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

General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Myla N. Bennett, M.D.
David C. Evans, M.D.
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Lisa M. Haubert, M.D.
Achal P. Modi, M.D.
Peter N. Nau, M.D.
Iyore A. Otabor, M.D.
Sumita Saha, M.D.
Gurneet S. Sandhu, M.D.
Maakan Taghizadeh, M.D.
Alicia C. Thomas, M.D.

General Surgery Specialty Residency
July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2006
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Dana M. Goldberg, M.D.
Laura M. White, M.D.

Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Jeffrey W. Hazey, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Program Director, Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopic Surgery

Vimal (Raaja) K. Narula, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Benjamin Sun, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Program Director, Cardiothoracic Surgery

Louis B. Louis, IV, M.D.
Wing C. Yeen, M.B.B.S.

General Surgery Residency
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Matthew S. Barrett, M.D.
Kevin O. Delaney, M.D.
Carlos B. Domingo, M.D.
Richard B. Fries, M.D.

General Vascular Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Patrick S. Vaccaro, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery; Chief, Division of General Vascular Surgery; Program Director, General Vascular Surgery

Nnamdi Azie, M.D.

Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship
Presented by W. Scott Melvin, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of General Surgery; Director, Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery; Program Director, Minimally Invasive Surgery

Kevin M. Reavis, M.D.
David B. Renton, M.D.

Pediatric Surgery Residency
Presented by Donna A. Caniano, M.D., the H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery

L. Grier Arthur, III, M.D.

Pediatric Surgery Resident of the Year Award
Bestowed by Pediatric Surgery Faculty and Fellows and presented by Donna A. Caniano, M.D., the H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery

Recipient to be announced
Plastic Surgery Residency
*Presented by Michael J. Miller, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Plastic Surgery*

Maya C. Spaeth, M.D.
Michael D. Vennemeyer, M.D.
William A. Wallace, Jr., M.D.

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
*Presented by Charles H. Cook, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care*

John P. Bollins, D.O.
Kimberly M. Hendershot, M.D.

Outstanding SICU Resident Award
*Bestowed by the Surgical Critical Care Fellows and Faculty and presented by the Surgical Critical Care Fellows*

Recipient to be announced

Surgical Oncology Fellowship
*Presented by William B. Farrar, M.D., Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology; Program Director, Surgical Oncology*

Osama H. Al-Saif, M.D.

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

Mazen M. Hasan, M.D.

Master of Science in Surgery
*Presented by Ginny L. Bumgardner, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Surgery, Division of Transplantation; Associate Dean for Research Education, College of Medicine; Director, Master of Medical Science Program, Department of Surgery*

Lloyd G. Brown, M.D.
Mason G. Fisher, M.D.
Master of Business Administration

Presented by Ginny L. Bumgardner, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Surgery, Division of Transplantation; Associate Dean for Research Education, College of Medicine; Director, Master of Medical Science Program, Department of Surgery

Margaret S. Sawyer, M.D.
Vance L. Smith, M.D.

Special Department of Surgery Awards

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

12th Annual Surgery Research Conference Awards, bestowed by the conference faculty judges, for outstanding research presentations

Resident Teaching Award, bestowed by the medical students, in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated excellence in teaching

Faculty Teaching Award, bestowed by the medical students, for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education

Intern of the Year Award, bestowed by the Surgery faculty, in recognition of an intern who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors

Resident of the Year Award, bestowed by the Surgery faculty, in recognition of a resident who has demonstrated outstanding ability in clinical and academic endeavors

Fellow Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents in General Surgery, in recognition of a fellow who has demonstrated excellence in teaching

Faculty Teaching Award, bestowed by the residents and fellows in Surgery, for excellence in teaching and dedication to surgical education

John L. Robinson Award, bestowed by the chief residents in General Surgery, for outstanding teaching by faculty or staff from another department

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening
Osama H. Al-Saif, M.D.

