The Department of Surgery welcomed Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi (right), Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, and Surgeon-in-Chief at New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York. Dr. Michelassi presented the Annual Robert M. Zollinger Lecture, “Management of Complex Small Bowel Crohn’s Disease,” on June 9th.

Here, Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, Robert M. Zollinger professor of surgery and chairman, Department of Surgery, presents Dr. Michelassi with a copy of Zollinger’s Atlas of Surgical Operations, Ninth Edition, as a token of the Department’s gratitude.
Surgery faculty conduct missions to China

Faculty members from several divisions within the Department of Surgery recently travelled to China as part of an ongoing collaboration with the nation’s surgical community. In April 2011, surgeons from the Divisions of Cardiac Surgery, Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, and General and Gastrointestinal Surgery traveled on separate missions but with the common goal of developing unique and valuable partnerships. These collaborative missions are on-going and long-term.

Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery faculty Dr. W. Scott Melvin, professor of surgery and division chief, Dr. Bradley J. Needleman, associate professor of surgery, and Dr. Jeffrey W. Hazey, associate professor of surgery, represented The Ohio State University Medical Center and Department of Surgery as a visiting delegation to Wenzhou Medical College, Wenzhou, Zhejiang, in the People’s Republic of China. During their visit they had the opportunity to tour, interact/observe and provide professional instruction to members of the department of surgery at Wenzhou Medical College, highlighting advanced laparoscopic pancreatic and bariatric procedures. Their trip included visits to Shanghai and Beijing sponsored and hosted by their Chinese colleagues.

As the most populous city in China, Shanghai has undergone a transformation over the past twenty years unrivaled by any city in the world. Economic expansion has brought the city and its citizens a wealth of prosperity. With this expansion, medical care has also progressed to ensure quality care. Beijing mirrors this economic development. In the city of Wenzhou, with a population of approximately 8 million (the size of New York City and its surrounding boroughs) a newly expanded medical college is committed to ensuring its citizens are provided high quality medical care.

The team of administrators and physicians highlighted the vast expansion with the construction of a new 4.5 million square foot medical center with a dedicated minimally invasive surgery section. Additionally, a newly constructed medical school will serve the population of Wenzhou for years to come. Tours of the new facilities illustrated the “state of the art” nature of the medical school and soon to be completed hospital. Dr. Hazey said, “We found the surgeons, residents and medical student to be talented and engaged in our lectures and clinical activities. The physician faculty and students are insightful and eager to learn advanced techniques that will benefit patient care.”

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Dr. Hazey added, “It was our pleasure to visit Wenzhou with such gracious hosts with hopes of a continued medical and surgical collaboration that benefits the medical/surgical community in Wenzhou, its residents and students as well as healthcare providers at The Ohio State University Medical Center. We are looking forward to providing a framework and springboard for future mutual interests in China and the United States.”

Dr. John H. Sirak, assistant professor of clinical surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery, visited seven cities in China to train surgeons on his five-box thoracoscopic maze procedure. The five-box maze procedure is a closed-chest, beating heart, minimally invasive treatment for atrial fibrillation. This innovative surgical treatment approach is teamed with comprehensive testing to assure that all potential causes are completely treated. Outcomes in patients who have had the five-box thoracoscopic maze procedure compare very favorably to those who have undergone catheter ablation or other types of maze surgery such as the Wolf Mini-Maze. “I performed 11 procedures in 11 working days, and also presented on the treatment at lectures,” said Dr. Sirak.

Dr. Sirak was an exchange student in China during the 1980s. “I was fluent in Chinese then and actually regained much of the language during this trip.”

Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn faculty Dr. David E. Lindsey, assistant professor of clinical surgery, and Dr. Daniel S. Eiferman, assistant professor of surgery, were part of a traveling symposium that visited six cities in China, presenting on the development of emergency medicine and the U.S. trauma center experience. The symposium, now in its third year, is organized by Dr. Jianming Song, family physician and a native of China, who completed fellowships and residencies in Canada and the United States. Dr. Song eventually immigrated to Oregon. Dr. David Bahner, associate professor, Department of Emergency Medicine is the local contact. It was the first visit to China for both Dr. Eiferman and Dr. Lindsey.

China currently does not have a dedicated trauma system. “China does not have the penetrating trauma wounds that are seen in the U.S., no gunshots or knife wounds, and because of the severe penalties, there is very little drug abuse. So China’s trauma needs are different than ours. They do not have the concept of a trauma surgeon as we have in the U.S.,” explains Dr. Eiferman. “Specialization is not extensive in China,” added Dr. Lindsey. The population of China is over 1.3 billion and the country is experiencing unprecedented

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growth. “The joke we heard was that the national building is the [construction] crane and the national sport is dodging traffic,” said Dr. Eiferman. “Chinese emergency rooms see a lot of automobile and bicycle accident victims.”

Another difference of Chinese versus U.S. health care models is that in China the patient’s family is expected to help with the care, and assume responsibility for their loved one’s recovery. The patient to nurse ratio is 70:1, 70 patients per 1 nurse, so the expectation is that the hospital staff will repair the injury and stabilize the patient, and then the patient’s family provides care. “It’s not uncommon to see a family member holding an IV bag, or feeding a patient,” said Dr. Eiferman.

“China is a very fascinated country,” states Dr. Lindsey. “A lot of the impressions we have as Americans are simply not true.” China has had a building boom for the past decade that is ongoing. The hospitals have the latest technology and the facilities are immaculate. China has not experienced the effects of the recession to the degree that Western economies have, creating opportunities for unique financial partnerships. “It is important to establish a formal relation - there can be an excellent exchange in both directions,” said Dr. Lindsey.

Drs. Eiferman and Lindsey both said their hosts were extremely gracious. They would lecture during the morning and afternoon and then attend banquets that were held for the visiting delegates every night. “The food was outstanding. Being a chef is a very prestigious job in China,” said Eiferman.

