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The Department of Surgery congratulates the graduating general surgery chief residents Dr. Catherine Beck, Dr. Iyore James, Dr. Michelle Kincaid, Dr. Maureen Kuhrt and Dr. Geoffrey Roelant.

Pictured above (left to right) Dr. Kincaid; Dr. Christopher Ellison, Professor and Zollinger Chair; Dr. James; 2013 Zollinger Lecturer Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Washington; Dr. Roelant; Dr. Robert Higgins, Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery; Dr. Beck; Dr. Mark Arnold, Professor and Vice Chair for Education; and Dr. Kuhrt.

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LEADERSHIP

Dr. Pollock to lead Surgical Oncology

Raphael E. Pollock, MD, PhD, known and respected worldwide as a gifted cancer surgeon and researcher and passionate educator of physicians-in-training, will become a Professor and the Director of the Division of Surgical Oncology in The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center College of Medicine, Department of Surgery. Dr. Pollock will also serve as the Chief of Surgical Services of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. Dr. Pollock’s appointment is effective September 1. He comes to Ohio State after 31 years at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he held several leadership roles, the most recent being Chief of Surgery.

Dr. Pollock’s clinical practice and laboratory research focus on soft tissue sarcoma, a rare cancer in adults but rather prevalent in children. He has published widely on sarcoma surgery and treatment, and his funded research includes sarcoma molecular biology and the development of novel therapeutics for this group of diseases. His laboratory work involves the discovery of oncogenes and tumor suppressor genes in soft tissue sarcoma.

“Cancer is a complex series of diseases, and successfully treating cancer requires an understanding of each patient’s unique cancer at multiple levels, from the tumor tissue itself to the molecular and genetic footprint of the tumor cells,” said Dr. Michael Caligiuri, director of The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and CEO of the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. “Raph brings to the Cancer Center a broad vision—the perspective of a skilled cancer surgeon as well as that of a scientist with 30 years in a National Institutes of Health-funded lab.”

Dr. Pollock is principal investigator of an $11.5 million National Cancer Institute grant to support collaborative sarcoma translational research. The NCI Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant, awarded to the Sarcoma Alliance for Research for Collaboration last fall, represents the largest award ever to study sarcoma.

The sarcoma SPORE grant research will now be located at OSUCCC-James, where Dr. Pollock aims to grow the sarcoma program and train residents and fellows in treatment of this cancer.

“We are extremely excited to welcome Raph to the Ohio State family,” said Dr. Robert Higgins, chair of the Department of Surgery. “His expertise and international reputation as a groundbreaker in surgery, research and academics will enhance our clinical practice, enrich our students, and most importantly, benefit our patients.”

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Dr. Pollock said he is excited to join Ohio State’s cancer program. “The OSU Comprehensive Cancer Center is a nationally recognized cancer program embedded in a top-notch university, that includes a free-standing cancer hospital in The James,” Dr. Pollock said. “That is a unique opportunity and tremendously appealing to me.”

An experienced surgical leader, Dr. Pollock said he is eager to take on the new role at Ohio State, where he will further enhance the multidisciplinary approach to cancer treatment. “The pairing of innovative surgical solutions with discoveries in the burgeoning field of cancer genomics allows us to move in many different directions,” said Dr. Pollock, whose sarcoma specialty demands regular collaboration with gastrointestinal, urological, orthopedic, reconstructive and vascular surgeons, among others. “Using the sarcoma practice as a template, I will continue to work with other OSU leaders to build out multidisciplinary disease centers.”

Dr. Pollock is a graduate of Oberlin College, the St. Louis University School of Medicine and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. He completed surgical residencies at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke’s Medical Center and University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics, both in his hometown of Chicago.*

*Courtesy of Hospital Communications, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center*
FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Farrar steps down as chief

Dr. William B. Farrar will step down as chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology within the Department of Surgery, effective September 1, 2013. He will continue to serve as director of the Stephanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center and as the Dr. Arthur G. and Mildred C. James Professor in Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Farrar is recognized as a leading surgeon in oncology, particularly for breast cancer. As a resident, and then as a surgical oncology fellow at The Ohio State University, Dr. Farrar trained under Dr. Arthur G. James. He succeeded Dr. James as the chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology, director of the Surgical Oncology Training Program, and medical director of the Columbus Cancer Clinic. Among the first surgical fellows of the Division of Surgical Oncology at OSU, Farrar has followed a consistent path of community service, research, and patient care.

Dr. Farrar earned a bachelor of art degree from Illinois Wesleyan University and a medical degree from the University of Virginia. He completed an internship and general surgery residency at Ohio State, 1975-1980 and was a surgical oncology fellow at OSU, 1978-1979. He then completed a fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 1980-1982. Dr. Farrar was appointed to the faculty of the OSU Department of Surgery in 1982.

Dr. Farrar has become nationally known for his expertise and superb patient care. He has consistently appeared on the “Best Doctors in America” listing and named as The U.S. News and World Report America’s Best Doctors, beginning in 1992.

Various surgical societies have called upon Dr. Farrar as an honored lecturer. His service to the university and to OSUWMC has included numerous committees or study groups. He has also been a member of multiple committees within the Society of Head and Neck Surgeons, the American Head and Neck Society, the Society of Surgical Oncology, and for the American Cancer Society.

Although the majority of his educational efforts are related to cancer of the breast, he has been asked to participate in sessions about other forms of cancer, including for endocrinologic diseases and tumors of the head and neck.