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Qatif, Saudi Arabia

Medical Degree
M.D., King Faisal University, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, 1995

Other Training
• Surgical residency, Dammam Central Hospital, Dammam, Saudi Arabia, 1995–2000
• Surgical residency, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, 2000–2005

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal, hepatobiliary oncology

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Teaching Award, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2006

Publications while at Ohio State
Six

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Attending surgeon, King Fahd Specialist Hospital, Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Program Director’s Comments
Osama has performed at an exemplary level during his two years of fellowship. He will represent the James very well in Saudi Arabia.
L. Grier Arthur, III, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Undergraduate Degree
A.B., Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1998

Other Training
Resident in surgery, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1998–2005

Specialty Interests
Short bowel syndrome, childhood tumors

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Program Director’s Comments
We have been privileged to participate in Grier’s training as a pediatric surgeon. He finishes our program with superlative clinical skills and great potential to become a leader in academic pediatric surgery.
Nnamdi Azie, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Eziowelle, Anambra State, Nigeria

Medical Degree
M.D., College of Medicine, Enugu, Nigeria, 1986

Other Training
- Fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery, Hahnemann University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2002
- Residency in cardiothoracic surgery, Northampton General Hospital, Northampton, England

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic and vascular surgery

Research Interests
Endovascular repair

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Azie came to us as a fully-trained cardiothoracic surgeon. He realized that the arenas of cardiothoracic and vascular surgery were undergoing significant change, due to advancements in endovascular repair, and he wished to be on the cutting edge of these changes. Dr. Azie has been an asset to us, especially in the area of thoracic and abdominal aneurysm surgery. We have trained him in advanced endovascular surgical repair, as well as open methods of aneurysm, carotid, lower extremity bypass, and mesenteric vascular surgeries. Possessed of an unquenchable thirst for knowledge, Dr. Azie always has the latest literature at hand. He conducts himself in such a gentlemanly, quiet, and pleasant way that he makes a place for himself in any setting. We wish him well in his cardiothoracic and vascular surgery endeavors.
Matthew S. Barrett, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Montgomery, Alabama

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 1998

Medical Degree
M.D., Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2002

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Surgery Resident of the Year, Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2006

Occupation upon Completion of Program
General surgeon, Henry County Memorial Hospital, New Castle, Indiana

Program Director’s Comments
Matt exemplifies everything expected in a surgical resident: dedication, hard work, compassion, and excellence. New Castle, Indiana is getting a first-rate young surgeon of whom they can be proud, as are we of his achievements.
John P. Bollins, D.O.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Akron, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1995

Medical Degree
D.O., Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 2001

Other Degrees
M.S., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1997

Other Training
Resident in general surgery, Doctors Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2001–2006

Specialty Interests
Trauma, critical care

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Trauma surgeon, surgical intensivist in general surgery, Duluth, Minnesota

Program Director’s Comments
John was a pleasure to work with. Energetic and eager to learn, he was often difficult to pry out of our SICU. John is co-author of a paper selected for presentation at the upcoming meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. We wish him and his family the best in his future career.
Lloyd G. Brown, M.D.

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006

Place of Birth
Linstead, Jamaica

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, 1996

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, 2002

Specialty Interests
General surgery, transplant surgery

Research Interests
Immunology

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• The James D. King Surgical Research Award, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2006
• First-Place Award, Columbus Surgical Society, 17th Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus, Ohio, 2006
• Research Award, 11th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2006

Publications while at Ohio State
Three

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Continuation of residency in general surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Brown refined his research training through the Master of Medical Science Program (MMSP) with an emphasis in immunology. He has a strong interest and background in biomedical research, which is exemplified by his participation as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute medical student research scholar, following his second year of medical school (1999–2000). The research he performed during the MMSP year was highly competitive and resulted in acceptance of an abstract for oral presentation at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Society of University Surgeons and subsequent publication, titled “Interferon-alpha and CPG...”