Near the end of their visit they were able to do a little site seeing. They visited Xian, site of the Terracotta Warriors, an army of over 7,000 life-sized clay sculptures constructed for the first emperor of China during the Qin Dynasty. They also traveled to Beijing to tour the Forbidden City and part of the Great Wall. Dr. Eiferman was also able to explore a personal connection to China. During Nazi Germany’s occupation of Europe, his maternal grandparents escaped Vienna to avoid the persecution of the Jewish population. Shanghai was one of the few places that did not require a visa for Jewish refugees. Dr. Eiferman was able to locate, and with the aid of a Mandarin speaking colleague, tour the small, simple apartment where his grandparents lived for approximately 10 years. “I was very lucky to be with someone who spoke Mandarin, and who explained my interest to the current residents. They were kind enough to let me in and take pictures. It’s a one bedroom apartment, with a one burner stove, and my guess is that it doesn’t look much different from when my grandparents lived there. It was really a treat to see it,” said Dr. Eiferman. He also visited the restored Ohel Moishe synagogue, now the Shanghai Jewish Refugees Museum.
Group photo of the 2011 Sino USA International Medical Symposium presenters. Front row, fourth from the left is Dr. Bahner, sixth from the right is Dr. Lindsey, and third from the right, Dr. Eiferman.

One of their many host (left) greets Drs. Eiferman, Lindsey and Bahner.
CRITICAL CARE

Dr. Steinberg serves chapter as president-elect

Steven M. Steinberg, MD, FACS, has just begun his year-long term as president-elect of the American College of Surgeons Ohio Chapter. Dr. Steinberg is the director of the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn at The Ohio State University, a Level 1 Trauma Center. He also serves as a professor of surgery, and is the vice-chairman for clinical affairs for the Department of Surgery. A loyal buckeye, he earned his bachelor’s degree in microbiology, his medical degree, and completed his internship, fellowship, and residency all at OSU.

Dr. Steinberg is board certified in surgery and critical care, is a member of numerous medical societies, including the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the Columbus Surgical Society, and the Central Surgical Association. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and is on the Central Ohio Trauma System Board of Trustees.

He is an invited presenter at many national meetings and is extensively published in numerous peer reviewed journals. He has received several teaching awards and has regularly been recognized as a top doctor in America.

Courtesy of the *American College of Surgeons Ohio Chapter News* 2011; 9(6)
Dr. Carson named vice-chair of national melanoma committee

Dr. William Carson III, professor of surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, and who also serves as associate director of clinical research for The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, has been named as the next vice-chair of the SWOG Melanoma Committee.

SWOG, formerly known as the Southwest Oncology Group, is one of the largest National Cancer Institutes who supports cancer clinical trials cooperative groups in the United States. Its primary mission is to improve the practice of medicine in preventing, detecting and treating cancer. Since 1990, the SWOG Melanoma Committee has conducted 35 studies involving almost 3,500 patients with melanoma and other cutaneous malignancies.

Carson will succeed Dr. Lawrence Flaherty of the Karmanos Cancer Institute in Detroit. As vice-chair, Carson will help develop new clinical trials in melanoma and work to engage new investigators in the cooperative group process both at Ohio State and at other institutions across the United States. Through Carson’s selection, Ohio State will become a special member of SWOG and will start enrolling melanoma patients on SWOG clinical trials.

The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute (cancer.osu.edu) is one of only 40 Comprehensive Cancer Centers in the United States designated by the National Cancer Institute. Ranked by U.S. News & World Report among the top cancer hospitals in the nation, The James is the 205-bed adult patient-care component of the cancer program at The Ohio State University. The OSUCCC – James is one of only seven centers in the country funded by the NCI to conduct both phase I and phase II clinical trials.
ASTS welcomes Dr. Henry as its 38th president

The American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS), a non-profit organization, committed to fostering and advancing the practice and science of transplantation for the benefit of patients and society, has elected Dr. Mitchell L. Henry as its 38th president.

Dr. Henry is the chief of the Division of Transplantation, deputy director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center and professor of surgery at Ohio State University in Columbus. He also serves as the medical director of Lifeline of Ohio Organ Procurement Agency.

Prior to becoming President, Dr. Henry served four years as a councilor-at-large and chaired several committees. As Chair of the Education Committee he led efforts to standardize the fellowship training accreditation program and was instrumental in establishing the annual Match.

Dr. Henry earned his medical degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. His clinical interests include kidney, liver, and pancreas transplantation and clinical immunosuppression. His research interests are organ preservation, xenotransplantation, and clinical immunosuppressive drug trials.

When asked about the year ahead, Dr. Henry said “We will continue to pursue the initiatives started by [immediate past president] Dr. Michael Abecassis and the Council this year. There are many new opportunities to address the issues affecting our members and their patients in the coming year.”

Henry
RESEARCH

Ohio State receives $1.4 million for burn wound care research

Scientists from The Ohio State University College of Medicine were recently awarded funding from the United States Department of Defense for wound treatment research.

Chandan Sen, professor and vice chair for research in Ohio State’s Department of Surgery, along with other clinical and translational researchers from the Comprehensive Wound Care Center and the Dorothy M. Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute at Ohio State, are recipients of a two-year, $1.4 million grant to be used to study the benefits of using brown algae extracted from seaweed and giant kelp, specifically for the treatment of burn wounds.

After skin tissue is burned, antibiotic-resistant bacteria cause biofilms to form over the wound. Utilizing the expertise of a multi-disciplinary team of industry and academic partners, including Ohio State faculty from infectious diseases and biomedical engineering, researchers will, for the first time, use a novel model to analyze treatment options in hopes to disrupt biofilm formation, and/or devise a strategy to prevent re-formation of biofilms over burn wounds.

Biofilms, which, according to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), are linked to 60 percent of all chronic infections in the U.S. alone, also pose a significant threat to victims of war who suffer from burn wounds acquired in active duty.

“New treatments with topical agents that inhibit biofilm formation or promote their detachment, and reduce wound infections, could have a tremendous impact not only for military medicine, but also for civilian hospitals, wound care centers and trauma units worldwide,” says Sen. ♦
Critical limb ischemia trial begins

Dr. Michael Go, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, and Dr. Vince Pompili, professor of internal medicine-clinical, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, and their team successfully launched the Phase 1 Critical Limb Ischemia Trial. The first patient was enrolled April 27, 2011.

