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Clinical skills center awarded accreditation

The Clinical Skills Education & Assessments Center (CSEAC) at The Ohio State University College of Medicine was recently awarded accreditation for three years by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Comprehensive Education Institute. The ACS Accredited Education Institutes (ACS-AEI) educate and train practicing surgeons, surgical residents, medical students, and members of the surgical team using simulation-based education.

The Department of Surgery’s Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery (CMIS) worked closely with Lori Martensen, associate director of the CSEAC, and her team to put together the application, and faculty and staff from both areas participated in the site review. Faculty members leading this effort were Dr. Sheryl Pfeil, professor of clinical medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition, and medical director of the CSEAC; and Dr. David Renton, assistant professor of clinical surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery.

“This undertaking was a dual effort between the Simulation Center and CMIS. It will help our institution enroll in and create studies that will evaluate the efficacy of simulation technology in training medical students, residents, and attending surgeons in new forms of surgical technology,” explained Dr. Renton. Dr. Pfeil added, “Meeting the rigorous standards for accreditation by the ACS speaks to the broad scope and high quality of surgical education and training programs at the CSEAC. This accreditation will help further our ongoing efforts to advance the field of surgical education.”

Since it as launched in 2005, the ACS-AEI program has set standards for how surgical education and training should be offered at Accredited Education Institutes. The program goal is to promote patient safety through the use of simulation, to develop new education and technologies, identify best practices, and promote research and collaboration among our institutes. The ACS-AEI also evaluates the impact of education through long-term follow-up of learners and analyze how to best incorporate aspects of surgical research into surgical education.

More information about these education institutes can be found on the ACS website at: https://www.facs.org/education/accreditation
OSU Burn Program receives “Best of the Best” award

The Burn Program at OSU is the recipient of an award recognizing excellence in nutritional care of critically injured patients. Dr. Larry M. Jones, professor of clinical surgery and director of the Burn Program, explains, “For the past year we have been submitting data regarding our methods of nutritional support of the critically ill burn patient.” That data was submitted to the 2014 International Nutrition Survey sponsored by the Critical Care Nutrition and the Clinical Evaluation Research Unit based in Canada.

According to Dr. Daren Heyland, director of the research unit and in charge of the survey, the Burn Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center is the first ever hospital in the United States to ever rank in the Top 10 and the first ever U.S. hospital to win this award. The award, known as the “Best of the Best”, recognizes the Burn Program’s efforts in the nutritional support of critically ill burn patients.

“Dr. Heyland came to personally present the award and to learn first-hand what our secrets to success are so that they may be shared with other hospitals,” stated Dr. Jones. “He is one of the most influential experts in critical care nutrition in the world. This recognition is indeed an honor and a testament to the dedication our burn team members have toward our patients. It stands beside our verification by the American College of Surgeons and the American Burn Association as a mark of high distinction for the OSU Burn Program.”

Pictured left to right: Dr. Larry Jones, Sheela Thomas, MS, RD, CNSC, Burn Center dietician, Dr. Daren Heyland; and Andrea Bigley, MSN-Ed, RN, Burn Program Manager
Charles V. Meckstroth, MD visits Division of Cardiac Surgery

Charles V. Meckstroth, MD visited the Division of Cardiac Surgery on May 21, 2015 to give a presentation on his life and experiences as a thoracic surgeon. A master surgeon, dedicated teacher and innovative researcher, he earned his bachelor and medical degrees from OSU in 1944 and 1947, respectively. Dr. Meckstroth completed his internship at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, and his surgical residency at Ohio State from 1949 to 1953. He was active at Ohio State from the late 1950s through the 1980s. Dr. Meckstroth also held a surgical appointment at Riverside Hospital in Columbus.

Dr. Meckstroth is a true pioneer in thoracic surgery, having performed the first coronary bypass surgery in central Ohio in 1969. With colleague Howard Sirak, MD, Dr. Meckstroth performed many of the first valvular surgeries in Columbus, and was a leader in pacemaker implantation. Karl Klassen, MD served as a mentor of Dr. Meckstroth’s.

In retirement Dr. Meckstroth has become an expert at making his own champagne and holds a U.S. patent for a specially designed cork. He is also a master wood carver, primarily of waterfowl, winning numerous best of show awards.

