaver, MD joins our faculty upon completion of his pain fellowship here.

Those who are truly new to the Buckeye family include Rob Gould, MD, who joins us from Northwestern University. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise on OR management to our team. Manoj Iyer, MD, comes to us from the University of Pittsburgh as a welcome addition to our Cardiothoracic and liver transplant teams. Also from the University of Pittsburgh is Sharanya Nama, MD, who will devote her time to the general OR and the Chronic Pain teams. Further adding to our Chronic Pain team is Melissa Tornero-Bold, MD, completing her Pain fellowship at Case Western.

Please join me in welcoming this outstanding group of physicians to our department; let’s make them feel right at home.