This patient was treated with marrow-derived stem cell therapy for induction of therapeutic angiogenesis by Dr. Go, in collaboration with Dr. Pompili, who is director of Cardiovascular Cell-Based Therapies and Interventional Cardiovascular Medicine at The OSU Heart and Vascular Center.

This form of stem cell therapy may benefit many of the 750,000 individuals suffering from critical limb ischemia (CLI) in the United States. CLI is caused by a severe blockage of peripheral arteries that significantly impairs blood flow to the extremities, causing chronic tissue degeneration and necrosis. It is estimated that 150,000 individuals lose a limb due to this disease each year.

The launching of this phase I clinical trial at Ohio State is a true culmination of a highly collaborative effort involving members of the basic science cell therapy research team led by Drs. Pompliti and Hiranmoy Das, the supported by Deanna Golden-Kreutz, PhD, assistant professor, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine and Lynn O’Donnell, PhD, director of the Cell Therapy Laboratory at the James, and the vascular medicine expertise of Dr. Go. The activities achieved to reach the point enrollment of a patient in this trial exemplify the “bench to bedside” mission of the Heart and Vascular Center and include meticulous preparation of pre-clinical data, submission and approval on an FDA IDE, and IRB submission and approval.

The incubative work to prepare for this monumental trial was funded via a Ross Academic Advisory Award and the subsequent funding of the trial has come from The Ohio Third Frontier RCP fund awarded to Arteriocyte, Inc., a start-up company of The Ohio State University. ✩
NEW FACULTY

The Department of Surgery welcomes new faculty

Burn Program announces new leadership

The Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn is pleased to announce exciting leadership news at the OSU Medical Center Burn Program.

Larry M. Jones, MD, is the new director of OSU Medical Center’s Burn Center effective July 1, 2011. He comes to Ohio State from West Penn Burn Center in Pittsburgh, where he was the medical director. He will be responsible for the operation of Ohio State’s Burn Center, which is the only treatment program for adult burn patients in central Ohio. He will coordinate the clinical, education and research activities in the Burn Center.

Dr. Jones has been medical director of the Burn Center at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital since January 2009. He is an advanced burn life support national faculty member of the American Burn Association and he is an invited reviewer for the *Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation*. He is a frequent invited speaker on topics related to the care of burn patients. Dr. Jones is a graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency in surgery at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton.

Special thanks go to Sidney F. Miller, MD, who has served as the OSU burn director since February 2006. He was responsible for reinvigorating the burn program at the Medical Center and was pivotal in its achieving American Burn Association accreditation. He has accepted the new responsibility of OSU Director of Burn Research and Development effective July 1, 2011.

Cardiac Surgery

Ahmet Kilic, MD, accepted an appointment as assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Kilic earned his medical degree from the medical College of Virginia – Virginia Commonwealth University. He completed a general surgery residency at the University of Maryland, a cardiothoracic surgery residency at the University of Virginia, and a research fellowship at the University of Maryland. Dr. Kilic’s clinical interests include aortic surgery, heart and lung transplantation and heart failure. His research interests include aortic pathology, heart failure and spinal cord protection.
Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery

Jeff Eakin, MD, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and is a minimally invasive surgery fellow. Dr. Eakin earned his medical degree at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and recently completed a residency in general surgery at Ohio State. His clinical interest is minimally invasive surgery and his research interest is surgical education.

Brendan Marr, MD, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and is a minimally invasive surgery fellow. Dr. Marr earned his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine and completed a general surgery residency at Michigan State University. His interests are minimally invasive surgery, bariatric/metabolic surgery and robotic surgery.

Critical Care, Trauma and Burn

Tracy Davido, MD, accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery. She is also a fellow in the acute care surgery program. Dr. Davido earned her medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh and recently completed a general surgery residency at Ohio State. Her clinical interests include surgical critical care, trauma and acute care surgery. Her research interests are operating room efficiency and surgical profitability, surgical infectious disease, perioperative complication prevention and management.

Johanne Trgovcich, PhD, joins the Division as research assistant professor. Joanne earned her PhD in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. She completed postdoctoral training in the Department of Histology and Embryology, The University of Rijeka Medical School, Rijeka, Croatia followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, The University of Chicago in Chicago, IL.
Vascular Diseases and Surgery

Mounir Haurani, MD, accepted an appointment as assistant professor of clinical surgery. He earned his medical degree at the University of Michigan Medical School, completed a general surgery residency and research fellowship at the Henry Ford Hospital, and completed a fellowship in surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School. His clinical interests include thoracic, abdominal, and peripheral aneurysms, carotid disease, upper and lower extremity venous obstructive disease, carotid disease, peripheral vascular disease, complex endovascular revascularization, IVC filter retrieval and placement. His research interests include surgical education, clinical outcomes reactive oxygen species and neointimal hyperplasia.

Maria Litzendorf, MD, joins the Division as assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Litzendorf earned her medical degree at Eastern Virginia Medical School and a master degree from the College of William and Mary. She recently completed a fellowship in vascular surgery at Ohio State. Her interests include peripheral arterial disease, venous disease and aneurysms.
Outstanding faculty and housestaff were honored along with the 2010–2011 graduates of the Department of Surgery’s training programs on June 11th at the Department’s annual Graduate & Awards Banquet.

**Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin**, chief resident in general surgery, was named Resident of the Year by the Surgery faculty.

**Dr. Justin T. Huntington** was named Intern of the Year by the Surgery faculty.

**Carey A. McCord, RN**, was named Surgical Nurse of the Year by the chief residents in general surgery.

**Teaching Awards**

**Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin**, chief resident in general surgery, was chosen by the medical students to receive the Resident Teaching Award.

**Dr. David E. Lindsey**, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was selected by the medical students to receive the Michael J. Walker, M.D., Faculty Teaching Award.

**Dr. David E. Lindsey** assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was chosen by Department residents and fellows to receive a Faculty Teaching Award.

**Dr. John G. Linn**, fellow in minimally invasive surgery, was selected by the general surgery residents to receive a Fellow Teaching Award.

**Dr. W. Daniel Traetow**, assistant professor - clinical, Department of Anesthesiology, 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 four senior medical students for exceptional performance and dedication to surgery.