Pictured left to right: Dr. Mahim Malik, fellow; Dr. George Christensen, fellow; Dr. Gregory Rushing, assistant professor; Dr. Thomas Williams, associate professor; Dr. Charles Meckstroth; Dr. Juan Crestanello, associate professor and chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery; Dr. Emily Smeltzer, fellow; Dr. Siva Patimalla, fellow; and Dr. Bryan Whitson, assistant professor.
Faculty News

Kilic appointed as director

We are pleased to announce that Ahmet Kilic, MD has been appointed vice-director for Clinical and Academic Affairs of the Division of Cardiac Surgery and director of Heart Transplantation and Mechanical Circulatory Support.

Dr. Kilic received his medical degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and then went on to perform a general surgery residency at the University of Maryland and a cardiac surgery fellowship at the University of Virginia. He joined the faculty at OSU as assistant professor in July 2011. In his present appointment Dr. Kilic has distinguished himself as an excellent clinician, teacher, researcher and mentor. His practice has been focused on the surgical treatment of heart failure. Dr. Kilic has led a significant growth in the heart failure and ventricular assist device (VAD) program both in numbers as well as in quality. He will also be the co-director of the Advanced Heart Failure Program at the Heart and Vascular Center.

Please help us to congratulate Dr. Kilic for these accomplishments.

Dr. Schwartz appointed to General Surgery

Jennifer S. Schwartz, MD has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery. Dr. Schwartz earned her medical degree at State University of New York Medical University. She completed a residency in general surgery at Ohio State, followed by a fellowship in advanced minimally invasive and bariatric surgery, also at Ohio State. Her clinical interests include advanced laparoscopic procedures in bariatric, hernia and foregut surgery. During her fellowship Dr. Schwartz actively participated in a number of ongoing research projects that led to publications and presentations of research at the American Society for Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery in November 2014 resulting in a nomination for the John Halverson Young Investigator Award. In addition, she has an active in our educational programs and teaching labs. Dr. Schwartz joins our practice at OSU Hospital East.

Mr. Traugott appointed to Colorectal Surgery

Amber L. Traugott, MD has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. From 1995 to 1999, and again in 2003, Dr. Traugott served in the United States Army as an intelligence interpreter and cryptology of Arabic and also provided interpreting services at an Iraqi Kurd refugee camp. She was awarded the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service and three Army Achievement Medals. Dr. Traugott earned her medical degree from Washington University School of Medicine in 2006. She completed a general surgery residency at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital, a research fellowship at Washington University School of Medicine and a colorectal fellowship at the University of Louisville. Dr. Traugott is certified in advanced trauma life support, laparoscopic surgery and DaVinci Console robotic surgery. She specializes in general and colorectal surgery.
Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery welcomes new faculty-fellows

Ellen A. Carraro, MD accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and has begun the advanced minimally invasive and bariatric surgery fellowship. Dr. Carraro earned her medical degree and completed a general surgery residency and a surgical critical care fellowship at The Ohio State University. Her interests are reflux disease, foregut surgery, minimally invasive surgery and surgical critical care.

Eleanor C. Fung, MD accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and has begun the advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery fellowship. Dr. Fung earned her medical degree and completed a completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Toronto, Canada. Her interests are minimally invasive surgery, advanced endoscopy, and endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP).

Boris Zevin, MD, PhD accepted an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery and has begun the advanced minimally invasive and bariatric surgery fellowship. Dr. Sevin earned his medical degree, a doctorate degree and completed a completed a residency in general surgery at the University of Toronto, Canada. His interests are bariatric and foregut surgery, minimally invasive hernia surgery and advanced endoscopy.

Surgical Oncology fellows competes in triathlon

A team of Surgical Oncology fellows including Drs. Valerie Grignol, Mio Kitano and Heather Lewis competed as a relay team in the Ross TriFit Challenge triathlon, held on July 26. Their team name was The Sarcommandos. The triathlon includes segments of swimming, biking and running. The proceeds from this charitable event benefit Ohio State’s Ross Heart Hospital cardiac and vascular care and research.

Dr. Kitano also co-hosted Pelotolooza, a July 11 music event held to raise donations for the upcoming 2015 Pelotonia bicycle ride. The event raised $2100 which was donated to the Team Buckeye: Surgical Oncology and Friend Peloton.