His research interests focus on cancer of the breast, and the search for therapy for his patients. He was involved with the early use of tamoxifen as therapy for breast cancer, the use of monoclonal antibodies to decide optimal surgical

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approaches, and for over 20 years he has studied and published articles about the use of the DNA content of tumors as a prognostic determinant. The effect of cancer on the patient as a whole led to at least seven publications regarding stress and immune responses to cancer and surgery. Farrar and his group have been involved in preventive efforts in multiple areas. In 1996 in a letter in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* they pointed out an apparent increased risk of breast cancer in women who received hormonal replacement therapy.

*Dr. Farrar (left) operating, circa 1990.*

The Department of Surgery wishes to thank Dr. William Farrar for establishing a legacy of compassionate and competent care for those who develop cancer of the breast. 

[Image of people in surgical gowns and masks]
ONE UNIVERSITY

Collaboration aims to restore normal life to horse

“A case that no one will forget,” is how Dr. Samuel Hurcombe describes the unique collaboration between Ohio State’s College of Veterinary Medicine and the Department of Surgery. Dr. Hurcombe, assistant professor of Equine Emergency and Critical Care at the Galbreath Equine Center and Dr. Larry Jones, associate professor of clinical surgery and director of the OSU Burn Center, and their teams joined to perform skin grafts on a horse who suffered a major burn injury with the goal of restoring a normal life.

The seven year old horse, named Northstar, was maliciously attacked in September 2012 by an unknown person or persons. He was doused with an accelerant and set on fire. Northstar’s owners found him in a field at their Pennsylvanian farm in shock and severe pain. The third degree burn covered almost 50 percent of the horse’s body involving the back and shoulder. The wound extended to all layers of skin and exposed bone in some areas. A police investigation is ongoing.

Dr. Larry Jones, who has over 30 years of experience with skin grafting, learned of Northstar’s attack and injuries in the news media and approached Dr. Hurcombe’s group. “I was interested in what I could learn from this case,” said Jones. Dr. Hurcombe initially treated Northstar by performing punch grafts, small skin grafts, to close smaller wound areas on the neck and shoulders. While planning to close the larger wounds Dr. Hurcombe reached out to Dr. Jones and the team at the Burn Center. The close proximity of many experts in many fields makes OSU an ideal location for Northstar’s treatment. “Ohio State provides a unique setting for this type of collaboration,” said Hurcombe. Drs. Jones and Hurcombe discussed using human burn care techniques and medications for the procedure. “We took the same approach, and using tools and techniques normally reserved for humans, applied them to this horse in the hope of making him better,” said Jones.

One of the challenges Dr. Jones encountered was deciding the correct depth to set the dermatome, an instrument for removing skin, when harvesting healthy skin for the graft. By researching the available literature Jones determined that the horse’s graft needed to be approximately twice as thick as compared to a human. The graft was harvested from the horse’s chest and processed with a mesher, a tool that expands the graft to almost four times its original size. Following the graft the wound was dressed with bandages impregnated with silver to prevent infection.

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Dr. Hurcombe describes Northstar as very bright and alert with a strong attitude. “The fact that he is still so trusting of people is pretty amazing.” Healing of the skin graft causes pain and a great deal of itching. Northstar is being treated with the antipruritic drug gabapentin, another human medication, to control pain and itching. He is also gently tethered to prevent him from rolling on the ground or rubbing against his stall to scratch himself. Northstar still faces a long road to recovery. The treatment plan is to allow Northstar to temporarily return to his home to heal and as a respite from treatment and then to undergo another graft within the next months to close the remainder of the wound.

“His skin graft take (adherence) is a little less than what I am used to in humans,” Jones noted. “But as Dr. Hurcombe reminds me, considering his hospital bed is in a barn, he is doing very well. I view Northstar in the same way as I do any of my other patients. I just want him to get better and go on and live his life as a horse.”

Several companies have donated the instruments and medications for Northstar’s care. The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine

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has created the **Northstar Equine Emergency Critical Care Fund** in honor of this brave horse. Donations to this fund will be used to support equine critical care patients in need of veterinary care and financial support at the Galbreath Equine Center. Donations to the Burn Fund, used to help pay for dressing supplies and pressure garments for patients, may be made through The Ohio State University Foundation.

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RESEARCH

Dr. Higgins leads hTEE study at OSU

Dr. Higgins and the cardiothoracic team have introduced a new technology to the ICU that raises the standard of care and improves outcomes for high-acuity patients. It’s called “hTEE” (hemodynamic Transesophageal Echocardiography), and is enabled through a miniaturized TEE probe that can be left in the patient for up to 72-hours. hTEE has been proven to identify the underlying cause of hemodynamic instability and safely guide resuscitation. A recent multi-center study showed hemodynamic assessments with hTEE made a direct, therapeutic impact in 66% of patients. (Intensive Care Med 2013; 39:629-35).

hTEE provides direct visualization of heart size and function over time, resulting in several advantages over conventional hemodynamic monitoring. The clinical approach focuses on 3 simple views: transgastric to assess preload and contractility, midesophageal four chamber to see heart filling and function, and a transverse of the Superior Vena Cava to evaluate fluid responsiveness. Together these direct images help the Ohio State cardiothoracic team guide modifications to vent and VAD settings, safely titrate fluid, inotropes and vasopressors, and effectively manage the right ventricle (RV).

Dr. Ravi Tripathi, assistant professor of anesthesiology, has been integral to the use of hTEE at Ohio State. “We care for complex cardiac surgical patients in our area,” commented Dr. Tripathi. “hTEE has added an innovative approach to managing advanced and complicated hemodynamics, which has been particularly impactful in the care of our ECMO and VAD patients.”

