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Program

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General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

David M. Anderson, M.D.
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Michael E. Johansen, M.D.
Alistair J. Kent, M.D.
Michael W. Lin, M.D.
Humberto J. Martinez-Suarez, M.D.
Theodore W. Nagel, M.D.
Ryan T. Novak, M.D.
Laura A. Peterson, M.D.
Geoffrey J. Roelant, M.D.
Tyler C. Spata, M.D.
Jonathan R. Wisler, M.D.

Specialty Residents Completing General Surgery
July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2009
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, M.D., Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery

Myla N. Bennett, M.D. (to Plastic Surgery)
Sumita Saha, M.D. (to Plastic Surgery)

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

Joel B. Anderson, M.D.
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Benjamin C. Sun, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery; Program Director, Cardiothoracic Surgery

Patrick I. McConnell, M.D.
Syed A. Mehmood, M.D.

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

Lloyd G. Brown, M.D., M.S.
C.R. Hall, M.D.
Mohammadreza Rohaninejad, M.D.
Margaret S. Sawyer, M.D., M.B.A.

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

Sebastian V. Demyttenaere, M.D.
Brian J. Winkleman, M.D.

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

Jennifer H. Aldrink, 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 Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery

Recipient to be announced

Plastic Surgery Residency
Presented by Gregory D. Pearson, M.D., Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery; Program Director, Plastic Surgery

Laura M. Figura, M.D.
Dana M. Goldberg, M.D.
Nabil A. Habash, M.D.
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Presented by Charles H. Cook, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care

Andrew O. Crockett, M.D.
Amy M. Jarvis, M.D.
Brian S. Porshinsky, M.D.
Cecilia F. Wang, M.D., M.S.

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

Suhail Sharif, M.D.

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

Khaled A. Obeidat, M.D.

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

Richard B. Fries, M.D.

Master of Medical Science Program
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

Mary E. Dillhoff, M.D.
Kristan D. Guenterberg, M.D.
Irina Shakhnovich, M.D.

Doctoral Degree Program
Presented by Chandan K. Sen, Ph.D., Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Research, Department of Surgery; Associate Dean for Translational and Applied Research, College of Medicine

Cameron L. Rink, Ph.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, The Ohio State University Medical Center

14th 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

Surgical Nurse of the Year Award, bestowed by the chief residents in General Surgery, for exemplary dedication to the care of surgical patients

Residents and fellows completing their programs are encouraged to take the floral centerpieces home at the end of the evening
Jennifer H. Aldrink, M.D.

Program
Pediatric Surgery Residency, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, 1995

Medical Degree
M.D., East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina, 2000

Other Training
General surgery residency, Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina, 2006–2007

Specialty Interests
Pediatric oncology, anorectal malformations

Research Interests
Pediatric oncology, stem cell research

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery, Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center (at Nationwide Children’s Hospital), Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
We are delighted that Jennie is joining the faculty in pediatric surgery at Nationwide Children’s Hospital as an assistant professor of clinical surgery. Jennie will have a clinical focus on surgical oncology, an area in which she has superior technical expertise. We are confident that she will be a role model for the medical students and residents who plan careers in academic surgery.
Joel B. Anderson, M.D.

Program
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy and Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Canton, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Michigan, 1999

Medical Degree
M.D., Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, 2003

Other Training
General surgery residency, Michigan State University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 2003–2008

Specialty Interests
Foregut and hepatobiliary surgery and surgical endoscopy

Research Interests
Natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery (NOTES)

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
General and gastrointestinal surgeon

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Anderson was an active 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 a diligent clinician who epitomizes what a minimally invasive surgeon should aspire to be in caring for patients. His calm, professional demeanor will continue to serve him well as his career progresses to the next level.
Lloyd G.
Brown, M.D., M.S.