Photo right, a scene from Pelotolooza
Heather M. Powell, PhD, assistant professor, College of Engineering and Chandan K. Sen, PhD, professor, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, were presented with Lumley Interdisciplinary Research Awards in honor and recognition of their collaborative research in the area of wound healing with an exciting specific sub-focus on skin biomechanics post injury. Both Drs. Powell and Sen are faculty members of Ohio State’s Center for Regenerative Medicine and Cell-Based Therapies, with Dr. Sen serving as the center director.

“I will be riding 50 miles in Pelotonia to support cancer research at The James.”

– Doreen M. Agnese, MD, associate professor of surgery and leader of Team Buckeye – OSU Surgical Oncology and Friends.

Read about Dr. Agnese’s ride at www.pelotonia.org/doreensride

If you wish to donate, please follow the link: https://www.mypelotonia.org/team_profile.jsp?MemberID=48838&SearchStart=0&PAGING
Twenty-seven surgery trainees completed their residency, fellowship or master program in June. Congratulations to all!

Ankur P. Bhakta, DO, MBA completed the surgical critical care fellowship and continues his general surgery residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Ellen A. Carraro, MD completed the general surgery residency and begins a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at The Ohio State University.

George C. Christensen, III, DO completed the cardiothoracic surgery fellowship and has accepted a position as a cardiac surgeon at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in the greater Cincinnati region.

Brent J. Goslin, MD completed the surgical critical care fellowship and has accepted a position as staff surgeon at Ohio Health, Riverside Surgical Associates in Columbus, Ohio.

Jon C. Henry, MD, MS completed the general surgery residency and will began a vascular surgery fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh Medical College in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Edward L. Jones, MD, MS completed the advanced therapeutic endoscopic and gastrointestinal surgery fellowship and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the Denver VA Medical Center and University of Colorado in Aurora, Colorado.

Teresa S. Jones, MD, MS completed the surgical critical care fellowship and has been appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the Denver VA Medical Center and University of Colorado in Aurora, Colorado.

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Alistair J. Kent, MD, MPH completed the general surgery residency and will began a surgical critical care fellowship at Johns Hopkins University Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland.

Lauren A. Licata, MD completed the American College of Surgeons Transition to Practice fellowship, the first such fellowship at Ohio State. She has accepted a position as general surgeon at North Shore Southside Hospital in Bayshore, New York.

Loren L. Masterson, MD, MBA completed the vascular surgery fellowship and has accepted a position of vascular surgeon at Akron General Hospital in Akron, Ohio.

Thanh V. Nguyen, DO, MSHS completed the surgical critical care fellowship and has accepted a position as a trauma surgeon at Grant Medical Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Stephen L. Nobel, MD, MS completed the cardiothoracic surgery fellowship and returns to active duty in the United States Navy as lieutenant commander and staff cardiothoracic surgeon at the Naval Medical Center in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Jill K. Onesti, MD completed the surgical oncology fellowship and has accepted a position as medical director of surgical oncology at Mercy Health Physician Partners in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Matthew R. Pittman, MD completed the advanced minimally invasive and bariatric surgery fellowship and has accepted a position as director of bariatric and minimally invasive surgery at Northwestern Medicine, Delnor Hospital in Geneva, Illinois.

Neil D. Saunders, MD completed the surgical oncology fellowship and has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of endocrine surgery at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia.

Jennifer S. Schwartz, MD completed the advanced minimally invasive and bariatric surgery fellowship and has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery at The Ohio State University.

Emily R. Smeltzer, MD completed the cardiothoracic surgery fellowship. Her destination is to be determined.

Tyler C. Spata, MD, MS completed the general surgery residency and will began a cardiothoracic fellowship at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Rajan K. Thakkar, MD completed the Pediatric Surgery Residency and has accepted appointments as assistant professor of surgery at The Ohio State University, and as associate trauma director and associate burn director at Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

Mark R. Wendling, MD, MS completed the general surgery residency and will began a minimally invasive surgery fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Jon R. Wisler, MD, MS completed the general surgery residency and will began a surgical critical care fellowship at The Ohio State University.

