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Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, M.D., the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Medicine and Public Health

Interns Completing General Surgery Internship
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery
M. Lisa Attebery, D.O.
Matthew S. Barrett, M.D.
Alok M. Chaudhari, M.D.
H. Tracy Davido, M.D.
Kevin O. Delaney, M.D.
Michael K. Louie, M.D.
Margaret S. Sawyer, M.D.
Daryl I. Shorter, M.D.
Jason W. Smith, M.D.
Maya C. Spaeth, M.D.
William J. Thoman, M.D.

Specialty Resident Completing General Surgery Training
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery
Paul B. Mills, M.D.

Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellows
Presented by Robert E. Michler, M.D., the Karl P. Klassen Professor of Surgery; Program Director, Cardiothoracic Surgery
Chittoor B. Sai-Sudhakar, M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S.
E. William Schneeberger, M.B., Ch.B., F.C.S.

General Surgery Residents
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery
Renata B. Fabia, M.D., Ph.D.
M. Ann Kuhn, M.D.
Andrei V. Manilchuk, M.D.
Dean J. Mikami, M.D.
General Vascular Surgery Fellow
Presented by William L. Smead, M.D., the Luther M. Keith Professor of Surgery;
Program Director, General Vascular Surgery
Deepak Guttikonda, M.D.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellow
Presented by W. Scott Melvin, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Program Director,
Minimally Invasive Surgery
Virginia A. McGrath, M.D.

Neurological Surgery Residents
Presented by Dongwoo John Chang, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery; Program Director,
Neurological Surgery
Gregory W. Balturshot, M.D.
Willard D. Thompson, M.D.

Pediatric Surgery Resident
Presented by Donna A. Caniano, M.D., the H. William Clatworthy, Jr., Professor of Surgery;
Program Director, Pediatric Surgery
Ann O’Connor, M.D.

Plastic Surgery Residents
Presented by Brentley A. Buchele, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery; Program Director,
Plastic Surgery
Tracey A. Culbertson, M.D.
Robert S. Houser, D.O.

Surgical Critical Care Fellows
Presented by Larry C. Martin, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Program Director,
Surgical Critical Care
Paul R. Beery, II, M.D.
Vihas Patel, M.D.

Surgical Oncology Fellow
Presented by William B. Farrar, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Program Director,
Surgical Oncology
Shahab F. Abdessalam, M.D.
Transplantation Fellow

*Presented by Mitchell L. Henry, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Program Director, Transplantation*

E. Baris Akin, M.D.

Urologic Surgery Residents

*Presented by Michael C. Gong, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery*

Robert W. Reagan, Jr., M.D.

Todd J. Sadowski, M.D.

Award Recipients

*Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, M.D., the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs, College of Medicine and Public Health*

Intern of the Year (Selected by Faculty)

Resident of the Year (Selected by Faculty)

Chairman’s Awards

Resident Research Awards (from the Eighth Annual Resident Research Conference)

Resident Teaching Award (Selected by Medical Students)

Fellow Teaching Award (Selected by Residents)

Faculty Teaching Award (Selected By Residents)

Faculty Teaching Award (Selected By Medical Students)

John L. Robinson Teaching Award (Selected by General Surgery Chief Residents)

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening.
Shahab F. Abdessalam, M.D.

Program
Surgical Oncology, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degrees
B.A., B.S., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1991

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1995

Specialty Training
General Surgery Residency, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, Nebraska, 1995 – 2000

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal malignancies, breast cancer, melanoma, sarcoma, hepatocellular carcinoma

Research Interests
Tumor immunology, with a focus on adoptive cellular immunotherapies and cancer vaccines

Publications While at Ohio State
Seven

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Best Oral Presentation, American Society of Breast Surgeons, La Jolla, California, 2001

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Pediatric Critical Care Fellowship, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2003 – 2004; Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2004 – 2006

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Abdessalam did an excellent job as a fellow. He thinks through problems very well and is an excellent technician. He has a strong interest in pediatric surgical oncology and wants to do further training.
E. Baris Akin, M.D.

Program
Transplantation, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Ankara, Turkey

Medical Degree
M.D., Ankara University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey, 1995

Specialty Training
General Surgery Residency, Ankara University Medical School, Ankara, Turkey, 1995 – 2001

Specialty Interests
Multi-organ transplantation, laparoscopic surgery in transplantation

Research Interests
Immunosuppression

Publications While at Ohio State
Three

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continuation of Transplantation Fellowship for one year of training in advanced laparoscopic techniques, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Akin has many unique and desirable qualities, but his outstanding characteristic is that he is a very hard worker. This academic year he has been the sole transplant fellow, and he has managed, without any sacrifice in the quality of work, to fulfill the duties of two fellows for the entire year. He is eager to help and often sacrifices his free time for the residents. Dr. Akin is a skilled surgeon and clinician, a team player with a good sense of humor, and a proud father of a baby girl. He will be an asset to any transplant team.
Gregory W. Balturshot, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Willard, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 1993

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1997

Specialty Interests
General neurosurgery

Publications While at Ohio State
Four

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Department of Surgery Intern of the Year, 1998