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2003 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Linstead, St. Catherine, Jamaica, West Indies

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., University of Rochester, Rochester, New York, 1997

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

Other Degrees
M.S., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2005–2006

Specialty Interests
Transplantation, critical care

Research Interests
Hepatobiliary disease, extracorporeal liver assistance

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

Publications While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in critical care, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Program Director’s Comments
Working with a quiet and unassuming demeanor, Dr. Brown has steadily become an excellent physician and surgeon. He has a great bedside manner and is well liked by patients and colleagues. Dr. Brown’s technical operative skills are superb, and it is a pleasure to operate with him. During his training, he successfully completed the Master of Medical Science Program. Dr. Brown has developed an interest in both transplantation and critical care, and will be pursuing further postgraduate training.
Andrew O. Crockett, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Salt Lake City, Utah

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2001

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2005

Specialty Interests
Burn and critical care

Research Interests
International trauma systems

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

Program Director’s Comments
Andrew was a conscientious, knowledgeable, and hard-working fellow. He consistently demonstrated a high level of motivation and integrity. Andrew has excellent leadership abilities and interpersonal skills. He established strong rapport with staff, patients, and colleagues, and he did a fine job of teaching the junior residents and medical students. We enjoyed working with Andrew and watching him grow personally and professionally. We wish him much success as he continues his general surgery residency training.
Sebastian V. Demyttenaere, M.D.

**Program**
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

**Place of Birth**
Stellenbosch, South Africa

**Undergraduate Degree**
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 1998

**Medical Degree**
McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2002

**Other Training**
General surgery residency, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2002–2008

**Specialty Interests**
Minimally invasive surgery

**Research Interests**
Technology assessment

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Minimally invasive general and gastrointestinal surgeon

**Program Director’s Comments**
Dr. Demyttenaere had an extremely busy clinical year. He completed more than 400 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and therapeutic and diagnostic endoscopies, and he participated in a number of research projects. He was an outstanding member of our team and was appreciated by his residents, students, and patients.
Mary E. Dillhoff, M.D.

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, June 18, 2007 – June 14, 2009

Place of Birth
Lima, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2001

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2005

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
miRNA profile in Barrett’s esophagus

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Third-Place (Silver) Award, 19th Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2008
• Third-Place Research Award, 13th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2008
• Presentation of two posters: “miR-21 Expression Patterns in Mucinous Neoplasms of the Pancreas” and “miR-21 Expression by In Situ Hybridization in Periampullary Pancreatic Neoplasms,” Society of Surgical Oncology, Chicago, Illinois, March 14–17, 2008
• First-Place (Platinum) Award, 20th Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2009
• Presentation of “Overexpression of Micro-RNA 205 is a Predictor of Poor Survival in Esophageal Adenocarcinoma,” Society of Surgical Oncology, Phoenix, Arizona, March 4–8, 2009

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Publications While at Ohio State


- MicroRNAs in solid tumors. Dillhoff M, Wojcik SE, Bloomston M. *Journal of Surgical Research* 2008; Mar 27 [Epub]


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

Program Director's Comments
Dr. Dillhoff pursued tumor and molecular biology research during the course of her two-year Master of Medical Science Program. She gained expertise both in basic laboratory work and in clinical investigation. Dr. Dillhoff’s work is highly regarded nationally, as evidenced by its acceptance for presentation at national meetings, such as those of the Society of University Surgeons, the Society of Surgical Oncology, the American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association, and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. Dr. Dillhoff presented results of her work in partial fulfillment of the Master of Medical Science degree on April 23, 2009, at the Department of Surgery Grand Rounds. This oral presentation was followed by a half-hour closed session examination conducted by the Department of Surgery Graduate Studies Committee, which tested the breadth and depth of her knowledge of cancer biology.

Project
Tumor and Molecular Biology Research

Research Advisor
Mark Bloomston, M.D., Assistant Professor of Surgery; Program Director, Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Laura M. Figura, M.D.

**Program**
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

**Place of Birth**
Columbus, Ohio

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.S., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2000

**Medical Degree**
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2004

**Other Training**
General surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2004–2007

**Specialty Interests**
I enjoy all aspects of plastic surgery, and I look forward to a general plastic surgery practice.