**Project Title**
Two Novel Approaches for Immunostimulatory or Direct Antitumor Treatment: Interferon-alpha Combined with CpG and Interferon-beta Combined with Bortezomib

**Research Advisor**
William E. Carson, III, M.D.
Kevin O. Delaney, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1998

Medical Degree
M.D., Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, Rootstown, Ohio, 2002

Specialty Interests
Hand surgery

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in hand surgery, University of Miami, Miami, Florida

Program Director’s Comments
Kevin’s quiet and determined manner has been an anchor in the sometimes tumultuous environment of the general surgery residency. He has been steadfast in his desire to pursue a career in hand and plastic surgery, and we are certain he will make great contributions to his field.
Carlos B. Domingo, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Beech Grove, Indiana

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1997

Medical Degree
M.D., Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001

Other Training
Fellowship in surgical critical care, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal surgery, laparoscopic surgery, breast surgery

Research Interests
Sentinel lymph node mapping

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
• Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2002
• Chair, Resident Advisory Council, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2004–2005
• Medical Director’s Citizenship Award, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2005

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Attending staff, Newark Surgery Center, Newark, Ohio; OSU clinical faculty, Ohio State University Hospital East and Mount Carmel East, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Throughout his residency, Carlos has worked hard and shown dedication to, and concern for, his fellow residents and the general surgery residency. He is committed to becoming the best general surgeon he can be, and we are confident of his success.
Mason G. Fisher, M.D.

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Dover, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1999

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2003

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Research Interests
Liver and pancreas immunobiology

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Continuation of residency in general surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Fisher pursued both clinical research and basic research during his training in the MMSP and was highly productive. He prepared three abstracts that were accepted for poster presentations at national meetings: “Pancreatectomy for Non-pancreatic Malignancies Results in Improved Survival after R0 Resection,” presented at the Joint Meeting of the American Pancreatic Association and the International Association of Pancreatology, in Chicago, in November 2006; “Rives-Stoppa Retromuscular Repair for Incisional Hernias,” presented at the First Annual Academic Surgical Congress, in San Diego, in February 2007; and “Differential Requirement for Host Lymphoid Tissue by CD4-dependent and (CD4-independent) CD8-dependent Rejection Pathways,” presented at the Annual American Transplant Congress, in San Francisco, in May 2007. His research findings are being prepared for manuscript submission.

Project Title
The Liver as a Site for Cell Transplantation: Immunologic Mechanisms and Consequences

Research Advisors
Ginny L. Bumgardner, M.D., Ph.D.; Peter Muscarella, M.D.; Mark Bloomston, M.D.
Richard B. Fries, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Canton, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 1997

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001

Specialty Interests
Vascular surgery

Research Interests
Wound healing

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society

Publications while at Ohio State
Two

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in vascular surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Rich was awarded resident AOA this year. This is an indication of the great regard in which he is held by the medical students and his fellow residents. He is an excellent role model, and we are confident he will continue to excel as he pursues a career in vascular surgery.
Mazen M. Hasan, M.D.

**Program**
Transplantation Fellowship, August 15, 2005 – June 30, 2007

**Place of Birth**
Deraa, Syria

**Medical Degree**
M.D., Damascus University, Damascus, Syria, 1997

**Other Training**
Research Fellowship, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, Michigan, 2002–2004

**Specialty Interests**
Organ transplantation

**Research Interests**
Laparoscopic donor nephrectomy

**Honors and Awards while at Ohio State**
American Society of Transplantation Travel Grant to the World Transplant Congress, Boston, Massachusetts, 2006

**Occupation upon Completion of Program**
Fellowship in endourology, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada

**Program Director’s Comments**
Over the past two years, Mazen has matured into a skillful surgeon. He has refined his surgical techniques and mastered the laparoscopic donor nephrectomy procedure. His ongoing interest in kidney and urologic diseases has been rewarded with the offer of a subsequent fellowship in endourology, and we wish him all the best.
Kimberly M. Hendershot, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Lipscomb University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio, 1999

Other Training
• Residency in general surgery, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., 1999–2004
• Fellowship in trauma and trauma research, Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia, 2004–2006

Specialty Interests
Trauma, critical care

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Trauma and Critical Care, Department of Surgery, East Tennessee State University and Holston Valley Medical Center, Kingsport, Tennessee

Program Director’s Comments
Kim brought significant experience in trauma and research with her when she joined our fellowship last July. This served us well, as she took excellent care of our patients. She is the lead author of a paper recently selected for presentation at the upcoming meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. We wish her the best in her future career.
Louis B. Louis, IV, M.D.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Miami, Florida

