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Update from the Chair of Plastic Surgery

“To restore and make whole...”

Gaspar Tagliacozzi’s simple description of our craft is the summary statement of our mission. Restoration is the theme of our patient care, education, and discovery. It is the key to our Department’s growth—guiding recruitment of like-minded faculty and staff. It defines the value we bring to the academic medical center. Years ago a patient commented on her experience fighting cancer. She expressed gratitude for all who worked on her cure but noted something special about the plastic surgeons: “They talked about me and not my cancer.” After having life turned upside down, she began to find renewal.

Please enjoy reading about some of the noteworthy events in our Department in recent months—new faculty, new programs, numerous publications and awards. You will be proud to be a Buckeye! Thank you helping to make everything possible...

Michael Miller, MD
“We restore and make whole those parts which nature or ill fortune have taken away, not so much to delight the eye, but to buoy up the spirit of the afflicted.”

Gaspare Tagliacozzi, 1597
The addition of Dr. Roman Skoracki to the OSU Plastic Surgery faculty has introduced internationally-recognized expertise in the treatment of Lymphedema to the Stephanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center. Dr. Skoracki adds a new dimension to the management of this challenging problem: surgical treatment. Among the various procedures that are now available to patients with lymphedema are:

Lymphaticovenous bypass, which redirects the lymph fluid to small veins. Vascularized lymph node transfer, which provides new access to the affected lymph channels and assists with lymphatic fluid clearance. In addition, liposuction or other “debulking” procedures can sometimes provide additional relief.

Many patients with lymphedema are good candidates for this procedure, but patients who have had the problem for a shorter time and with less severity tend to have better results with lymphedema surgery.

Dr. Skoracki is now seeing patients at the Oncology Rehabilitation Clinic at the James. Multiple non-surgical treatments are also available, under the supervision of Certified Lymphedema Therapists.
Dr. Ian Valerio has joined the Department of Plastic Surgery as Associate Professor and Chief of Trauma, Burn and Wounds. Dr. Valerio received his medical degree from the University of Kentucky; he subsequently trained in general surgery and plastic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh, then completed a microsurgery fellowship at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital in Taiwan. He served in the US Navy on active duty from 2010 to 2014 at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, including deployment as Department Head for General and Trauma Surgery in Kandahar, Afghanistan from 2012-2013.

Dr. Valerio has authored or co-authored more than 50 peer reviewed papers, has presented at a number of national and international meetings, and has been an invited speaker/visiting professor at more than 20 academic centers located in the U.S. and abroad. His clinical interests include the full range of plastic surgery, with special focus on complex traumatic surgery, extremity traumatic and oncologic reconstruction, limb salvage and aesthetic surgery.

Dr. Valerio’s research, which began while he was at Walter Reed, continues here at OSU, with focus on new clinical and reconstructive endeavors for the military (including adipose-derived stem cell therapies, advanced regenerative medicine applications to the wounded warrior and trauma care), and other traumatic, oncologic, and congenital reconstruction strategies.
Canice E. Crerand, Ph.D., has joined the OSU faculty as Assistant Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Plastic Surgery at College of Medicine, working as part of the Center for Biobehavioral Health in The Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH). Dr. Crerand received her bachelor’s degree in Psychology from OSU, her master’s degree in Clinical Psychology from MCP-Hahnemann University, and her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Drexel University. She completed a Pre-doctoral Internship at the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Prior to joining Nationwide Children’s, Dr. Crerand served as a psychologist in Division of Plastic Surgery at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and as an Assistant Professor of Psychology in the Department of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania’s Perelman School of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Crerand’s clinical and research interests focus on psychosocial adjustment in children and adolescents with acquired and congenital appearance differences, psychological aspects of plastic surgery, and body image. As a clinical psychologist, she works with the Cleft Lip and Palate Center and the Center for Complex Craniofacial Disorders, providing psychological assessment and treatment of patients with cleft lip and palate and other craniofacial conditions. She is the recipient of a K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award from the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research.
In Memoriam

On a sad note, we report the sudden passing of a graduate of our residency, **Dr. Haroon Aziz** in January, 2015. Dr. Aziz finished his plastic surgery residency at OSU in 1979, then did a year of surgical oncology training with Dr. Arthur James before opening his practice in Columbus. He served as a community faculty member for many years, and was a frequent attender at visiting professor and other special programs conducted through the residency. We will all miss his perfect “King’s English” and his friendship, wisdom and insights about the practice of plastic surgery.
Three residents will be graduating from the OSU Plastic Surgery Residency this June. Bucking a recent trend towards fellowship training, all three will be entering practice when they leave OSU.