**Research Interests**
Nutrition and wound healing

**Honors and Awards While at Ohio State**
Surgical House Staff of the Year Award, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, 2008

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Plastic surgeon, St. Vincent’s Hospital, Erie, Pennsylvania

**Program Director’s Comments**
An extremely compassionate physician, Laura won the Surgical House Staff of the Year Award from the Nationwide Children’s Hospital nursing staff last year, for being the most caring resident. She has matured into a fine surgeon.
Richard B. Fries, M.D.

Program
Vascular Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

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

Other Training
• Obstetrics and gynecology residency, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2001–2002
• General surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2002–2007

Specialty Interests
Vascular surgery

Research Interests
Venous disease and ultrasound

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society

Publications While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Cardiac, Vascular, and Thoracic Surgeons, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Rich has been a very effective vascular fellow. He has provided excellent team leadership and has evolved into a technically superb open and endovascular surgeon. He will be providing advanced skills for his new employers, and we have every expectation that he will represent Ohio State in the best and brightest light.
Dana M. Goldberg, M.D.

Program
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Youngstown, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana, 2000

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2004–2007

Specialty Interests
Microsurgery, breast reconstruction, aesthetic surgery

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Intern of the Year, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2005

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, West Palm Beach, Florida

Program Director’s Comments
Dana is not only a mature, confident surgeon, but is also diligent and hard-working. We enjoyed working with her, and we will miss her as she enters into practice in Florida.
Kristan D. Guenterberg, M.D.

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, June 18, 2007 – June 14, 2009

Place of Birth
Livermore, California

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Walla Walla College, College Place, Washington, 2001

Medical Degree
M.D., Loma Linda University, Loma Linda, California, 2005

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
Interleukin-29 in melanoma, cetuximab and IL-21 in the treatment of pancreatic cancer, circulating tumor cells in melanoma patients

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• National Institutes of Health T32 Fellowship for 2007–2009 from The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center, Columbus, Ohio
• Poster presentation of “Phase I Study of Interleukin-12 (IL-12) in Combination with Trastuzumab/Paclitaxel in HER2-Positive Advanced Solid Tumors,” Breast Cancer Symposium, American Association for Cancer Research, San Francisco, California, September 7–8, 2007
• Presentation of “Enhanced In Vitro and In Vivo Antitumor Activity of Bortezomib (Velcade, PS341) When Administered With Interferon-Alpha,” Society of University Surgeons, Fort Myers, Florida, February 15, 2008
• Poster presentation of “Melanoma Cell Lines Express the Receptor for Interleukin-29 and Respond Via the JAK-STAT Signaling Pathway,” American Association for Cancer Research, San Diego, California, April 13, 2008
• Presentation of “IL-29 Induces JAK-STAT Signal Transduction and Can Synergize With Temozolomide and Bortezomib in Human Melanoma Cell Lines,” International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer, San Diego, California, October 31 – November 2, 2008
• Presentation of “Cetuximab-Coated Pancreatic Cancer Cells Increase Activity of IL-21-Treated NK Cells,” Society of University Surgeons, Fort Myers, Florida, February 3–6, 2009
Publications While at Ohio State

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

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Guenterberg pursued tumor immunology research and a Master of Medical Science degree over a two-year period. He is the first Department of Surgery resident to receive a prestigious National Institutes of Health T32 fellowship. The grant has supported his research training and study of cancer immunology, which has focused on IL-29, TLR-7/9, melanoma, and pancreatic cancers. Dr. Guenterberg’s research accomplishments include multiple presentations at national meetings, such as the 2008 and 2009 meetings of the Society of University Surgeons, the 2008 meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research, the 2008 meeting of the International Society for Biological Therapy of Cancer, and the 2007 meeting of the Breast Cancer Symposium of the American Association for Cancer Research. He has a number of manuscripts in preparation or in press. Dr. Guenterberg presented results of his work in partial fulfillment of the Master of Medical Science degree on April 2, 2009, at the Department of Surgery Grand Rounds. This oral presentation was followed by a half-hour closed session examination by the Master of Medical Science Graduate Studies Committee, which tested the breadth and depth of his knowledge of tumor immunology.