The ability to directly visualize the RV is particularly helpful in the post-op care of mechanical circulatory support and transplant patients. RV dysfunction is common in these patients, often furthering their high-risk profiles: RV failure can lead to liver congestion, abnormal coagulation, and a cascade of other complications. hTEE adds to the safe, progressive care provided at Ohio State by providing a window directly to the RV, making it possible to manage dysfunction from inception.

hTEE aligns with Ohio State’s ongoing quality initiatives to improve healthcare and save lives. Ohio State joins other top-rated cardiac centers that have adopted this technology, including Columbia-New York Presbyterian, Barnes-Jewish, and Stanford.
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INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Dr. Satiani provides care to People of Pakistan

Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of clinical surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, traveled to Pakistan in April, as he does almost every year. “We travel by private coach about 200 km from Karachi to Sindh province which is the poorest province in Pakistan,” describes Satiani.

The small town has a population of less than 500 people but the population swells on the annual occasion to gather to honor the death anniversary of a local saint. “People hear about an ‘American’ doctor coming and show up. It is word of mouth and general practitioners (GP) in the area also save up cases to be seen. One local GP and I saw about 140 patients a day from 9:30 am to 2:30 or 3 pm for about 5 days. We do great triage. It’s a 3 room small building. No surgery facilities. We have a bed for starting IVs.” Satiani noted.

Dr. Satiani would also see emergencies after 2:30 pm when the GP left. “Care included starting IV drips for dysentery, evaluating chest pains and treating status asthmaticus among other emergencies”

The clinic is free to patients. “There is no charge for anything. Medicines are either collected/donated, purchased locally, samples used and I carry non-prescription medicines from the U.S. such as analgesics and vitamins/supplements,” said Satiani

Day time temperatures hover around 94 degrees F. Electricity is spotty and a generator works only some of the time. Dr. Satiani used his smart phone to photograph conditions he did not recognize and email colleagues at OSU to get quick answers. He asked patients to return the next day to follow-up.

Complicated cases or surgical cases are referred to medical centers in larger cities.
NEW FACULTY

The Department of Surgery welcomes new faculty
Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery

Umer I. Chaudhry, MD, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and is a minimally invasive surgery fellow. Dr. Chaudhry earned his medical degree at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, completed a completed a residency in general surgery at New York University Medical Center and completed a surgical oncology fellowship at Memorial Slaon-Kettering Cancer Center. His interest is minimally invasive surgery.

Michael P. Meara, MD, MBA, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and is an advanced therapeutic endoscopy fellow. Dr. Meara earned his medical degree at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, a master of business administration at East Carolina College of Business and completed a general surgery residency at the East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine. His interests are endoscopy, laparoscopic surgery, healthcare cost and resident education.

James Rydlewicz, MD, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and is a minimally invasive surgery fellow. Dr. Rydlewicz earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin and also completed a residency in general surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin. His interests are minimally invasive surgery.

Trauma, Critical Care and Burn

Christian D. Jones, MD, joins the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn as assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Jones earned his medical degree from the Keck School of Medicine of the University of Southern California, completed a general surgery residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center and a surgical critical care fellowship at The Ohio State University. His interests include surgical critical care, burn surgery, venous thromboembolic disease, traumatic brain injury and medical informatics.
Faculty members graduate TMALDA program

Twenty-two Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center faculty members successfully completed the Talent Management and Leadership Development Academy (TMALDA), an innovative leadership and business management course. The 18-month course was directed by Dr. Bhagwan Satiani and Dr. Robert Ruberg with the mission of training the leaders of tomorrow. The success of this inaugural course, aimed at surgical specialists, has led to its being adopted medical center-wide as part of the Faculty Advancement, Mentoring and Engagement (FAME) program. The final session was held May 2, 2013 and included team case study presentations and a graduation ceremony. Distinguished guests in attendance included Dr. Steven Gabbe, CEO of the Wexner Medical Center; Dr. Charles Lockwood, Dean of the College of Medicine, Dr. Christopher Ellison, CEO of the Faculty Group Practice; Dr. Bradley Welling, Chair, Department of Otolaryngology; and Dr. Thomas Mauger, Chair, Department of Ophthalmology.

First place for case study presentations was awarded to the team of Drs. Brad Desilva, Bodo Knudsen, Rebecca Kuennen, Jean Starr and Daniel Eiferman for their presentation on a hospital merger case study. Second place went to the team of Drs. Jeff Hazey, Joel Mayerson, Benedict Nwomeh, Enver Ozer, Kamal Pohar and Minka Scholfield.

Congratulations to all faculty members who completed this course and best wishes for future successes.
American Burn Association meeting

Several members of the OSUWMC Burn Center attended the recently held 45th meeting of the American Burn Association. Those attending included Dr. Sidney Miller, ABA past President, Dr. Larry Jones, Rebecca Coffee CNP, Andrea Bigley, RN, Kelly Keller, RN, Kristin Calvitti, RN, CNS, Carole Harper, PT, Jennifer Baker OT, Claire Murphy PharmD and Jen Woodford, RN and Lori Angel, RN.

Several individuals presented their scholarly works representing accomplishments from the past year. We are very proud that one of our medical students, Amy Somerset, received the prestigious Moyer award which is presented annually for the best resident or medical student paper selected for presentation at the meeting. Not only did Amy present her poster but she was recognized at the opening session for her work and received a monetary award. Below is a list of the presentations by members of the OSUWMC Burn Center.