**Matthew C. Henn** 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.
Kara M. Keplinger received the Zollinger Award in Surgery.

Nelson A. Royall received the Jonasson Award in Surgery.

Robert A. Simon received the Carey Award in Surgery.

Valerie A. Wood received the Ferguson Award in Surgery.

**Graduates**

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

Dr. Anas Alzuhaibi completed the fellowship in transplantation and began a trauma fellowship at the Hurley Medical Center, in Flint, Michigan.

Dr. David Arrese completed the fellowship in surgical oncology and began practice as a surgical oncologist at Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Sergio A. Carrillo completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery and is pursuing additional training in congenital heart surgery.

Dr. Ravi J. Chokshi completed the fellowship in surgical oncology and began an appointment as assistant professor, Division of Surgical Oncology, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, in Newark, New Jersey.

Dr. Amy L. Collins completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. Andrew O. Crockett completed the residency in general surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor in critical care, Department of Surgery, Dartmouth Medical School, in Hanover, New Hampshire.

Dr. H. Tracy Davido completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in acute care surgery and an appointment as assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, at Ohio State.

Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and an appointment as assistant professor of surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, at Ohio State.
The graduating chief residents in general surgery pose with visiting professor and 2011 Robert M. Zollinger lecturer, Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi, Lewis Atterbury Stimson professor and chair, Department of Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College; surgeon in chief, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York. Front row, left to right: Dr. Meghan R. Forster, chief resident; Dr. Mark W. Arnold, professor of clinical surgery; vice chairman for Surgical Education and program director, General Surgery Training Program; Dr. Michelassi; Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, the Robert M. Zollinger professor and chairman of surgery, associate vice president for health sciences, and vice dean of clinical affairs; Back row, left to right: Dr. Ioannis S. Hatzaras, chief resident; Dr. Andrew O. Crockett, chief resident; Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin, chief resident; Dr. H. Tracy Davido, chief resident.

Dr. Meghan R. Forster completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in surgical oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, University of South Florida, in Tampa Florida.

Dr. Ioannis S. Hatzaras completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in surgical oncology at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, Maryland.
Dr. John G. Linn completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and began practice as staff surgeon at the NorthShore University Health System and began an appointment as clinical assistant professor at the University of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois.

Dr. Maria E. Litzendorf completed the fellowship in vascular surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, at Ohio State.

Dr. Sabrena F. Noria completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and has accepted an appointment at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Dr. Vanessa A. M. Olcese completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and began a fellowship in neurocritical care at Ohio State.

Dr. Thomas A. Pham completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. Angelina Postoev completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and entered private practice in Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Ricardo O. Quarrie completed the master of medical science program and is continuing the residency in general surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. C. Jason Rousseau completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery and entered private practice at Foothills Cardiothoracic, Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Dr. Sarah Beth Russell completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and began an appointment as assistant professor-clinical, Critical Care Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology, at Ohio State.

Dr. David E. Skarda completed the fellowship in pediatric surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery and adjunct professor of pediatrics at the Primary Children’s Medical Center and the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Bradley R Zagol completed the fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery and began serving as staff surgeon, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Congratulations to all!
New Trainees
Twenty-seven residents and fellows began training programs in the Department of Surgery in July.

Dr. Erin C. Akar, previously a student at the Drexel University College of Medicine, began an internship in urology.

Dr. Scott Albert, previously a general surgery resident at the SUNY Upstate Medical University, began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

Dr. Johanna R. Askegard-Giesmann, previously a surgical critical care fellow at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, began a fellowship in pediatric surgery.

Dr. John A. Bach, previously a general surgery resident at the Cleveland Clinic, began a fellowship in critical care surgery.

Dr. Shelly Bansal, previously a fellow in cardiothoracic surgery at The Ohio State University, began a fellowship in critical care surgery.

Dr. Daniel R. Cozadd, previously a resident in general surgery at Michigan State University, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. H. Tracy Davido, previously a resident in general surgery at The Ohio State University, began a fellowship in acute care surgery.

Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin, previously a resident in general surgery at The Ohio State University, began a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery.

Dr. Zachary N. Gordon, previously a student at Brown University School of Medical, began an internship in urology.

Dr. Kara M. Keplinger, previously a student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Sunil Kumar, previously a surgery oncology resident and research fellow at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, began a fellowship in transplantation.

Dr. John J. Leskovan, previously a general surgery resident at St. Vincent’s Mercy Medical Center, began a fellowship in critical care surgery.

Dr. Justin B. Mahida, previously a student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began an internship in general surgery.
**Dr. Lavina Malhotra**, who previously worked in Dr. Mark Bloomston’s laboratory, began an internship in general surgery.

**Dr. Sara A. Mansfield**, previously a student at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

**Dr. Brendan Marr**, previously a resident in general surgery at Michigan State University, began a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery.

**Dr. Sylvester N. Osayi**, previously a student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

**Dr. Firas G. Petros**, previously a researcher at the Henry Ford Hospital, Vattikuti Urology Institute, began an internship in urology.

**Dr. Latifa A. Sage Silski**, previously a student at the University of Michigan Medical School, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

**Dr. Cynthia M. Salinas**, previously a resident in general surgery at Stony Brook University Medical Center, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

**Dr. Lawrence “Drew” Shirley**, previously a resident in general surgery at Thomas Jefferson University, began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

**Dr. Alex Thors**, previously a resident in general surgery at the Good Samaritan Hospital, began a fellowship in vascular surgery.

**Dr. Thomas A. VanBuren**, previously a student at Tulane University School of Medicine, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

**Dr. Katie M. Wells**, previously a student at Mercer University School of Medicine, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

**Dr. Jason M. Woodbury**, previously a student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began an internship in general surgery.