Project
Combining Immunologic and Biologic Therapy in the Treatment of Cancer

Advisor
William E. Carson, III, M.D., Professor of Surgery
Nabil A. Habash, M.D.

**Program**
Plastic Surgery Residency, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

**Place of Birth**
Oxford, Ohio

**Undergraduate Degree**
B.S., Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 1997

**Medical Degree**
M.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Durham, North Carolina, 2003

**Other Training**
General surgery residency, Mount Carmel Health System, Columbus, Ohio, 2003–2007

**Specialty Interests**
Microsurgery, cancer reconstruction

**Honors and Awards While at Ohio State**
Regan Fellowship, Operation Smile, Norfolk, Virginia, 2008

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Reconstructive microsurgery fellowship, Division of Plastic Surgery, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**
Nabil is a hard-working, dedicated, and talented surgeon. We are pleased that he will be staying at Ohio State to become our first reconstructive microsurgery fellow.
C.R. Hall, M.D.

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Plant City, Florida

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, 2000

Medical Degree
M.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, 2004

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Research Interests
Natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery (NOTES)

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Resident of the Year, Department of Pediatric Surgery, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, 2006–2007

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in minimally invasive surgery, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Through hard work and skill, Dr. Hall has earned the respect of all who work with him. He has become one of the resident leaders and served this year as our administrative chief resident. During his training, C.R. developed a great interest in laparoscopic surgery and a research interest in natural orifice translumenal endoscopic surgery. We are delighted that he will be staying with us next year to complete a fellowship in laparoscopic surgery and serve on the attending staff.
Amy M. Jarvis, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Akron, Ohio

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

Medical Degree
M.D., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2001

Other Training
• General surgery internship, Deaconess Medical Center, Spokane, Washington, 2001–2002
• General surgery residency, Akron General Medical Center, Akron, Ohio, 2002–2007

Specialty Interests
Surgical critical care and acute care surgery

Research Interests
Trauma and surgical critical care

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Amy was very approachable, thoughtful, and considerate of the needs of others, and she established exceptional rapport with staff, patients, and colleagues. She was also trustworthy, reliable, and attentive to detail. She always made sure that plans were carried out in a timely fashion, and her follow through was exceptional. Residents and students considered her an outstanding educator, and we greatly appreciate her teaching efforts. It was a pleasure to participate in Amy’s training, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.
Patrick I. McConnell, M.D.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, November 1, 2007 – October 31, 2009

Place of Birth
Denver, Colorado

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, 1994

Medical Degree
M.D., University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, 1999

Other Training
• General surgery residency, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1999–2002; 2005–2007
• Research fellowship, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2002–2003
• Postdoctoral fellowship, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2003–2005
• Advanced surgical endoscopy fellowship, Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, Oregon, 2007

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery, mechanical circulatory support

Research Interests
Heart failure, mechanical circulatory support, cardiac remodeling

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• American Heart Association, Ohio Affiliate, Postdoctoral Fellowship, Columbus, Ohio, 2003–2005
• Winner, Third Annual Graduate and Postgraduate Research Symposium, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2004
• Jay N. Cohn New Investigator Award, Clinical/Integrative Physiology, Heart Failure Society of America, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2004
• Moderated Poster Presentation Award, American Society of Artificial Internal Organs, Washington, D.C., 2005
• New Era Cardiac Care Scholarship, Edwards Life Sciences, San Diego, California, 2007

Publications While at Ohio State

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• Surgical ventricular restoration and other surgical approaches to heart failure. McConnell PI, Michler RE. *Current Heart Failure Reports* 2004; 1(1):21–29

• Clinical trials in surgical management of congestive heart failure: surgical ventricular restoration and autologous skeletal myoblast transplantation. McConnell PI, Michler RE. *Cardiology* 2004; 101:48–60