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Greg is the complete surgeon. He is compassionate, bright, technically astute, and always on the job. He has an outstanding sense of humor and is an excellent teacher. He is the picture of honor among honorable men.
Paul R. Beery, II, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Lancaster, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.M.E., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1992

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1999

Specialty Interests
Trauma, critical care

Research Interests
Critical care, surgical education

Publications While at Ohio State
One

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Platinum Award, Columbus Surgical Society, 14th Annual Presidential Symposium, 2003; House Staff Teaching Award, The Ohio State University College of Medicine and Public Health, 2003

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Continuation of General Surgery Residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Paul made an outstanding contribution to our program. His dedication to patient care and his enthusiastic personality made working with him a pleasure.
Tracey A. Culbertson, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Athens, Greece

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1987

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, 1997

Specialty Interests
Hand surgery, reconstruction, wound care, burns

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Program, Southern Illinois University, Springfield, Illinois

Program Director’s Comments
Tracey brought a buoyant personality and a special gift for detail to her residency. It has been a pleasure having her in the program, and we wish her the best in her hand and microsurgery fellowship.
Renata B. Fabia, M.D., Ph.D.

Program
General Surgery, July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Bielsko-Biała, Poland

Medical Degree
M.D., Silesian University School of Medicine, Katowice, Poland

Doctoral Degree
Ph.D., Lund University, Lund, Sweden

Specialty Training
General Surgery, Bielsko-Biała, Poland; Postgraduate Training in Surgery, Lund University, Lund, Sweden; Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas, Texas; Transplantation Research Fellowship, Baylor University Medical Center, Dallas, Texas

Specialty Interests
Pediatric surgery, gastrointestinal surgery

Research Interests
Inflammatory bowel disease (subject of Ph.D.); ischemia-reperfusion

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Staff surgeon, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Renata is a caring and compassionate physician. As a staff surgeon at Children’s Hospital, she will enrich the lives of many ill children. We wish her the best of luck.
Deepak Guttikonda, M.D.

**Program**  

**Place of Birth**  
Hyderabad, India

**Undergraduate Degree**  
B.S., Kent State University, Kent, Ohio, 1993

**Medical Degree**  
M.D., Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, Ohio, 1997

**Specialty Training**  
General Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1997 – 2002

**Specialty Interests**  
Endovascular aneurysm repair

**Honors and Awards While at Ohio State**  
Department of Surgery Resident of the Year, 2002

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**  
Vascular surgeon

**Program Director’s Comments**  
Throughout his training at Ohio State, Dr. Guttikonda has distinguished himself as a skillful surgeon, a diligent student, and an effective problem solver. His generous fund of knowledge is complemented by an engaging personality, and his leadership skills have made him a favorite among attending staff, his peers, and ancillary staff.
Robert S. Houser, D.O.

Program

Place of Birth
Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1992

Medical Degree
D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Athens, Ohio, 1997

Specialty Interests
Cosmetic and reconstructive surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Westerville, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Rob’s affability is unparalleled. His easy smile gives patients, staff, and colleagues comfort. He is fair in handling resident internal issues, always doing his fair share, plus some. We’re glad he is staying in Columbus.
M. Ann Kuhn, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., West Virginia Wesleyan College, Buckhannon, West Virginia, 1985

Medical Degree
M.D., Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, 1996

Specialty Interests
Pediatric surgery

Research Interests
Wound healing

Publications While at Ohio State
Three

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Watson University Foundation Award for Scientific Achievement, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, 2000; Surgical House Staff Officer of the Year, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2001; Grant Morrow III Resident/Fellow Research Prize, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2001; Surgical Resident of the Year, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2002

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Program Director’s Comments
Ann is one of our most dedicated and hard-working residents. She is a superb teacher and spends many hours working with our medical students and junior residents. We congratulate her on pursuing a career as a pediatric surgeon.
Andrei V. Manilchuk, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Gorky (Nizhny Novgorod), Russia

Medical Degree
M.D., Gorky State Medical Institute, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, 1984

Specialty Training
General Surgery and Surgical Oncology, Nizhny Novgorod Medical Academy and Regional Cancer Center, Nizhny Novgorod, Russia, 1984 – 1986

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal and pancreatobiliary surgery

Research Interests
Pancreatic cancer

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Andrei is a dedicated and skilled surgeon. We are delighted that he will be joining our staff as a general surgeon.
Virginia A. McGrath, M.D.