**Dr. Jennifer M. Worth**, previously a resident in general surgery at the University of Nebraska Medical University, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

**Dr. Kashif Zuberi**, previously a resident in general surgery at the Marshfield Clinic in Wisconsin, began a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery.
Participants in the Department of Surgery’s 16th Annual Research Conference, held June 10, pose at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Row one (Judges, L to R): Dr. R. Lawrence Moss, professor of surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, and surgeon-in-chief, Nationwide Children’s Hospital; visiting professor Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi, Lewis Atterbury Stimson professor and chairman, Department of Surgery, Weill Cornell Medical College, and surgeon-in-chief at New York-Presbyterian Hospital; Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery and associate dean, Medicine Administration; and Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, the Robert M. Zollinger professor and chairman of surgery, associate vice president for Health Sciences, and vice dean of Clinical Affairs. Row two: Dr. Amy Collins, Dr. Yazhini Ravi and Dr. Maureen Kuhrt. Row three: Dr. Ellen Carraro, Dr. Katherine Beck, Dr. Mica Matthews and Dr. Laura Peterson. Row four: Dr. Amitava Das, Dr. Kasturi Ganesh Barki and Dr. Michelle Kincaid. Row five: Dr. Haytham Elgharably and Dr. Jon Henry. Row six: Dr. Thomas Pham, Dr. Ricardo Quanie, and Dr. Jon Wisler.
Trainees awarded at conference

Six trainees received awards for outstanding research presentations made at the Department of Surgery’s 16th Annual Research Conference held June 10 at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

**Dr. Jon Henry,** a general surgery resident, received the first-place award for the best research presentation, titled “miR-199a-3p Targets CD 44 and Reduces Proliferation of CD44 Positive Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cell Lines.”

**Dr. Thomas Pham,** a general surgery resident, tied for the second-place award for his research presentation, titled “Cytotoxic CD8+ T Cells Utilize FasL and Perforin to Dowregulate Post-Transplant Allobantibody Production.”

**Dr. Amy Collins,** a general surgery resident, tied for the second-place award for her research presentation, titled “Pancreatic Stellate Cells Induce Overexpression of MicroRNA-21 and MicroRNA-210 in Pancreatic Cancer Cells in Hypoxia.”

**Dr. Iyore James,** a general surgery resident, tied for the third-place award for her research presentation, titled “Heparin-Binding EGF-Like Growth Factor Preserves Gut Barrier Function by Blocking Neutrophil-Endothelial Cell Adhesion After Hemorrhagic Shock and Resuscitation in Mice.”

**Dr. Ricardo Quarrie,** a general surgery resident, tied for the third-place award for his research presentation, titled “Mitochondrial Uncoupling by Increased Proton Leak is Not a Mechanism of Decreasing Reactive Oxygen Species Production After Ischemia-Reperfusion.”

**Amitava Das,** a graduate student, received the award for the best poster presentation. His poster was titled “Engulfment of Apoptotic Cells Induces miR-21 Expression and Switches Human Macrophages from a Pro-Inflammatory to Anti-Inflammatory Phenotype.” ✴
**MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM**

**Dr. Matthews selected for King Award**

The Master of Medical Science Program recently held the James D. King Research Award competition which serves a number of purposes. First, it is to ensure that the Masters student has worked with his or her research advisor to develop a clear picture of the project to be pursued. Second, it provides an opportunity for the student to receive and hear external critique in advance of the project that might lead to additions/deletions/revisions of experimental design to assist in achieving research project goals and objectives. Third, it provides the student with experience in oral presentation. All of the academic purposes of this award honor the memory and vision of Dr. James D. King, a surgeon-scientist who trained at Ohio State. This year’s award recipient is Dr. Mika Matthews, general surgery resident. Congratulations to Mika!

**Presentations:**

**Mika Matthews, MD.** The Effects of Endogenous HB-EGF Expression on Intestinal Stem Cell Expansion and Differentiation after Injury. Advisor: Gail Besner, MD

**Megan McNally, MD.** Determining miRNA Expression Patterns and Identifying Potential Prognostic Indicators and Future Therapeutic Targets in Cholangiocarcinoma. Advisor: Mark Bloomston, MD

**Kenechi Ebede, MD.** DNA Repair Mechanisms and Inflammation-Associated Intestinal Cancer *In Vivo*. Advisor: Joanna Groden, PhD

**Tyler Spata, MD.** Using Autologous Platelet-Thrombus to Induce Cardiac Tissue Inflammation/Ischemia in a Large Animal Heart Failure Model. Advisor: Sampath Parthasarathy, PhD

**Mark Wendling, MD.** The Role of P6 Acustimulation in the Control of Post-Operative Nausea and Vomiting in Foregut Surgery. Advisor: Scott Melvin, MD

**Sara Martin del Campo, MD.** Role of miR-21 in Melanoma Tumorigenesis and Progression. Advisor: William Carson III, MD
In the spotlight: Dr. Megan McNally

Dr. Megan McNally, MMSP candidate and surgical oncology fellow, recently sat with Lynnsay Sinclair, program coordinator, for a question and answer session.

LS: How did you become aware of the MMSP and did this influence your choice of fellowship?

MM: During my interview for the surgical oncology fellowship at OSU, I was made aware of the program. Before I made my rank list for the fellowship match, I sought out Dr. Bloomston to find out more about the MMSP and to decide if it would be a real possibility for me while I was doing my training. It did influence me to rank OSU at the top of my list because of this opportunity.

LS: Why did you choose to pursue a master of medical science degree?

MM: I have taken a less traditional route for my medical education. I did a combined 6 year BLA-MD program and then went straight through residency without taking time off to gain experience in research. I am interested in pursuing academic medicine as well as continuing research efforts. Therefore, I needed to improve my knowledge base in the areas of research, biostatistics, etc.

LS: How will you balance clinical responsibilities and coursework?

MM: The surgical oncology fellowship is designed to allow for 9 months of the second year to pursue research. I will be completing the majority of my coursework during this time.

LS: What is your main research project?

MM: I am primarily focusing on a project with cholangiocarcinoma, one of my clinical interests. The project will involve validating some of the research previously done on defining the miRNA profile and determining the target protein expression of those miRNAs of interest. Ideally, this definition will lead to potential prognostic indicators or target therapies to develop clinical trials.

LS: What do you hope to accomplish thru the MMSP?

MM: My primary goal is to expand my knowledge base in several key areas that will strengthen my ultimate goals of academic surgery and clinical research. These areas will include developing clinical trials, biostatistics, and bioinformatics.
SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF
Beth Hanson

A degree in psychology comes in handy at times as Beth Hanson, general surgery residency manager for the Department of Surgery, helps the residents navigate their program. Beth often acts as advisor and sounding board for the residents. “I’m glad they feel like they can confide in me.”