**Dr. Tyler Angelos** will be staying in Columbus and will join Drs. Vasko, Treece, Heck and Wakelin as part of Columbus Aesthetic and Plastic Surgeons. Tyler plans to continue participation in the residency program, and to help his new colleagues maintain the important contribution of Riverside Methodist Hospital to the education of our trainees.

**Dr. Cain Linville** will be joining another plastic surgeon in Houston, Texas, in private practice. His focus will be on breast reconstruction and aesthetic surgery. Cain will also be joining the volunteer faculty at UT Houston, where he plans to be actively involved.

**Dr. Joseph Brown** will be joining a facial plastic surgeon in private practice in Tampa, Florida. Joe will practice the full spectrum of the specialty, but with particular focus on breast and body contouring.
Welcome
2015 Residents & Fellow

Integrated Residency Program
Diana (Didi) Carrau
Undergraduate: Columbia University
Medical School: The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
College of Medicine

Integrated Residency Program
Jason Hehr
Undergraduate: Duquesne University
Medical School: Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine

Independent Residency Program
Byers Bowen, MD, MS
Undergraduate: Davidson College
Graduate: University of South Florida
College of Medicine
Medical School: University of South Florida College of Medicine
General Surgery Residency: Eastern Virginia Medical School

Microsurgery Fellowship
Ramon Garza, MD
Undergraduate: The University of Texas-Pan American
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine
General Surgery Residency: Lehigh Valley Health Network
Plastic Surgery Residency: Lehigh Valley Health Network
OSU Wins Residents Bowl

A team of four OSU residents captured the 2014 Residents Bowl championship at the recent ASPS meeting in Chicago. The team dethroned the two-time defending champions from University of Texas Southwestern (UTSW) in a thrilling battle that went into sudden death overtime following a tie at the end of the regulation time. Our team was made up of the three senior residents, Dr. Tyler Angelos, Dr. Joseph Brown and Dr. Cain Linville, plus fourth year resident Dr. Ibrahim Khansa.

A detailed report of the competition was published in the January/February 2015 edition of Plastic Surgery News, and was highlighted on the front page of the newsletter—great publicity and recognition for our program!

The residents prepared for the competition in a very simple way: by just doing the cases and participating in the educational program that all OSU residents do. Next year’s competition will occur during the ASPS meeting in Boston in October. The OSU team will have to replace 3 “starters” (the senior residents), and UTSW is guaranteed to be out to avenge their defeat, but we expect our team to be up to the challenge.
Patient Testimonial

“I wanted to contact Dr. Pearson to say that it was about 1.5 years since he performed a reconstructive surgery on my teenage son, Levi. It was in Nov. 2015 and he placed 4-5 titanium plates and one dissolvable plate on the left side of his cheek, eye and temple area going in through his eye, mouth and side of his head. As a follow-up, I wanted him to know that Levi is doing great, about to graduate high school in Mt. Vernon, OH. He was voted "best smile" in his senior class, is in the top 2 percent of his class, captain of the soccer team and captain of the boys volleyball team. He will be attending Duke University in the fall. Thank you for keeping my child's life moving forward with such great results after such a terrible accident.”
Drs. Albert Chao and Roman Skoracki served as visiting professors at the Bellinson Hospital (Rabin Medical Center) in Tel Aviv, Israel in December. Drs. Chao and Skoracki performed multiple head and neck oncologic reconstructive cases.

Nationwide Children’s Hospital hosted the first Conference on Velopharyngeal Dysfunction and Associated Speech Disorders on October 3, 2014. Dr. Adriane Baylis and Dr. Richard Kirschner co-chaired the day-long symposium focused on interdisciplinary evaluation and treatment for children with VPD. Over 100 speech-language pathologists from around the United States attended to obtain continuing education on this specialized topic.

Dr. Gayle Gordillo served as a guest examiner for the American Board of Plastic Surgery in November, 2014. Since July 1, 2014, she has been named co-Principal Investigator on four different research grants totaling more than $4 million. For more about Dr. Gordillo’s presentations, see the separate note about the OSU Health Sciences Innovation conference in India.