Ahmad A. Zaaroura, MD completed the transplant surgery fellowship and will began a transplant surgery/hepatobiliary fellowship at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

2015 Master of Medical Science Program Graduates

Kara M. Keplinger, MD, MS fulfilled all requirements for the COM Master of Medical Science degree and completed two years of research in the laboratory of Matt Ringel MD. Dr. Ringel is Professor of Medicine, Director of the Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism and PI of an NCI Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant for thyroid cancer research. Dr. Keplinger’s research training was supported by a prestigious Pelotonia Postdoctoral Fellowship Award. During her research fellowship, she successfully established an orthotopic thyroid cancer xenograft model to study the efficacy of novel therapeutic compounds targeting inhibition of P21 Activated Kinase. She presented promising results and cutting edge novel techniques for monitoring and quantifying tumor growth at her DOS MMS Grand Rounds presentation in the spring of 2015. Dr. Keplinger’s achievements and experiences provide an excellent foundation for a future career in academic endocrine surgery.

Nicholas V. Latchana, MD, MS fulfilled all requirements for the COM Master of Medical Science degree and completed two years of research training in the laboratory of Dr. William Carson. He studied mechanisms of miR-21 over-expression in malignant melanoma and the relationship of microRNA profiles to pathologic classification of melanocytic lesions. Dr. Latchana has had the opportunity to present results of his research at many local, regional and national forums. He is the recipient of first place research awards at the 2014 OSU DOS Annual Research Conference and at the 2015 American continued on page 10
College of Surgeons Ohio Chapter Research Forum. He has been prolific in publishing original research, reviews, case reports and book chapters. To date he has 9 publications, an additional 4 manuscripts submitted, and another 5 in preparation. His research training was supported by a prestigious NIH T32 postdoctoral training award.

Sara A. Mansfield, MD, MS fulfilled all requirements for the COM Master of Medical Science degree and completed two years of research training. She started her training in the laboratory of Dr. Charles Cook, professor of surgery and expert in CMV infection. However, when Dr. Cook relocated, she joined the laboratory of Robert Baiocchi MD, PhD, associate professor of internal medicine. The project Dr. Mansfield undertook in Dr. Cook’s laboratory focused on the immunology of CMV infection. Dr. Baiocchi’s laboratory focuses on experimental therapeutics and immunotherapy of EBV lymphoma. Consequently Dr. Mansfield has gained an extraordinary expertise in immunology and virology during her two years of research training. She has been involved with the preparation of three IRB approved clinical research protocols. Her DOS MMS Grand Rounds presentation entitled “Virology for Surgeons” represented a culmination of her training in research applied to clinical medicine. Her research training was supported by a competitive OSU University Fellowship and a prestigious NIH T32 “Tumor Immunology” postdoctoral fellowship award. She was also a 2013 SUS Research Fellowship finalist, an award winner at the 2014 OSU DOS Annual Research Conference and was selected for a first place award at the 2015 Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium. Dr. Mansfield currently has 9 publications, and another 4 submitted publications in review. Overall Sara’s research productivity has been remarkable and a model for other surgical residents to emulate.

Sylvester N. Osayi, MD, MS fulfilled all requirements for the COM Master of Medical Science degree and completed one year of clinical research training with Dr. Jeff Hazey. During his professional development year, Dr. Osayi was involved with the conduct of a clinical trial evaluating the use of near infra-red fluorescence cholangiography (NIRF-C) during laparoscopic cholecystectomy. He presented results of this novel study at local and national meetings and is working on a manuscript for publication. Dr. Osayi also worked on a number of other clinical and educational research projects during this time including an analysis of personality characteristics and job satisfaction among hepatopancreato-biliary surgeons. In addition, he assisted with the writing of a grant application to study simulation training on Fundamentals of Endoscopic Surgery performance.

Terrence M. Rager, MD, MS fulfilled requirements for the COM Master of Medical Science degree and completed two years of research training in Dr. Gail Besner’s laboratory. He took on the challenging research project of engineering intestinal tissue on a biodegradable scaffold. During this time he has been a member of a collaborative interdisciplinary team and has developed an in-depth understanding of the challenges and promise in this exciting new field. In addition to the intestinal engineering project, Dr. Rager pursued research to determine the therapeutic efficacy of mesenchymal stem cell exosomes for necrotizing enterocolitis and generated some very promising results. He is the recipient of the 2013 James King Research Award and was a finalist for the 2014 SUS Resident Scholar Award.

Save the Date

The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center with the Center for Continuing Medical Education, present

Friday, November 13, 2015
Controversies in Vascular Diseases
Saturday, November 14, 2015
Eighth Annual Noninvasive Testing Symposium
The Ohio Stadium Huntington Club Rooms
411 Woody Hayes Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Category 1 CME will be available for physicians, nurses and sonographers.