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 1998

Other Training
Residency in general surgery, University of Miami, Miami, Florida, 1998–2005

Specialty Interests
Surgery for heart failure; mechanical circulatory support; transplantation

Research Interests
Mechanical circulatory support

Publications while at Ohio State
One

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in mechanical circulatory support, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Louis is mature beyond his years. His grasp of life and appreciation of all of life’s special moments is enlightening. We have enjoyed training him and seeing him develop into a spectacular cardiothoracic surgeon, as well as learning from him the art of appreciating life’s gifts. We are fortunate to be able to spend more time with him this coming year as our fellow in mechanical circulatory support. Dr. Louis’ nickname is “Highlander,” because he has had too many life experiences for one young man.
Vimal (Raaja) K. Narula, M.D.

**Program**
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

**Place of Birth**
Dehradun, Uttar Pradesh, India

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.S., Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, 1995

**Medical Degree**
M.D., Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, 1999

**Other Training**
- Residency in general surgery, Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, 1999–2005
- Fellowship in minimally invasive surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2006

**Specialty Interests**
Laparoscopic surgery, surgical endoscopy, hepatobiliary surgery

**Research Interests**
Laparoscopic surgery, natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery (NOTES), surgical endoscopy therapies

**Publications while at Ohio State**
10

**Occupation upon Completion of Program**
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Narula was an active and integral member of our minimally invasive surgical team, completing more than 200 ERCP’s and 250 advanced endoscopic procedures, in addition to his surgical case load. He is actively involved in the first human trials of natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery (NOTES). Dr. Narula is a valued member of the team, and he will stay with us as new faculty to continue his surgical career and perform advanced endoscopic procedures.
Kevin M. Reavis, M.D.

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Norfolk, Virginia

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, 1999

Other Training
Residency in general surgery, Oregon Health and Sciences University, Portland, Oregon, 1999–2006

Specialty Interests
Emerging technologies, surgical education, surgical volunteerism

Research Interests
Foregut diseases, clinical outcomes

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Karl Storz Traveling Fellowship Award, SAGES-IRCAD Institute, Strasbourg, France, 2007

Publications while at Ohio State
Five

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, University of California, Irvine, California

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Reavis had a very busy clinical year, completing more than 400 advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. He participated in a number of research projects during his time at Ohio State, which led to multiple publications and a presentation at the national level. He was an outstanding member of our team and was appreciated by his residents, students, and partners. Dr. Reavis plans to pursue a career in academic medicine, with a focus on minimally invasive surgery.
David B. Renton, M.D.

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
New Orleans, Louisiana

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., Louisiana State University, New Orleans, Louisiana, 2001

Other Degrees
M.P.H., Tulane University School of Public Health, New Orleans, Louisiana, 1996–1997

Specialty Interests
Bariatrics, natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery (NOTES) procedure

Research Interests
Advanced technology

Publications while at Ohio State
Four

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Renton was a very active member of our team this year, completing well over 400 advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he participated in ongoing research projects, which led to a number of publications. Dr. Renton was an asset to the entire team and is certain to do extremely well throughout his career. Dr. Renton, his wife, Michelle, and their three sons, Parker, Jackson, and Jonathan, will move to South Carolina, where Dr. Renton will serve as director of minimally invasive surgery at the University of South Carolina.
Margaret S. Sawyer, M.D.

Program
Master of Business Administration, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Cincinnati, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1997

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2002

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Research Interests
Health-care organizations and management

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Continuation of residency in general surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Sawyer completed a very vigorous 84-credit M.B.A. program through the Fisher College of Business. At the same time, she investigated the degree and causes of financial inefficiency in billing for inpatient surgery consults and designed a consult documentation tool designed to address these inefficiencies. The data analysis to evaluate the efficacy of her intervention is in progress. Her training and experience will position her well to fulfill her career aspirations and to continue to create and implement solutions to the financial and organizational challenges in academic medicine.

Project Title
Analysis of Current Shortcomings and Proposed Implementation of Tools to Optimize Efficiency of Documentation and Billing for Inpatient Surgery Consults

Research Advisor
Ginny L. Bumgardner, M.D., Ph.D.
Vance L. Smith, M.D.