- **Cytomegalovirus infection in non-critical care burn patients: a retrospective evaluation;** Anita Chong, BS; Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP; Theresa Bednar, Sidney F. Miller, MD

- **A Formula for Monitoring Colloid Resuscitation in Burn Patients; A 5 years of experience;** K. Ebede, MD, Helen T. Davido, MD, Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP, B. Blay, P. Bhatti, J. Yeboah-Boahene, Larry M. Jones, MD, Sidney F. Miller, MD

- **Intubation After Home-Oxygen Therapy Related Burns: Costs and Comparisons;** F. Shihadeh, BS, Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP, B. Blay, N. Arradaza, MS, G. Phillips, MAS, Sidney F. Miller, MD, Larry M. Jones, MD

- **Length of Stay as a Function of Percent Total Body Surface Area Burn;** Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP, N. Arradaza, MS, G. Phillips, MAS, Sidney F. Miller, MD, Larry M. Jones, MD

- **The impact of pre-diabetes on glycemic control and clinical outcomes post-burn injury;** Amy Somerset BS, Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP, and Claire V. Murphy, Pharm D, Larry M. Jones, MD

- **Burn Resuscitation with the West Penn Formula: 5 years of experience;** Rebecca Coffey, MSN, CNP, N. Arradaza, MS, G. Phillips, MAS, B. Blay, P. Bhatti, Sidney F. Miller, MD, L. M. Jones, MD

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In addition several individuals led sunrise symposia. Becky Coffey, CNP and Larry Jones, MD co-moderated a session on ‘the management of burns in a diabetic patient’. Claire Murphy PharmD, co-moderated a session entitled ‘The role of the pharmacist in the burn unit’. Sidney Miller, MD was a panel member for a post graduate course on Partnering and spoke on ‘Partnering with Public Service Organization’ and Claire Murphy participating in a post-graduate course entitled ‘Treating the Invisible Wounds’ and presented ‘Prescription Medication Management and Addiction’. Becky Coffey, CNP presented ‘Home/Medical and Smoking Burns’ at the Time to Get Injury Focused (TGIF) Prevention forum. A prevention poster was prepared by Jan Woodford, RN for the meeting.

Several members of our burn team also participated in the various committees of the American Burn Association. Kristin Calvitti serves on the Education Committee, Dr. Jones serves on the ABLS committee, Claire Murphy serves on the research committee and chairs the pharmacy special interest group (SIG). Becky Coffey continues to serve on the prevention committee, Armin Rahmanian serves on the institutional advisory committee (IAC) and Dr. Miller continues to serve on the NBR registry and verification committees and on the board of trustees of the American Burn Association.
Outstanding faculty and housestaff were honored along with the 2012–2013 graduates of the Department of Surgery’s training programs on June 14th at the Department’s annual Graduate & Awards Banquet.

Dr. Michelle Kincaid, chief resident in general surgery, was named Resident of the Year by the Surgery faculty.

Dr. David Strosberg was named Intern of the Year as voted by the Surgery faculty.

Mary Merrill, RN was named Surgical Nurse of the Year by the chief residents in general surgery.

Dr. Melissa Hornor was awarded the inaugural Ellison/Borgess Surgery Scholarship Award for exceptional interest and aptitude while completing a clerkship in surgery.

Teaching Awards
Dr. Geoffrey Roelant, chief resident in general surgery, was chosen by the medical students to receive the Resident Teaching Award.

Dr. Jon Henry was chosen by the PGY4 & 5 general surgery residents to receive the Outstanding Surgical Resident Award, sponsored by the Columbus Surgical Society.
Dr. Alan Harzman, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, was selected by the medical students to receive the Michael J. Walker, M.D. Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. David Renton, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was chosen by Department residents and fellows to receive a Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. Axel Thors, vascular surgery fellow, was selected by the general surgery residents to receive a Fellow Teaching Award.

Dr. Amy Pope-Harman, associate professor - clinical, Department of Pharmacy, was selected by the chief residents in general surgery to receive the John L. Robinson Award, for outstanding teaching by faculty or staff from another department.

Medical Student Awards
Department of Surgery faculty honored five senior medical students for exceptional performance and dedication to surgery.

Folasade Imeokparia received the Barton Williams Graduation Award, a merit scholarship for a graduating fourth-year student in the College of Medicine who intends to complete a surgical residency.

Maeve Hopkins received the Zollinger Award in Surgery.

Eliza Beal received the Jonasson Award in Surgery.

Brian Zorko received the Carey Award in Surgery.

Duane Wang received the Ferguson Award in Surgery.

Graduates
Twenty-two Surgery residents and fellows completed their training programs in June.

Dr. Scott P. Albert completed the fellowship in surgical oncology and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, NY.

Dr. Johanna R. Askegard-Giesmann completed the fellowship in pediatric surgery and has been appointed as assistant professor in the Department of Surgery and Pediatrics at the Indiana University School of Medicine, Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, IN.
Dr. Shelly Bansal completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery and will begin the fellowship in cardiothoracic transplantation and mechanical support at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Catherine E. Beck completed the general surgery residency and will begin a minimally invasive fellowship at the University of California-San Diego in San Diego, CA.

Dr. Ellen A. Carraro completed the surgical critical care fellowship and will continue the general surgery residency at The Ohio State University.

Dr. R. Nathan Cotterman completed the surgical critical care fellowship and will practice as a trauma and acute care surgeon at the Toledo Hospital in Toledo, OH.

Dr. Rachel C. Forbes completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

Dr. Luke M. Funk completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, WI.

Dr. Iyore A. O. James will complete the residency in general surgery in September 2013 and will begin a transplantation fellowship at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Christian D. Jones completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Aliyah Kanji completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and will enter private practice as a general surgeon in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

Dr. Michelle Y. Kincaid completed the residency in general surgery and began a surgical critical care fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh, PA.

Dr. Maureen Pons Kuhrt completed the residency in general surgery and began a colon and rectal fellowship at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, OH.

Dr. Sara E. Martin del Campo completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at The Ohio State University.
Dr. Mario R. Salazar completed the fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the Texas Tech Health Science Center at Permian Basin in Odessa, TX.

Dr. Tyler C. Spata completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Alex Thors completed the vascular surgery fellowship and began private vascular surgery practice at Bay Heart and Vascular, McLaren Bay Region in Bay City, MI.