Beth joined the Division of Transplantation in 1984, working as an administrative assistant for then division chief, Dr. Ronald M. Ferguson. In 1995 Dr. Ferguson was appointed chair of the Department of Surgery and he asked Beth to become the resident coordinator. As the residency program grew over the years, Beth became its manager. Prior to joining the staff at Ohio State, Beth worked in the education department at Columbus Children’s Hospital.

Beth was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she lived until age 7. Her father attended law school at the University of Michigan. Upon graduating, he accepted a job in Columbus, Ohio, and Beth’s family moved to Upper Arlington. Beth graduated from Upper Arlington High School and then attended Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where she earned a degree in psychology.

Beth’s responsibilities as manager include both academic and social aspects of the general surgery residency. She coordinates orientation, interviews, accredited lecture series, the annual banquet and picnic, among other duties. “I like the variety of responsibilities in my position,” said Beth. “It’s so much fun to get to know the residents. I sometimes work with them for six or seven years. I consider it a privilege.” Beth added, “The general surgery residency takes stamina and determination. I try to help make the experience easier.”

Beth also keeps track of where the residents go upon graduating. She has a map in her office with pins indicating where each former resident is located.

Chief resident Dr. Peter Nau said, “Beth plays many roles for the residents. She’s a therapist, a sounding board, a friend and a mother figure. Of the many people I will miss when I graduate, Beth will certainly be at the top of the list. Chief resident Dr. Mary Dillhoff added, “Beth’s job title truly doesn’t cover her immense responsibilities and the role she fills for all the residents. If we were to start, we’d have to include; mom, friend, organizer, accountant, manager, chief executive officer, and psychiatrist. I’m sure we could go on and on. She is loved and very much appreciated by all of us and we will have a special place for her in our hearts when we leave.”

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Away from work Beth enjoys gardening and reading. For the past 15 years she has also devoted countless hours as chair of her church’s gigantic annual garage sale. All proceeds from the sale are divided among charitable organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, local homeless shelters, and medical clinics in Africa and India. “The sale grows every year,” said Beth. “This year we raised over $50,000.”

*Beth Hanson with her map of former general surgery residents.*
IN BRIEF

In the News

**Dr. William Farrar**, professor of surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology and director of the JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center at the Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – Arthur G. James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, is quoted in the June 2011 issue of *Columbus C.E.O. Magazine* article “Life after cancer.” Dr. Farrar was quoted as saying “It (the JamesCare Center) gives us the ability to treat breast cancer and promote breast health in one building. We have everything - prevention, medical oncology, plastic surgery, breast implants, physical therapy, psychologists, survivorship groups, genetic counseling and MRIs.”

**Dr. Catherine Lucey**, vice dean for Education and interim dean of the College of Medicine, has accepted a position as vice dean of education at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine. Her last day at Ohio State was July 31. Dr. Lucey has accomplished much in her eight years at Ohio State including; the development of the College’s new curriculum, the unification of the educational programs, and advancing the vision for interprofessional collaboration in medical education.

**Dr. Bhagwan Satiani**, professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, appeared on the Global Columbus TV show, a live presentation broadcast Wednesday, July 6, from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Dr. Satiani discussed domestic violence, representing www.asharayofhope.org.

**Richard Sobieray**, who is currently serving as chief financial officer of OSU Physicians (OSUP) and associate executive director of the new OSU Faculty Group Practice, has accepted the additional responsibilities of chief financial officer for the Specialty Care Network and Ambulatory Services. With the addition of these roles, Rich will have financial oversight for all of Ohio State’s physician organizations as well as Ambulatory Services, which will greatly aid OSUMC’s plans for further growth and coordination among these entities in the future.

Rich has been with Ohio State for 10 years, first as chief financial officer for the OSU Department of Emergency Medicine physician practice, followed by nine years at OSUP. While at OSUP, Rich has successfully supported the merger of 15 OSU physician corporations and their subsidiaries; developed standardized accounting, budgeting and payroll platforms; implemented a single patient statement for OSU patients and physicians; and has been instrumental in the development of the Faculty Group Practice. Rich is a CPA, holds a BA from DePauw University, and two master degrees – one in Health Administration and the other in Allied Health Education – from Indiana University. He is also a graduate of the Executive Leadership Program at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.
Beginning July 1, more than 350 faculty physicians joined the OSU Faculty Group Practice. These physicians were previously employed by the OSU Physician group in their clinical roles, but are now fully employed by The Ohio State University College of Medicine and the Office of Health Sciences. **Dr. E. Christopher Ellison**, Robert M. Zollinger professor of surgery and chair, Department of Surgery, associate vice president for health sciences, and vice dean of clinical affairs serves as the chief executive officer for the Faculty Group Practice. Dr. Ellison played a key role in physician integration.

This integration strengthens the partnership between the University, the physicians, OSU hospitals and the College of Medicine in a number of ways. It helps prepare for the changes in healthcare access and healthcare delivery that are part of the Affordable Care Act. And, it will improve the patient experience at the Medical Center, through better coordination of care and improved outcomes.