**Program**
Master of Business Administration, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

**Place of Birth**
Chicago, Illinois

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.A., Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, 1997

**Medical Degree**
M.D., Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, 2003

**Other Degrees**
M.S., Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1999

**Specialty Interests**
General surgery

**Research Interests**
Health-care organizations and management; health-care policy

**Honors and Awards while at Ohio State**
The James D. King Surgical Research Award, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2006–2007

**Publications while at Ohio State**
Two

**Occupation upon Completion of Program**
Continuation of residency in general surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Smith has uniquely combined training in medicine and surgery with a foundation in business administration through completion of an M.B.A. program in the Fisher College of Business. This combination of talents will provide him with the requisite experience and tools to advance his career aspirations. Innovative solutions to the financial challenges that face academic medical centers today will benefit from leadership by physicians who have both the clinical training and the background in business to assure preservation of the quality of patient care in our health systems.
**Project Title**  
The Impact of Clinical Practice Plan Organization on the Success of Academic Surgery Departments

**Research Advisor**  
E. Christopher Ellison, M.D.
Maya C. Spaeth, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Oakland, California

Undergraduate Degree
B.Sc., University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, 2000

Other Training
Residency in family practice, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada, 2000–2002

Specialty Interests
Hand and microsurgery, pediatric plastic surgery

Research Interests
Surgical education

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Third Place Award, Resident Research Day, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2005

Publications while at Ohio State
One

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in hand surgery and microsurgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas

Program Director’s Comments
Maya Spaeth is truly a multi-talented person. She came to plastic surgery after former careers as a potter and then as a family physician. Maya has been an active participant in rock climbing and ultimate Frisbee. Even though she is completing her residency at OSU, she is not done with her education. Maya will do a one-year hand surgery fellowship, and is still considering additional training in pediatric plastic surgery. She will eventually enter practice, probably across our northern border in Canada, where she grew up. Is there anything she can’t do? I don’t think so.
Michael D.
Vennemeyer, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Troy, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1998

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2002

Specialty Interests
Aesthetic surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Mike Vennemeyer is the token Ohioan in the Plastic Surgery Program. After finishing medical school at OSU, Mike entered our residency through the Mount Carmel Medical Center path. In addition to working on his surgical skills, particularly in cosmetic surgery, Mike has earned several distinctions in the program: best dressed, best cook, superior test-taker, and local movie expert. We welcome Mike as a new member of our Columbus plastic surgery community.
William A. Wallace, Jr., M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 1999

Specialty Training
• Residency in general surgery, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 1999–2005
• Master of Medical Science Program, Department of Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2002–2003

Specialty Interests
Plastic surgery

Research Interests
Wound healing

Honors and Awards while at Ohio State
Chairman, Resident Education Committee, Ohio Chapter, American College of Surgeons, 2000–2003

Publications while at Ohio State
Nine

Occupation upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery, Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Plastic Surgery Program Director’s Comments
Bill Wallace took the long and winding road to plastic surgery. He started at OSU in general surgery, with a goal of eventually becoming a cardiac surgeon. After a few years, he “saw the light” and embarked on the plastic surgery path. Along the way, he completed general surgery and became board certified. OSU has always been important in his life — but first it was OKLAHOMA State. Now it will be OHIO State: Bill will stay on the faculty and become our all-purpose doc — a plastic surgeon for all seasons.
Wing C. Yeen, M.B.B.S.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2007

Place of Birth
Malaysia

Undergraduate Degree

Medical Degree
M.B.B.S., University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, 1998

Other Training
Residency in general surgery, Mount Sinai Medical Center, Miami Beach, Florida, 2000–2005

Specialty Interests
Cardiac surgery

Occupation upon Completion of Program
To be announced

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Yeen came to us with superb innate surgical skills and has developed into one of our finest “complete packages.” He has written extensively and has continuously challenged the faculty with his knowledge and research. His philosophy of life, based in another cultural background, offered unique perspectives to our team. Dr. Yeen and Dr. Louis worked together seamlessly as one of our best duos. Dr. Yeen will be the next major tsunami to hit the Far East.