Dr. Mark R. Wendling completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Jennifer M Worth completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. Her plan are to be determined at the time of publication.

*Congratulations to all!*

**New Trainees**
Twenty-five residents and fellows began training programs in the Department of Surgery in July.

Dr. Oluwafunmilayo Adebayo, previously a medical student at Meharry Medical College, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Eliza Beal, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Corey Beals, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University, began a residency in general surgery.
Dr. Shaylyn Bennett, previously a surgery resident at Wake Forest Baptist Health, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Daniel Benson, previously a resident in general surgery at the University of Cincinnati, began at a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Brittany Burns, previously a medical student at Meharry Medical College, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Rami Fouad, previously a resident in general surgery at Riverside Methodist Hospital, began at a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Chad Gridley, previously a robotics research fellow at Boston Children’s Hospital - Harvard Medical School, began an internship in general surgery.

Dr. Melissa Hornor, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Folasade Imeokparia, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Tariq Khemees, previously a urology resident at Al-Nahrain University, began an internship in general surgery.

Dr. Katelyn Levene, previously a medical student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Loren Masterson, previously a resident in general surgery at William Beaumont Hospital, began a fellowship in vascular surgery.

Dr. Christopher McQuinn, previously a medical student at SUNY Upstate, began a residency in general surgery.
Dr. Michelle Nguyen, previously a medical student at the University of Iowa, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Steven Noble, previously a resident in general surgery at Oregon Health and Science University, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Jill Onesti, previously a resident in general surgery at Grand Rapids Medical, began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

Dr. Mehul Raval, previously a resident in general surgery at Northwestern University, began a fellowship in pediatric surgery.

Dr. Neil Saunders, previously a resident in general surgery at Emory University, began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

Dr. Emily Smeltzer, previously a resident in general surgery at Henry Ford Hospital, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Rajan Thakkar, previously a resident in general surgery at Northwestern University, began a fellowship in pediatric surgery.

Dr. Andrew Todd, previously a medical student at the University of Louisville, began an internship in general surgery.

Dr. Ahmad Zaaroura, previously a resident in general surgery at the Clemenceau General Hospital, began a transplant fellowship.
Surgery Research Conference

The 18th Annual Surgery Research Conference was held May 23, 2013. The conference is directed by Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery and associate dean of research education. Eighteen surgical trainees presented poster and oral presentations to the judges panel consisting of Ohio State faculty Dr. Rebecca Jackson and Dr. Christopher Ellison and visiting professor and 2013 Zollinger lecturer Dr. Carlos A. Pellegrini.

Dr. Alistair Kent was awarded best poster for “Sonographic evaluation of intravascular volume status in the surgical intensive care unit: a prospective comparison of subclavian vein and inferior vena cava collapsibility index.” His faculty advisor is Dr. Stanislaw Stawicki. Ashley Fenn was awarded first place for her oral presentation “Methylene blue infusion for treatment of traumatic brain injury-associated neuroinflammation and depressive complications.” Her faculty advisor are Dr. Jonathan Godbout and Dr. Daniel Eiferman. Dr. Mika Matthews was awarded second place for her oral presentation “The protective effects of HB-EGF in a rat model of cerebral palsy: a pilot study.” Her faculty advisor is Dr. Gail Besner. Dr. Tyler Spata was awarded third place for his oral presentation “Adaptations in gene and protein expressions within different regions of the left ventricle after acute myocardial infarction.” His faculty advisor is Dr. Ahmet Kilic. Congratulations to all who were selected to present their research.
MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

2013 MMSP graduates

Dr. Sara Martin del Campo completed the master of medical science program in cancer biology.

Dr. Mika Matthews completed a master of medical science program in intestinal inflammation.

Dr. Tyler Spata completed the master of medical science program in cardiac pathophysiology.

Dr. Mark Wendling completed the master of medical science program in clinical research.

New candidates join MMSP

The following general surgery residents have joined the Master of Medical Science Program: Dr. Kara Keplinger, Dr. Nicholas Latchana, Dr. Sara Mansfield, Dr. Sylvester Osayi, Dr. Terrance Rager and Dr. Catherine Wells.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Nancy Bell

“Fashion trends I knew, surgery I did not. I came in blind.” That is how Nancy Bell described her transition from the fashion industry to healthcare. Nancy is the administrative assistant for Surgery chair Dr. Robert Higgins. “I miss fashion at times, but working for Surgery is very rewarding,” stated Nancy.

Nancy grew up in Circleville, Ohio. Her father worked for the Circleville Fire Department for 35 years and was an arson investigator. In one of her first jobs, Nancy worked indirectly with her father as a secretary for the detective’s at the Pickaway County Sheriff’s Office, where he would partner with the detectives on cases. Nancy graduated from the Pickaway-Ross Career and Technology Center where she studied accounting and computer technology. While there she met her future husband Dave who was studying graphic communication.

Prior to joining the staff at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Nancy worked at the consulting firm PriceWaterhouseCoopers as an event planner. She was responsible for coordinating the logistics of training seminars that teach best practices and strategies to businesses. The position allowed Nancy to travel, visiting London, Paris, Barcelona and Madrid, among other locations. When asked to name a memorable experience Nancy stated that booking a seminar at a hotel that was also hosting a Shriners Convention “was a real eye-opener.”

Nancy then worked at The Limited as assistant to the executive vice president of marketing. In this position she assisted in the oversight of the marketing core and all Limited brands. The position also gave Nancy the opportunity to go on company shopping trips in France, Italy and Spain, and gave Nancy an in-depth experience in the fashion industry.