**Books**

Caniano DA. A History of Healing: Pediatric Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Nationwide Children’s Hospital. The Ohio State University, 2011

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**Abstracts**


Litzendorf ME, Starr JE, Satiani B, Notter KE. Ultrasound-accelerated thrombolysis is superior to catheter-directed thrombolysis for the treatment of acute limb ischemia. Presentation at Rapid Paced Paper Session II during the 2011 Vascular Annual Meeting, McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Chicago, IL, June 16-18, 2011

**Starr JE.** Ultrasound-accelerated thrombolysis is superior to catheter-directed thrombolysis for the treatment of acute limb ischemia. Rapid Paced Paper Session II, 2011 Vascular Annual Meeting, McCormick Place, Lakeside Center, Chicago, IL, June 18, 2011


**Presentations**

**Carraro E, Cook CH, Evans DC, Stawicki SP, Postoev A, Olcese V, Phillips G, Eiferman DS.** Portable Chest X-Rays Add No Predictive Value in Diagnosis of Ventilator Associated Pneumonia. In the proceedings of the 16th Annual OSUMC Department of Surgery Research Conference, Columbus, OH, June 10, 2011

**Eiferman DS, Kaide C, et al.** Beyond FFP - The Emergency Reversal of Anticoagulation. Discussant at The Ohio State University Department of Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds; Columbus, OH, February 16, 2011

**Evans DC, Stawicki SP, Davido HT, Cook CH, Whitmill ML, Lindsey DE, Beery PR, Gerlach AT, Steinberg SM, Eiferman DS.** Obesity in Older Trauma Patients: Correlations of BMI with Outcomes, Injury Patterns, and Complications. In the proceedings of the 2nd Annual Central Ohio Trauma System Trauma Research Symposium, Columbus, OH, May 18, 2011


**Go, MR.** Modulation of angiogenesis for the treatment of peripheral vascular disease. William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011
Habib J. Embryology of Vascular System. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Vascular Grand Rounds, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Columbus, OH, June 20, 2011


Henry ML. Workshop: Clinical Examination of AVFs and AVGs, 7th Congress of Vascular Access Society, Istanbul, Turkey, May 5, 2011


Henry ML. Vascular Access Society of the Americas (VASA): Hands-on Practicum on Hemodialysis Access, St. Louis, MO
  Moderator, Live OR demonstration, May 20, 2011
  Preceptor. Product demonstration, May 20, 2011
  Presenter, Forearm AVG Placement Technique, May 21, 2011


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Rink C. Tocotrienol vitamin E improves collateral circulation during focal ischemia attenuating stroke injury. William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011


Satiani B. Understanding the RVU in Practice Management: Getting the Most Out of Using It in Your Practice, Columbus, OH, February 9, 2011

Satiani B. “Where have we been and where are we going? An overview of physician alignment trends.” Presented at the William L. Smead Symposium, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

Satiani B. Peripheral Arterial Duplex Examination. Vascular Grand Rounds, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Columbus, OH, May 23, 2011

Satiani B. “Where have we been and where are we going? An overview of physician alignment trends.” Presented at the 2011 Vascular Annual Meeting of the Society for Vascular Surgery Breakfast Session on Practice Paradigms, Chicago, IL, June 16, 2011

Satiani B. “Can we utilize International Medical Graduates to address the upcoming physician shortage?” Presented at the Second Annual Meeting of the South Asian American Vascular Society Meeting, Chicago, IL, June 16, 2011

Starr JE. What’s new at the “U”: Endovascular update. William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

Starr JE. Management of Acute Limb Ischemia, Ross Heart Hospital, 5th Floor In-Service, Columbus, OH, June 29, 2011

Talmadge J, Eiferman DS, Bahner D. “Interest Group Alliance: A Pilot Program to Improve the Ultrasound Education of Students and Clinicians.” Poster session presented at: First World Congress for Ultrasound in Medical Education; Columbia, SC, Apr 29-May 1, 2011

Vaccaro PS. Discussant- The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2011 Department of Surgery 16th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Columbus, OH, June 10, 2011

Vermilion BD. Professor Rounds, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, OH, May 19, 2011


International Presentations

Cook CH. Consequences of CMV reactivation in immune competent hosts, Visiting Professor, Johannes Gutenberg University of Medicine, Mainz, Germany, May 19, 2011

Eiferman DS. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The U.S. Experience. Yangzhou University, China, April 2011

Eiferman DS. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The US Experience. Changcha University, China, April 2011

Eiferman DS. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The U.S. Experience. Xian University, China, April 2011
Lindsey DE. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The U.S. Experience. Yangzhou University, China, April 2011

Lindsey DE. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The U.S. Experience. Changcha University, China, April 2011.

Lindsey DE. The Role of Trauma Centers & Systems: The U.S. Experience. Xian University, China, April 2011.

Lindsey DE. Damage Control Laparotomy—The Control of Hemorrhage in Trauma. Shanghai University, Shanghai, China, April 2011

**Visiting Professors**

**Larry Carey, MD**, professor emeritus of surgery, associate chief of staff for education, University of South Florida. “How it started and how it went.” William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

**William Finkelmeier, MD**, national director, VeinSolutions, CorVasc MDs. “Smeadism and their impact on my career.” William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

**George Geroulakos, MD, FRCA, PhD**, consultant vascular surgeon, Charing Cross Hospital, president, Vascular Section, The Royal Society of Medicine, London, England. “Randomized controlled trial of ultrasound guided from sclerotherapy combined with sapheno-femoral ligation compared to surgical treatment of varicose veins; five year results.” William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

**John “Jeb” Hallett, MD**, clinical professor of surgery, medical director and vascular surgeon, St. Francis Heart and Vascular Center, Medical University of South Carolina. “Creating heart and vascular centers that work: negotiating troubled waters.” William L. Smead, MD Symposium, Longaberger Alumni House, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2011

**Scott Maffett, MD**, assistant professor of internal medicine-clinical, Division of Cardiovascular Medicine, The Ohio State University. “Pre-Operative cardiac work-up, cardiac complications after surgery etc.” The Ohio State University Medical Center, Vascular Grand Rounds, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Columbus, Ohio, June 6, 2011
OutReach

OSU Burn Center Receives $5000 Service Board Grant

The Burn Center at Ohio State has been awarded a $5,000 Service Board grant to support the 2011 burn survivor family camp. This project is coordinated by Rebecca Coffey, CNP, Department of Surgery. Burn survivor family camp provides an opportunity for recovery, re-establishment and strengthening of the family. It provides family healing, personal growth, builds a survivor’s community and provides a safe place for children of burn survivors to interact.

The individuals served by this project come from all socioeconomic groups. All individuals that are served by the burn center catchment area are eligible. The catchment area served by the OSU Burn Center includes 66 out of 88 counties primarily in central, southern, and eastern Ohio. Twenty-nine of the counties in the service area are in Appalachia, the poorest economic region of the state, and opportunities for this type of camping experiences and family sharing and support are non-existent except for the burn camp.