**Program**

**Place of Birth**
Chattanooga, Tennessee

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.S., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1993

**Medical Degree**
M.D., University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tennessee, 1997

**Specialty Interests**
Advanced laparoscopy and bariatric surgery

**Research Interests**
Advanced laparoscopy and bariatric surgery

**Publications While at Ohio State**
Four

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Affiliate Professor of Surgery, University of Tennessee; Director, St. Francis Center for Surgical Weight Loss, Memphis, Tennessee

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. McGrath completed an active clinical year in minimally invasive surgery, gaining valuable experience in all aspects of minimally invasive surgery and participating in many protocols. She was a productive researcher and writer and is certain to excel in her future career. Dr. McGrath will return to Memphis, Tennessee, where she will focus on bariatric and other advanced laparoscopic surgery.
Dean J. Mikami, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Saigon, Vietnam

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Hawaii at Manoa, Hawaii, 1991

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Kansas School of Medicine, Kansas City, Kansas, 1997

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery

Research Interests
Robotic telesurgery

Publications While at Ohio State
Six

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Second Place Award, Top Gun Laparoscopic Skills Competition, American College of Surgeons, 2001, 2002; Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Surgeon Award, Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons, 2003

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dean is pursuing his surgical passion, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, through a fellowship at Ohio State. We anticipate that he will be involved in great innovations.
Ann O’Connor, M.D.

Program
Pediatric Surgery, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois, 1988

Medical Degree
M.D., Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, 1994

Specialty Training
General Surgery, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1994 – 2001

Specialty Interests
Neonatal surgery, inflammatory bowel disease

Research Interests
Outcomes research, gastroschisis, imperforate anus

Publications While at Ohio State
One published; two pending

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Resident of the Year, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2002

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. O’Connor has won the respect of all members of the staff at Children’s Hospital — her fellow surgeons, the residents in surgery and pediatrics, and the nurses — through her clinical excellence, dedication to patients, and fine organizational skills. We wish her much success and happiness in Tucson!
Vihas Patel, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
India

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., City University of New York, Brooklyn, New York, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., State University of New York, Brooklyn, New York, 1997

Specialty Training
General Surgery, Albert Einstein College of Medicine – Montefiore Medical Center, Bronx, New York, 1997 – 2002

Specialty Interests
Trauma and critical care

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Trauma Surgery Fellowship, Grant Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Vihas brought a much-needed outside influence to our program. Her extensive knowledge and unique insight were very much needed and appreciated. We wish her well in her career.
Robert W. Reagan, Jr., M.D.

Program
Urologic Surgery, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Lexington, North Carolina

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1998

Specialty Interests
General urology, female urology

Research Interests
Oncology

Publications While at Ohio State
Five

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Department of Surgery Intern of the Year, 1999; Columbus Children’s Hospital Service Star Award, 2000

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Durham, North Carolina

Program Director’s Comments
Robert is an outstanding physician. He has all the characteristics of a professional and will be an asset to his community.
Todd J. Sadowski, M.D.

Program
Urologic Surgery, July 1, 2000 – June 30, 2003

Place of Birth
Bellaire, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1998

Specialty Interests
General urology

Research Interests
Prostate brachytherapy

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Hillsboro, Oregon

Program Director’s Comments
Todd is an outstanding physician. He is able and affable, and we will miss him.
Chittoor B. Sai-Sudhakar,  
M.B.B.S., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S.

Program  

Place of Birth  
Madras, Tamil Nadu, India

Medical Degree  
M.B.B.S., Stanley Medical College, Madras, India, 1982

Specialty Training  
Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, Scotland, 1993; Fellow, Royal College of Surgeons, Glasgow, Scotland, 1993; St. Mary’s Hospital (Yale-Affiliated), Waterbury, Connecticut, 1997 – 2001

Specialty Interests  
Adult cardiac surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program  
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments  
Dr. Sai-Sudhakar is an excellent cardiothoracic surgeon who has impressed the faculty, not only with his technical skill, but also with his kind and pleasant demeanor. Sai will have an excellent career in cardiothoracic surgery. We are very proud to have trained him.
E. William Schneeberger, M.B., Ch.B., F.C.S.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery, January 1, 2001 – December 31, 2002

Place of Birth
Chingola, Zambia

Medical Degree
M.B., Ch.B., University of Cape Town, South Africa, 1980

Specialty Training
F.C.S., College of Medicine of South Africa, 1990

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive cardiac and thoracic surgery

Publications While at Ohio State
Seven

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Teaching Fellow of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2002

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Schneeberger has been an excellent addition to our resident staff. A fully-trained cardiothoracic surgeon in South Africa before joining our program, he excelled in the laboratory as a minimally invasive fellow and as a resident in cardiothoracic surgery. We know that Bill will continue his outstanding work in cardiothoracic surgery.
Willard D. Thompson, M.D.

**Program**

**Place of Birth**
Columbia, South Carolina

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.S., Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina, 1993

**Medical Degree**
M.D., Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, 1997

**Specialty Interests**
Pediatric neurosurgery

**Research Interests**
Brain stem gliomas, subarachnoid hemorrhage, complex spine, surgical videography

**Publications While at Ohio State**
Two

**Honors and Awards While at Ohio State**
Outstanding Pediatric House Staff Award, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2002; Pediatric Research Award, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2003

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Pediatric Neurosurgery Training Program, Children’s Medical Center of Dallas, Texas

**Program Director’s Comments**
Will is a bright, thoughtful, caring doctor. He is always pleasant and helpful. He developed an interest in pediatric neurosurgery, fostered that interest, and has been accepted into the pediatric fellowship training program in neurosurgery in Dallas. Dallas is very fortunate; his shoes will not soon be filled.