Nancy was first employed at Ohio State in the administration office of the Ross Heart Hospital and University Hospital. She then joined the Division of Cardiac Surgery as Dr. Higgins’ secretary, a position she held for 2 years. In June 2013 Nancy joined the administrative staff of the Department of Surgery. Nancy said that learning about the healthcare industry and continuing to learn are a challenge but her administrative experience serves her well in keeping up with a very busy department.

Nancy says that one of the most rewarding parts of her job is working with department chair Dr. Robert Higgins. “He is such a positive force and a great role model and leader,” she said. “His example makes me want to emulate him.”

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Away from work Nancy is an avid reader preferring autobiographies and novels. She and her husband also enjoying motorcycling recently touring the Smoky Mountains. Nancy is also an outdoorswoman who enjoys target shooting and hunting. Nancy and Dave also own a miniature dachshund named ‘Big Red’.
IN BRIEF

In the News

State trauma deaths continue to increase
According to the May 5 Columbus Dispatch story, the rate of fatal injuries in Ohio rose from 45 to 65 per 100,000 people — a 44 percent increase — between 2000 and 2011, coinciding with the first decade of a statewide trauma system set up to reduce such deaths. Even when excluding poisoning deaths, which have spiked because of the state’s drug-overdose epidemic, Ohio’s fatal-injury rate still increased 17 percent. An increase in fatal falls, suicides and firearms-related fatalities more than offset a decrease in traffic fatalities. The article quoted Dr. Steven Steinberg, professor and chief of the Division of Trauma, Critical and Burn and a member of the state’s lead trauma agency — the Board of Emergency Medical Services. “A well-functioning trauma system should result in a decrease in mortality. We definitely are not seeing that,” said Dr. Steinberg.
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/05/05/trauma-system-to-be-vetted.html

Dr. Daniel Eiferman, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, was featured in the July 7, 2013 Columbus Dispatch article “Teen Loses Leg, Not Dream.” The story tells of Zach Hanf, a young man who lost his leg due to injuries sustained in an auto accident, his brave recovery and his dream of a career as a trauma surgeon. Dr. Eiferman provided trauma care for the youth and eventually befriended and provided mentoring to Hanf. Dr. Eiferman is quoted in the story. Hanf He recently attended Ohio State University’s MD Camp, a three-week program for young people considering medical careers. And he is set to begin his studies at the university’s Newark campus in August
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/07/10/teen-loses-a-leg-not-his-dream.html

Grill Brush Dangers
As Americans dust off their grills, a little known danger has crept into the headlines because of a Seattle teenager who underwent surgery after he unknowingly ate a grill brush bristle. The Centers for Disease Control issued a 2012 warning about the swallowing of grill brush bristles following six reported cases in Rhode Island. Dr. David Evans, a trauma surgeon at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, has operated on patients who have accidentally, or purposefully, swallowed a variety of foreign objects. Although he hasn’t seen any cases of grill bristles being swallowed, he told ABC 6/FOX 28 he can see how doing so could cause problems in a person’s digestive system. The story aired on May 22.
Where do we stand in the fight against breast cancer?
In a WCMH/TV4 interview that aired May 15, Dr. William Farrar, professor of surgery at The Ohio State University described the current state of breast cancer diagnosis and treatment. The past 20 years, research has opened doors in the fight against breast cancer. In the past, doctors did radical surgeries, but now through clinical trials, we have found other ways to treat this disease. Dr. Erin Olsen is heading a clinical trial targeting triple negative breast cancer. This national study will be testing two new drugs that a patient could take home instead of going through chemotherapy. Her clinical trial is one of the 11 new Idea Grants awarded through the 2013 Intramural Research Program. This coverage resulted from pitching efforts and a press release distributed by OSU Wexner Medical Center Public Affairs and Media Relations, available online at: http://cancer.osu.edu/mediaroom/releases/Pages/Pelotonia-Fundraising-Contributes-To-11-New-Cancer-Research-Grants-At-Ohio-State.aspx

Dr. R. Lawrence Moss, surgeon-in-chief at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and professor of surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery and Dr. Katherine Deans, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery were featured in May 29 Columbus Dispatch story regarding a NCH study on treating appendicitis with antibiotics rather than surgery. http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2013/05/28/appendix-might-not-have-to-go.html

Dr. Renton featured in July 2013 Outpatient Surgery Magazine
When high-definition imaging arrived in surgical suites over the past decade, the improved clarity and detail it brought to intraoperative visualization was revolutionary. Now it’s practically a standard fixture in ORs. Manufacturers are continuing to improve high-resolution image capture and display, but many physicians are seeing more clinical potential in depth perception. “With HD, the curve is beginning to level off,” says David Renton, MD, MPH, an assistant professor of surgery at Ohio State University’s Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery. While the difference between a standard-definition cathode-ray-tube monitor and your first flat-panel HD screen was eye-opening and jaw-dropping, he says, adding more pixels to a high-resolution image is nowhere near as impressive.
Outpatient Surgery Magazine
Dr. David Evans, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn (center) leads the May 24th SERT drill.

Recognitions

Drs Charles Cook, Daniel Eiferman, Larry Jones, David Lindsey, and Stanislaw Stawicki, all faculty members of the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, served as judges for the 12th Annual Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Trainee Day, Columbus, Ohio, April 11, 2013.

Amitava Das, Graduate Research Associate, Department of Surgery, Interdisciplinary PhD Program in Nutrition was one of the four winners of the Young Investigator Award in the 23rd Wound Healing Society Annual Meeting, 2013. “I would like to thank the OSUN department for approving the Travel grant with which I was able to cover a part of my expenses,” said Das. He is a member of Dr. Sashwati Roy lab and research group.