Dr. David Dean presented results of his research at the TERMIS-AM (Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society—Americas Section) 2014 meeting in Washington, DC. For more about Dr. Dean’s presentations, see the separate note about the OSU Health Sciences Innovation conference in India.

Dr. Jeff Janis served as visiting professor at six different academic medical centers in the past 6 months: University of Wisconsin; University of Michigan; Mayo Clinic Arizona; University of North Carolina; University of California, San Diego; MD Anderson Cancer Center; University of Kansas. Highlights from his list of multiple presentations include: Moderator of the Opening Ceremonies at the annual American Society of Plastic Surgeons meeting in Chicago, IL; Keynote Speaker of the 6th Annual European Plastic Surgery Research Council meeting in Hamburg, Germany; and multiple presentations as part of the 8th Annual Surgical Treatment of Migraine Headaches Symposium in Cleveland.

A recent publication by Dr. Alok Sutradhar on 3D printed patient-specific implants (see list of Departmental publications) was recognized as the most downloaded article of Elsevier’s biology and medicine journals for the last quarter of 2014.
During the 2015 annual ASRM meeting, two awards for excellence in microsurgery and complex reconstruction were given. One award focused on microsurgical salvage from a complication (self-created or other), the other on the best microsurgical case of the year. By offering these awards, ASRM hopes to showcase some of the incredible talent and innovation that ASRM members possess and utilize on a daily basis.

**Case of the Year Award, OSU Graduate:**
Kongkrit Chaiyasate, MD

Dr. Kongkrit Chaiyasate completed his fellowship in Reconstructive Microsurgery and DIEP flap breast reconstruction at Ohio State University Medical Center.

He won the annual award for Reconstruction Surgery Case of the Year at the American Society of Reconstructive Microsurgeons (ASRM) for restoring a patient with facial injuries following an attacking by an animal.
In January, the Ohio State University hosted a conference, titled the Health Care, Commerce, Career (H3C) Health Sciences Innovation Conference, in India in partnership with the All India Institute for Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Dr. Chandan Sen, Associate Dean of the College of Medicine, served as the chair of the conference’s organizing committee.

The conference was a high-profile event in India, garnering media attention during its entire run. Nobel laureate Luc Montagnier, who first identified the HIV virus, was the keynote speaker. Other attendees included India’s minister of health, the mayor of Mumbai and the highest-ranking U.S. government official in Mumbai, Consulate-General Thomas Vajda. President Drake led the OSU delegation, which included three members of the OSU Plastic Surgery faculty, Drs. Gayle Gordillo, David Dean and Ian Valerio.

In addition to the main conference in Mumbai, there were three Pre-meeting Conferences (in New Delhi, Kolkata and Jaipur). All three OSE Plastic Surgery faculty members participated in these programs (particularly as part of the Pre-Conference in Kolkata and the regenerative medicine Pre-Conference in Delhi), and were invited to return to India next year to continue this critical information exchange.


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There are many opportunities to support Plastic Surgery at OSU. We have an array of funds that support our various activities, including our research programs, our academic program (residencies and fellowships) and clinical care and outreach.

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For support of all academic programs in the Department
Academic Excellence Fund in Plastic Surgery (OSU Fund #301744). This fund supports the annual expenses of the academic programs in the Department, especially the Plastic Surgery Residency.

For support of clinical, translational and basic medical research or medical research training
Research Excellence Fund in Plastic Surgery (OSU Fund #315059). Supports clinical, translational and basic medical research or medical research training in Plastic Surgery

For establishment of an Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery
Robert L. Ruberg, MD Alumni Fund in Plastic Surgery (OSU Fund #646231). This fund is being used to fund an endowed chair in Dr. Ruberg’s name in the Department of Plastic Surgery

For support of research programs in Plastic Surgery
Discovery Fund in Plastic Surgery (OSU Fund #302557). This fund supports the research laboratories under the direction of Dr. Gayle Gordillo in the Department of Plastic Surgery

For the Educational endowment in the Department
Dr. Gregory D. Pearson Education Endowment Fund (OSU Fund #645674). The earning of this endowment support resident and fellowship education

For Plastic Surgery initiatives to advance clinical excellence and outreach/delivery programs
Clinical Excellence and Outreach Fund in Plastic Surgery (OSU Fund #315048). Supports Plastic Surgery initiatives to advance clinical excellence or patient care outreach/delivery programs
Restorations

“To Restore and Make Whole...”