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Surgery Awards

Congratulations to the outstanding faculty and house staff who were honored with awards at the Department of Surgery Graduation & Awards Banquet on Saturday, June 13. These included:

David Strosberg, MD, general surgery resident and MMSP candidate, who was presented with the Resident Teaching Award in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education. (Bestowed by Medical Students)

David Lindsey, MD, associate professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, who was presented the Michael J. Walker, MD Teaching Award in recognition of a faculty who has demonstrated excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education. (Bestowed by Medical Students)

TIE - Ana Jalilvand, MD and Joe Drews, MD, who were both presented with the Intern-of-the-Year Award in recognition of an intern who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors. (Bestowed by Surgery Faculty)

Jon Henry, MD, MS, chief resident, who was presented with the Resident-of-the-Year Award in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors. (Bestowed by Surgery Faculty)

Robin Rodgers, surgical tech, was presented with the Surgical Support Staff of the Year Award for exemplary dedication to the care of surgical patients. (Bestowed by Chief Residents)

Michael Essandoh, MD, assistant professor, Department of Anesthesiology, was presented with the John L. Robinson Award for outstanding teaching of general surgery residents by faculty or staff from another department. (Bestowed by Chief Residents)

Brent Goslin, MD, surgery critical care fellow, was presented with the Fellow Teaching Award in recognition of a fellow who has demonstrated excellence in teaching. (Bestowed by General Surgery Residents)

Michael Go, MD, MS, associate professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was presented with the Faculty Teaching Award for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education. (Chosen by all Surgical Housestaff)

PEDIATRIC SURGERY AWARDS:

Ana Jalilvand, MD was presented with the Pediatric Surgery Intern-of-the-Year Award.

Justin Huntington, MD, MS was presented with the Pediatric Surgery Resident-of-the-Year.

Benedict Nwomeh, MD, MPH, professor of clinical surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, was presented with the Golden Apple Teaching Award.

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20th Annual Surgery Research Conference

The 20th Annual Surgery Research Conference was held May 21, 2015. This conference is directed by Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery, director of the Master of Medical Science Program and associate dean of research education. Eighteen surgical trainees presented poster and oral presentations to the judge’s panel consisting of Ohio State faculty Dr. Robert Higgins, and Dr. Christopher Ellison and visiting professor and 2015 Zollinger lecturer Dr. Selwyn M. Vickers, senior vice president for Medicine and dean of the School of Medicine, University of Alabama Birmingham.

Conference awardees include Dr. Sara Martin del Campo who was awarded best poster for “Laparoscopic redo fundoplication improves disease-specific and global quality of life following failed laparoscopic or open fundoplication.” Her faculty advisor is Dr. Kyle Perry. Also awarded, in a tie, best poster was Dr. Durba Pal for “Direct reprogramming of fibroblast to endothelial by nano-electroporation technology.” Her faculty advisor is Dr. Chandan Sen.

Dr. Ekene Onwuka was awarded first place for his oral presentation “The role of losartan in the prevention of tissue engineered vascular graft stenosis.” His faculty advisor is Dr. Christopher Breuer.

Dr. Shayna Brathwaite was awarded second place for her oral presentation “Targeting glucose transporters to prevent colon carcinogenesis.” Her faculty advisors are Dr. Christina Wu and Dr. Ching-Shih Chen.

Mr. Ryan Dickerson was awarded third place for his oral presentation “Oral supplementation of a standardized naturally fermented papaya preparation may correct type 2 diabetes-induced reactive oxygen species dysregulation.” His faculty advisor is Dr. Chandan Sen.

Congratulations to all who were selected to present their research.
New Trainees

Twenty-three residents and fellows began training programs in the Department of Surgery in July. Welcome!
In Brief

Recognitions

Christian D. Jones, MD, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, received the 2014-2015 Outstanding Contributions to the Department of Emergency Medicine Award, which recognizes an attending or resident from another department who is honored for their commitment to teamwork, communication and outstanding clinical judgment. The award is selected by the Department of Emergency Medicine house staff.