Dr. Daniel Eiferman, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical care and Burn, won the Department of Emergency Medicine Outstanding Contribution Award for the 3rd consecutive year. He also was selected and attended the Surgeons as Leaders course given by the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. David Evans participates in drill with Columbus Fire Department

On May 24, Dr. David Evans, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical care and Burn, participated in the Surgical Emergency Response Team (SERT) with the Columbus Fire Department. This was an intense training exercise replicating an industrial accident featuring mock amputations and emergency evacuations to test the readiness of the SERT team. The SERT response is designed to transport a surgical team by ground or air to the scene of an accident where the victim cannot be extricated by standard tools.”
Dr. Rachel Forbes, Surgical Critical Care Fellow, won 3rd place award at the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting Research Competition for poster presentation titled “Continuous versus bolus tube feeds: does the modality affect glycemic variability or insulin requirements?” Columbus, OH, May 3, 2013.

Dr. Mounir Haurani, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, passed the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography Physicians’ Vascular Interpretation Examination. He was appointed as a member of the 2013-2014 Clinical Resource Utilization Committee. The charge of the Clinical Resource Utilization Committee is to improve the efficient utilization of resources across The Ohio State University Health System for patients while assuring the highest quality of care. He was also appointed to The Ohio State University College of Medicine’s Admission Committee for 2013-2014, and was elected member in the Central Surgical Association.

Dr. Zhiwei Hu, research associate professor with the Division of Surgical Oncology, was recently appointed as the Editor-in-Chief of Open Journal of Immunology (OJI). OJI launched in 2011 and is an openly accessible journal published quarterly. All manuscripts are prepared in English, and are subject to a rigorous peer-review process. Accepted papers immediately appear online followed by printed hard copy. OJI has been indexed by several world-class databases. The field covered by OJI include, but are not limited to, cancer immunology, diagnostic immunology, evolutionary immunology, immune pathology, immunogenetics, immunopharmacology and immunotherapy, molecular immunology radiology immunology, and vaccinology. Prior to this editorship, Dr. Hu has served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Analytical & Bioanalytical Techniques since Feb 2012.

Dr. Alistair Kent, general surgery resident, was invited to serve on the panel of the Fifth Annual National Summit on Critical Care Policy held July 10 in Washington, DC. The event was organized by the Roundtable on Critical Care Policy, a non-profit group that provides a forum for the nation’s leaders in critical care and public health to advance a common federal agenda to improve the quality, delivery and efficacy of critical care in the United States.

Dr. David E Lindsey, associate professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, received an award from the Office for Diversity & Inclusion at their 2013 graduate celebration. He also received a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the OSU College of Medicine MEDPATH Post Baccalaureate Program, May 1, 2013.
Dr. Susan Moffatt-Bruce, associate professor of surgery, Division of Thoracic Surgery, has graduated from the Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program. ELAM is an one-year fellowship program at Drexel University. ELAM, established in 1995, is the only in-depth national program dedicated to preparing senior women faculty at schools of medicine, dentistry, and public health to move into positions of institutional leadership. The intensive fellowship encompasses executive education, personal leadership assessments and coaching, and networking and mentoring activities aimed at broadening perspectives, building new capacities, and encouraging professional connections. Program assignments, both group and individual, provide opportunities for applying and exercising leadership skills in a variety of situations and settings.

Dr. Moffatt-Bruce also was inducted into the American Association of Thoracic Surgeons (AATS), May 2013.

Dr. Moffatt-Bruce and Dr. Stanislaw P. Stawicki, associate professor, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, were interviewed as experts on retained surgical items in an OR Manager article titled “Focus shifts to device fragments, small miscellaneous items in RSIs”, published in July, 2013 issue (Vol. 28, No.7) of the magazine.

Amy Somerset received the Carl A Moyer Resident/Student Award for presentation titled “The Impact of Pre-Diabetes on Glycemic Control and Clinical Outcomes Post-Burn Injury” at the American Burn Association, Palm Springs, CA, April 23, 2013.

Dr. Jean Starr, associate professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery was selected to receive the Society for Vascular Surgery Women’s Leadership Award. The award includes a training grant award in the amount of $5,000. The grant will go directly to the Division to support education programs. (photo on page 30)

Dr. Starr was also invited to serve on The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Neurovascular Division, Stroke PI Committee for 2013 – 2014.
Dr. Jean Starr, associate professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery receiving the SVS Women’s Leadership Award.

Grants

**Dr. Larry Jones**, principle investigator, **Rebecca Coffey, RN** and **Dr. Sidney Miller**, co-investigators. “Enhanced Detection of Pathogens in Burn Wounds with a Nobel Multi-Primer PCR/Mass Spectrometric Assay.” Department of Defense Funding $159,460.00. Lead institutions, Wake Forest University and University of Pittsburgh.

Nicholas Taylor, MSII, has been awarded a Bennett Medical Student Research Scholarship in the amount of $3,000 for his project, “MepilexAg as a Transport Vehicle for Micrografts in the Pig Model,” to be conducted this summer under the mentorship of **Sidney F. Miller, MD, FACS**, professor of surgery and director of Research and Development, OSU Wexner Medical Center Burn Center.

Kendrick Khoo, MSII, has been awarded a Bennett Medical Student Research Scholarship in the amount of $3,000 for his project “Disease specific comorbidity-polypharmacy scoring: defining relative morbidity contributions in older trauma patient outcomes.” Mentors, **David C. Evans, MD**, assistant professor of surgery and **Stanislaw P. Stawicki, MD, FACS**, associate professor of surgery and director of Research, Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn.
Stawicki SP, Site Principal Investigator. A multicenter, double-blind, randomized, phase 3 study to compare the safety and efficacy of intravenous CXA-201 and intravenous Levofloxacin in complicated urinary tract infection, including pyelonephritis. Total $10,000.