The fourth family camp was held summer 2010, and over 300 families of discharged patients were eligible to attend for a nominal fee. Each year the number of families served has increased. Burn survivor families have financial distress related to the burn injury and the effect of loss wages, and after care needs. Many have not had a break from this illness role since the accident and this is an important step in becoming a survivor not a victim. This camp provides an opportunity for burn survivors’ family/significant others to get and receive support from others who are providing care and support to a burn survivor. Spouses of burn victims who frequently provide care and support, but don’t have good support systems, can network with other survivors and spouses.

Families were sent registration materials in June, along with the schedule for the weekend. Families are asked to pay $20 for the camp. This year’s camp will be held in August. Burn team members volunteer to attend and work at the camp.
Recognitions

Critical Care Faculty awarded

Two faculty members of the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn were recognized at recent award ceremonies.

**Dr. Daniel S. Eiferman**, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was awarded the OSU Department of Emergency Medicine Outstanding Contribution Award on June 17, 2011 at The Ohio State University, Columbus OH.

**Dr. David E. Lindsey**, assistant professor of clinical surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award on June 2, 2011 at the OSU College of Medicine’s award ceremony. The event was held at the Ohio Union Ballroom. Dr. Lindsey was also awarded the Medical Student Outstanding Teaching Award at the annual Medical Students Award ceremony, held on June 11, 2011, and he was awarded the Resident Outstanding Teaching Award at the annual Department of Surgery Awards Banquet, held on June 11, 2011.

**Dr. Stanislaw P. Stawicki**, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was appointed as a member of The Ohio State University Human Subjects (biomedical) Institutional Review Board.
Department of Pharmacy Research Day CCTS Best Abstract Award in Clinical and Translational Science

The Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) would like to congratulate Dr. Jon Henry, Division of Pharmaceutics and the Department of Surgery, who was awarded the CCTS Best Abstract Award in Clinical and Translational Science at the Pharmacy Research Day held on May 18, 2011. The title of his abstract was miR-199a-3p Targets CD44 and Reduces Proliferation of CD44 Positive Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cell Lines.

Satiani Elected President of the South Asian American Vascular Society

Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was elected president of the South Asian American Vascular Society for 2011-2012 at its annual meeting on June 16 in Chicago. The society was formed to maintain the identity of members from South Asia to promote the dissemination of knowledge and provide a forum for scientific, educational, cultural, charitable and social interaction among the members.

Surgery faculty recognized as CRM Champions

The Ohio State University Medical Center has partnered with LifeWings’ Patient Safety Improvement Program, to utilize the best practices of high reliability organizations. Crew resource management (CRM) is an integrated series of on-site training sessions for leadership, physicians and staff, along with customized, site-built safety tools (e.g., checklists, communication scripts, standard protocols) to hardwire a permanent change in the workplace culture. The following Department of Surgery faculty have been recognized as Crew Resource Management Champions for their contributions to clinical quality, safety and service; Dr. Steven Steinberg and Dr. Daniel Eiferman, Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, Dr. Jeff Hazey, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Dr. Michael Firstenberg and Dr. Chittoor Sai-Sudhakar, Cardiac Surgery, and Dr. Michael Go, Vascular Diseases and Surgery.

OSUMC is committed to deliver safe, personalized, and effective care through collaborative, patient-centered teams.
IN MEMORIAM

David Allan Taft, MD

David Allan Taft, MD, died March 10, 2011 at the age of 77 after a full and rewarding life. He was born December 26th, 1933 in Madison, Wisconsin to Cyrus and Margaret Taft. David was preceded in death by his parents and his brother John. He is survived by his wife Sheila, sons Robert and Michael, his brother Michael (Anne), and Wendy (Jay), who is like a daughter, and their children (Riley and Lauren). David grew up in Ames, Iowa and received a BS degree from Iowa State University, an MD degree from the University of Iowa, and took his general surgical residency at Ohio State. He trained under Dr. Robert Zollinger and gladly recalled tales of his training under Dr. Zollinger. He then spent one year at the Royal Infirmary in Edinburgh, Scotland where he met his bride to be, Sheila Blackwood of Stirling, Scotland, while she was training to be a nurse. In 1967 David volunteered for active duty in the Navy and quickly found himself in the Republic of South Vietnam as Chief of Surgery, 1st Medical Battalion, 1st Marine Division. On August 27, 1967, he treated a severely injured marine with a shattered leg. A live rocket was imbedded in the knee: the bony structures of the knee and the vasculature were destroyed, necessitating amputation above the knee. Dr. Taft asked a corpsman to assist him and then cleared the operating tent of all other personnel. Following the amputation, Taft carried the leg, with the rocket embedded, to a hole dug by Marine personnel about 200 yards away. Dr. Taft then returned to the tent to complete the amputation. Before the operation was completed, the rocket exploded. For his remarkable efforts, Dr. Taft received the nation’s second highest award, the Navy Cross.

David and Sheila were married in April 1968 in Stirling, Scotland with his younger brother Michael serving as best man. He left the Navy in late 1968. In early 1969 he entered private practice as a general surgeon with the Mason Clinic in Seattle, Washington. During that time he became a Fellow in the American College of Surgery, the Seattle Surgical Society, the Pacific Coast Surgical Society, and the Western Surgical Association, and held a Clinical Associate Professorship at the University of Washington. He touched and helped so many lives over his 20 years with the Mason Clinic. David re-entered the Navy in 1989, and was stationed at Naval Hospital Bremerton from 1989 to 1994. He deployed in August 1990 as part of Desert Shield/Desert Storm attached to the 1st Marine Division entering Kuwait as part of Task Force Ripper. He deployed to Somalia in 1992, again serving with the 1st Marine Division. In July 1994 he was assigned to Camp Pendleton, California, where he held the position of Group Surgeon, for two years. He became Division Surgeon for the 1st Marine Division in 1996 and retired to Seattle in 2000 with

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Sheila and black lab Mac. In addition to his love for his family, the U.S. Marine Corps, the Navy, and his passion for surgery, David enjoyed many activities. He was a voracious reader, climbed Mt. Rainier, went on safari to Africa, built a cabin from the ground up, and grew the best tomatoes. David’s funeral took place at Arlington National Cemetery.