Congratulations to Nicholas Latchana, MD, MS, general surgery resident, on receiving the first place award for oncology oral presentations at the recent American College of Surgeons-Ohio Chapter 2015 Annual Meeting held May 9, 2015 in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Latchana’s presentation was titled “Global microRNA Profiling of Indeterminate Melanocytic Lesions.” (Latchana N, Martin del Campo SE, Grignol VP, Carson M, Clark J, Peters S, Carson WE) (Photo: Dr. Latchana, second from the right, at the ACS-Ohio Chapter meeting)

David E. Lindsey, MD, associate professor of surgery-clinical, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, received the Clinical Professor of the Year Award from the OSU College of Medicine Class of 2015. Dr. Lindsey was presented the award during the graduation ceremony

Daniel Lodwick, MD, general surgery resident and Master of Medical Science candidate, was recently notified that he is the recipient of the Society for University Surgeon’s KARL STORZ Resident Scholar Award. His project is Radiation Dose Tracking in Computed Tomography. This fellowship is intended for residents in any of the surgical disciplines who are doing research focused on surgical innovation, bioengineering, or surgical education utilizing new technologies. This is a one-year award of $30,000. The awardee will be expected to provide a research update at the SUS Executive Council Meeting at the 2016 Academic Surgical Congress and a final research presentation at the Research Awards Session at the 2017 Academic Surgical Congress. Dr. Lodwick has also been awarded a Technology Development Fund Grant through Nationwide Children’s Hospital.

Marc P. Michalsky, MD, Division of Pediatric Surgery has been promoted to the rank of Professor-Clinical, effective June 5, 2015

Stephen P. Povoski, MD, associate professor of surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology was recently named as the “2015 Section Editor of the Year” for BioMed Central Publishing Company (http://www.biomedcentral.com/), from among their collective 286 journal titles, for my role as the Section Editor for the Surgical Oncology, Cancer Imaging, and Interventional Therapeutics Section of the BioMed Central journal, BMC Cancer.

Bhagwan Satiani, MD, MBA, professor of clinical surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, serves as a member of the board of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health. The commission is dedicated to research health disparities in minority health issues and improving the overall access to quality health care.

Jean Starr, MD, associate professor of clinical surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, has been elected as a Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Vascular Surgery. Distinguished Fellow designation is bestowed upon active, international, or senior members who are vascular surgeons and who distinguish themselves

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in a sustained manner by making substantial contributions in two of three categories: research, service, or education. She was recognized and presented with a certificate at the SVS Annual Meeting held June 17-20 in Chicago, Illinois.

Bryan A. Whitson, MD, PhD, associate professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery, has been named to editorial board of the American Society of Artificial Internal Organs (ASAIO) Journal. The term of service is three years with an option to renew for an additional two years.

**In the news**

Daniel Eiferman, MD, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, was quoted in the July 27, 2015 Columbus Dispatch news article “Hospital staff needs grief care, too.” The article tells of toll on healthcare professionals that the delivery of bad news to patients and families takes. Programs such as OSU’s Stress, Trauma and Resilience (STAR) program and the Schwartz Center for Compassionate Healthcare help doctor, nurses and social workers cope with the emotional stress. Dr. David Evans is physician leader and chair of the Schwartz Center rounds committee at Ohio State. A recent program he organized was featured in the story.  
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/05/26/hospital-staff-needs-care-too.html

E. Christopher Ellison, MD, Distinguished Professor and interim dean of the OSU College of Medicine was interviewed in the July 5, 2015 Columbus Dispatch news article “OSU pushing enrollment of minorities in med school.” The article explained the importance of encouraging more minority students to pursue a career as a physician. “We are the pipeline for future practicing physicians and, in order to enhance access, particularly for minorities, to health care it is extremely helpful to have minority physicians be on the front lines,” said Dr. Ellison.  

David Evans, MD, assistant professor of surgery, medical director of trauma services and director of nutrition-support services was interviewed in the July 13, 2015 Columbus Dispatch news article “Burn patients at Wexner Medical Center get big doses of calories, protein.” Dr. Evans explained the effect that burn wounds have on metabolism, and the importance of proper nutrition in the healing process.  