Book Chapters


Publications


**Abstracts**


**International Presentations**


Ross P. Visiting Professor at Seoul National University Medical School; Robotic Assisted Thoracic Surgery. Seoul, Korea, May 28-31, 2013.

**National Presentations**


**Coffey R**. Home/Medical Oxygen and Smoking. Invited presentation at the Friday Educational Forum TGIF (Time to Get Injury Focused): Successfully Incorporating Prevention in Burn Care, 45th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association, Palm Springs, CA, April 26, 2013.


**Miller SF**. Partnering with Public Service. Presentation at Post Graduate Course A: Partner to Affect Change in Burn Centers Inside and Out at the 45th Annual Meeting of the American Burn Association, Palm Springs, CA, April 23, 2013.


Local Presentations


Eiferman D. Should we Extubate This Patient? Invited Lecture at Current Concepts in Respiratory Care Annual Conference, Columbus, OH, March 2013.


Haurani, MJ. Discussant: Adaptations in gene and protein expressions within different regions of the left ventricle after an acute myocardial infarction. Ohio State University Medical Center, Department of Surgery Research Day, Columbus OH May 23, 2013.


Litzendorf ME. Blood Rheology and the Microcirculation. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH April 5, 2013.

Litzendorf ME. Mesenteric Ischemia. Ross Heart Hospital, 5th floor In-service, Columbus, OH April 10, 2013.

Patel A, Agbenyefia P, Portillo J, Miller SF. Prospective, Single-Center, Randomized, Double-Blinded, Placebo-Controlled Trial for the Evaluation of the Efficacy of 300 mg or 600 mg of Pregabalin versus Placebo in the Reduction of Pain and Opioid Consumption in Patients with Partial and Full Thickness Burn Injuries. Poster presentation at the 12th Annual Trainee Research Day at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH, April 11, 2013.


Cameron R. NIH R01 Grant Review: Targeting Arteriogenesis in Acute Ischemic Stroke. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH April 15, 2013.


Satiani B. Basics of Malpractice, Torts, and Negligence. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, College of Medicine, Seminar in Practice Management, Columbus OH May 9, 2013.

Satiani B. Renal Artery Duplex Examination. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH May 13, 2013.

Satiani B. Injecting business sense and common sense into the vascular lab: A few practical pearls from an MD, MBA, RPVI. Presented at the 24th annual meeting of the Society for Vascular Medicine, Cleveland, OH, May 30, 2013.
Satiani B. U.S Healthcare System and the future at Practice Management Seminar to residents, Columbus, OH, July 11, 2013.


Somerset A, Coffey R, Murphy C, Jones LM. The Impact of Pre-Diabetes on Glycemic Control and Clinical Outcomes Post-Burn Injury. Poster presentation at the 12th Annual Trainee Research Day at Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH, April 11, 2013. (Amy Somerset received $1000 Travel Award)


Starr JE. Ross Operations Council Update. Ross Heart Hospital 5th Floor In-Service, Columbus, OH May 15, 2013.

Vermilion B. Sympathectomy. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH May 13, 2013.

Outreach

Jones LM. Initial Management of Burn Patients. Presentation to medics from Jerome Township, Pleasant Valley and Concord Township at the Jerome Township Division of Fire, Plain City, OH, April 8, 2013.

Evans DC. Geriatric Trauma Review. Presented at the Newark Fire Department, May 23, 2013.

On April 6, 2013, members of the OSU Burn Team as well as three burn survivors participated in a burn outreach event at Chic-fil-A in Dublin, OH. Burn prevention information was distributed to approximately 200 people.

Miscellaneous

This spring, from April 28 through May 5, 2013, a group of four Columbus physicians participated in the initial program of cooperation between Columbus and Meir Medical Center in Kfar Sava, Israel. Meir Hospital is a 726 bed institution serving the metropolitan area of approximately 800,000. The majority of the health care staff at Meir Medical Center serves in the Israel Defense Force (army), as reservists. During times of a significant man-made or natural event in Israel, many health care providers will be called to active duty. Given the scope of Meir Hospital’s operation, clearly, normal services will need to continue to be provided. Additional injured people from a significant event would need to be served, as well. In partnership with Meir Medical Center and the Columbus Jewish Federation, we are developing a cadre health care personnel, who will have had previously spent time Meir Hospital. They will be able to respond on relatively short notice to back up the hospital. This effort will help ensure that normal hospital activities continue to function.

Meir Hospital is affiliated with The Sackler Medical School, Tel Aviv University. Six-hundred twenty seven physicians comprise the medical staff of the Meir Hospital which serves Clalit, the largest HMO in Israel. Meir Hospital serves other HMOs, Palestinian people, sports teams and tourists. Last year, Meir hospital had over 58,000 inpatient admissions, 18,000 surgeries and 6,100 babies delivered. Additionally, the Hospital has very active outpatient clinics with over 350,000 annual visits. Meir Hospital serves as the official medical advisor to the Israeli National Olympic team, utilizing their active sports medicine program. Currently, Meir Medical Center is in the process of building the first orthopedic specialty hospital in Israel.

This initial visit was the first of several in the coming years. The program at Meir Hospital provided detailed information about the Israeli medical system, including the full integration of the civilian hospitals with the military. In addition, a series of outstanding lectures were provided. These included: the function and structure of the Israeli health care system; briefings by a number of departments; tours of the hospital; visits to stimulation laboratories; presentations by the hospital I leadership; and, an update by the Dean of

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Sackler Medical School. Critical information was provided about the various Hospital Departments, especially in the context of disaster preparedness. Several individualized opportunities were provided for the physician attendees to spend time on the units of the departments of their respective medical specialty.

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