Marc Levitt, MD, professor of surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, and surgical director of the Center for Colorectal and Pelvic Reconstruction at Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH) was featured in the July 26, 2015 Columbus Dispatch news article “Children’s team takes specialized approach”, which reported on growth of the Center as a hub for specialized, multidisciplinary care. The center has seen 487 patients and performed 841 procedures in the past year. Dr. Levitt, internationally recognized as an expert in the field of pediatric colorectal disorders, states that the center at NCH lets physicians gain valuable experience in managing rare diseases. Dr. Levitt was quoted, “When you talk about rare problems, the best way to solve them is to have a center that has experience with these problems. Some of these things happen in a major medical center only once a year or every other year. We might see something 50 times that another busy children’s hospital might see once a year.”  
http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2015/07/26/your-health/01-childrens-team-takes-specialized-approach.html

**Grants**


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Besner GE. American College of Surgeons Resident Research Fellowship (to Dr. Jacob Olson) Probiotics and HB-EGF: A Novel Therapy for Necrotizing Enterocolitis. April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2017, $60,000


Jones CD (PI). TP-434-010: A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy, Multicenter, Prospective Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of Eravacycline Compared with Levofloxacin in Complicated Urinary Tract Infections. Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals: $73,490

Jones CD (PI). CE01-301: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Multi-Center Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Intravenous to Oral Solithromycin (CEM-101) Compared to Intravenous to Oral Moxifloxacin in the Treatment of Adult Patients with Community-Acquired Bacterial Pneumonia. Cempra Pharmaceuticals: $62,365

Book Chapters


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**Housley BC, Kelly NJ, Baky FJ, Stawicki SPA, Evans DC, Jones C.** Comorbidity-polypharmacy Score Predicts Readmission in Older Trauma Patients. Central Ohio Trauma System Trauma Research Symposium. Columbus, OH, May 12, 2015


**Visiting Professorship**

At the invitation of the State of Kuwait Undersecretary, Ministry of Health, Dr. Elmahdi A. Elkhammas, professor of clinical surgery and chief of liver transplantation visited Hamed Al-essa Kidney Transplant Center, Kuwait, March 22-31, 2015. During his visit, he saw patients in clinic, performed surgeries, and gave presentations.

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International Presentations

Besner G. Gastrointestinal Tissue Engineering: Experimental Innovation to Clinical Applications. First Health Care, Career and Commerce (H3C) Pre-Conference, Delhi, India, January 11, 2015.

Besner G. Improving the Production of Tissue Engineered Intestine. First Health Care, Career and Commerce (H3C) Conference, Mumbai, India, January 17, 2015.

Diefenbach KA. Epidemiology and risk factors for mortality in pediatric burn patients. 48th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons oral presentation, Jeju, South Korea May 19, 2015.

Diefenbach KA. Elective Fogarty catheter occlusion of the tracheoesophageal fistula. 48th Annual Meeting of the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons video presentation, Jeju, South Korea May 19, 2015.


National Presentations

Ademuyiwa AO, Bode CO, Nwomeh BC. Epidemiology of Paediatric Surgery Disorders: Implications for Developing Undergraduate Curriculum. 10th Annual Academic Surgical Congress (ASC), Las Vegas, NV, February 3-5, 2015.


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Groner JI. Firearm Trauma – A Pediatric Trauma Surgeon’s Perspective. Keynote Address at the 9th Annual Children’s Hospital and Medical Center Trauma Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, June 5, 2015.


Henry ML. Session Moderator and/or Proctor for Fresh Tissue/Live Tissue and/or Operating Room Observations. VASA Practicum at Duke, Durham NC, May 16, 2015.


Lane VA (Presenter), Wood RJ, Thakkar RK, Deans KJ, Minneci PC, Levitt MA. Rectal atresia- Video presentation. American Pediatric Surgical Association, May 2, 2015, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.


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Satiani B. Changing Your Executive Leadership Capabilities to Meet New Challenges Facing Hospitals. Invited speaker at Becker’s Hospital Review 6th Annual Meeting. Swissôtel - Chicago, IL, May 7-9, 2015


Local Presentations

Besner G. Saving your NEC: Research Challenges and Opportunities. Alpha Epsilon Delta Pre-Med Honorary. Columbus, Ohio, April 1, 2015.


Boomer LA, Pepper VK, Huntington JT, Diefenbach KA, Dotson J, Nwomeh BC. Minimally invasive ileal pouch anal anastomosis with rectal eversion allows for equivalent outcomes in continence. 20th Annual Surgical Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, (oral presentation), May 21, 2015.


Diefenbach KA. Congenital Anomalies of the Esophagus. 2015 PST, Nationwide Children’s Hospital: Columbus, Ohio May 27, 2015.

Diefenbach KA. Minimally invasive ileal pouch anal anastomosis with rectal eversion allows for equivalent outcomes in continence. 20th Annual Surgery Research Conference, Biomedical Research Tower, The Ohio State University: Columbus, Ohio May 21, 2015.


Elkhammas EA. Speaker, Managing complications of Liver Transplant, Presented at the 2014 First Annual Hepatology Symposium, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus OH, December 6, 2014.

Elkhammas EA. Moderator, Professor Conference, Types of Peritonitis. The Ohio State University Department of Surgery, Columbus OH, January 8, 2015.

Elkhammas EA. Speaker, Transplantation. Professor Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus, OH. April 9, 2015.

Elkhammas EA. Invited speaker, Future of Transplantation, Perianesthesia Nursing Seminar, James Cancer Hospital, May 16, 2015.

Elkhammas EA. Invited speaker, Public healthcare system is the ideal for Libya. Libyan Healthcare Society, Columbus OH, May 17, 2015.


El Sayed H. EVAR vs AAA. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Ross In-Service, Columbus OH May 6, 2015.

Evans DC. Moderator: Central Ohio Trauma System Fifth Annual Trauma Research Symposium. Columbus OH, May 12, 2015

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**Fabia R.** Presenter at Regional Pediatric Pearl Conference for Pediatricians: Outpatient Treatment of Burn Injury in a Child. How we do it in 2015? Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, March 2015

**Fabia R.** Burn Program Re-verification process (as director), Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, April 9-10, 2015

**Fabia R.** Co-presenter. Difficult Pediatric Burn Resuscitation. Resuscitation Interest Group Panel, ABA Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 21, 2015

**Fabia R.** Member of ISB Disaster Preparedness Committee, April 2015

**Fabia R.** Presenter as Pediatric Surgeon at Career Fair at Worthington Kilburn High School, April 24, 2015

**Fabia R.** Interviwee for career report by Kierstin Steinlicht, from Snider High School in Fort Wayne IN, May 2015

**Fabia R.** Co-mentor (with Dr. B. Nwomeh) for student from Nigeria, Oluwaseyi Ognini, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, OH, May-June 2015

**Fabia R.** Pediatric Burn Injury. Pediatric Burn Transportation-Lecture for NCH Transport Program, (RN’s, RRT’s, and paramedics) during Skill Conference Day, May 20, 2015

**Fabia R.** Discussant “Combinational Effects of Early Laser Treatment and Pirfenidone on Hypertrophic Burn Scar Reduction” podium presentation at the 20th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 21, 2015.


**Go MR.** Nanoparticle-based therapeutic silencing of hypoxamiR miR-210 accelerates ischemic wound closure by Subhadip Ghatek, PhD - Discussant at the 20th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH, May 21, 2015.

**Haurani MJ.** Vascular Disease. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Medical Student Small Group, Columbus OH May 5, 2015.

**Haurani MJ.** Lytics vs Thrombectomy. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Ross In-Service, Columbus OH May 27, 2015

**Henry ML.** Discussant, Anesthesiology Grand Rounds, H in hepatic allografts. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Columbus OH, February 26, 2015.

**Kenney BD.** Congenital Chest Wall Deformities. Presented at PedScore Session, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, May 20, 2015.

**Masterson L.** Chronic Venous Insufficiency. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Disease & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH, April 13, 2015.


**Rink C.** Microarray Technology: Web Resources, Interpretation of Data, Pathway Reconstruction, and Data Validation. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, April 15, 2015.

**Rink C.** Effects of Elevated Vacuum Suspension on Residual Limb Perfusion in Lower Limb Amputees. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Disease & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH, May 11, 2015.


**Satiani B.** Prioritizing Use of Insurances Life, Disability, and Health. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Seminar in Practice Management, Columbus OH, April 16, 2015.


**Satiani B.** Arterial Duplex Scanning. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Disease & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH, May 11, 2015.


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Starr JE. Venous Thromboembolic Disease. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Disease & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus OH April 6, 2015.

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Miscellaneous

Visiting Professor Michael Mack, MD, keynote speaker for the 3rd Annual Structural Heart & Vascular Disease Conference, was able to tour the Woody Hayes Athletic Facility and meet some of the OSU Buckeyes football players. Dr. Mack is a big fan of the Buckeyes. He is joined by (left to right) Stephen Nobel, MD, CT Surgery fellow; Adejuyibge Adaralegbe, Meharry Med 3 student; Buckeye quarterback Braxton Miller; Dr. Mack and George Christensen, MD, CT Surgery fellow.