• Pressure volume analysis during axial flow LVAD support. McConnell PI, Sun BC. *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation* 2006; 25(2):256–257

• Assessment of cardiac function during axial flow LVAD support using a left ventricular pressure derived relationship: comparison to preload-recruitable stroke work. McConnell PI, Del Rio CL, Kwiatkowski P, Farrar DJ, Sun BC. *Journal of Heart and Lung Transplantation* 2007; 26(2):159–166


**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**

Academic cardiothoracic surgeon

**Program Director’s Comments**

Patrick has been a remarkable resident, whose technical ability and academic productivity have been second to none, and who has an unusual curiosity that makes him stand out from his peers. As he grows academically, Patrick will help us shape the field of cardiothoracic surgery.
Syed A. Mehmood, M.D.

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Karachi, Pakistan

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

Medical Degree
M.D., Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, Chicago Medical School, North Chicago, Illinois, 2002

Other Training
General surgery residency, Wayne State University, Detroit Medical Center, Detroit, Michigan, 2002–2007

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
It has been a pleasure working with Syed. He has a gentle demeanor, yet his dedication to his patients and his team are inspiring to all of us. Syed will be a great asset to whichever team he decides to join.
Khaled A. Obeidat, M.D.

Program
Transplantation Fellowship, August 30, 2006 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Harta, Irbid, Jordan

Medical Degree
M.D., Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, 1997

Other Training
General surgery residency, Jordan University of Science and Technology, Irbid, Jordan, 1998–2004

Specialty Interests
Kidney, pancreas, and liver transplantation; hepatobiliary surgery; vascular access

Research Interests
Immunosuppression, long-term outcomes of transplantation, transplant tolerance

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Fellows Excellence in Research Award, Transplant Summit, Chicago, Illinois, 2007

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Fellowship in hepatobiliary surgery and surgical oncology, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, New York

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Obeidat is a fine surgeon with excellent technical skills and a solid base of medical knowledge. He possesses an extremely calm demeanor, and remains in quiet control of every situation. His mature manner has served as an outstanding example for our junior fellows. Khaled will be missed by everyone on the transplant team. We wish him all the best as he moves on to a fellowship in hepatobiliary surgery, and then eventually back to Jordan, which will gain a well-trained, compassionate surgeon who provides excellent care to his patients.
Brian S. Porshinsky, M.D.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, October 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Chicago, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
B.A., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1991

Medical Degree
M.D., Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, 1999

Other Training
• General surgery residency, Medical College of Ohio, Toledo, Ohio, 1999–2004
• Burn surgery fellowship, New York-Presbyterian Hospital, New York, New York, 2007–2008

Specialty Interests
Improving burn outcomes

Research Interests
Fluid resuscitation, burn reconstruction

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery, the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn and the Division of Plastic Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Brian displayed a strong work ethic and always conducted himself in an honest and ethical manner. He was highly motivated, exhibited strong leadership ability, and demonstrated compassion, empathy, and sensitivity to the needs of patients. We appreciate his teaching efforts and are delighted to have Brian join us as a member of the faculty in July.
Cameron L. Rink, Ph.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Michigan, 2000

Research Interests
Intersections of human nutrition, stroke, and vascular disease

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Presidential Fellowship, The Ohio State University, 2004–2005
• Predoctoral Fellowship, American Heart Association, 2006–2008
• First-Place Oral Presentation, 11th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2006
• First-Place Poster, Fourth Annual Russell Klein Nutrition Symposium, Department of Human Nutrition, The Ohio State University, 2006
• Battelle Award Recipient, Sixth Annual Graduate and Postgraduate Research Day, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2007
• Platinum Award for Oral Presentation, 18th Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Surgical Society, 2007
• First-Place Oral Presentation, 12th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2007
• First-Place Oral Presentation, Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute, Third Annual Research Retreat, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2008
• First-Place Oral Presentation, 13th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University Medical Center, 2008

Publications While at Ohio State
• Human genome screen to identify the genetic basis of the anti-inflammatory effects of Boswellia in microvascular endothelial cells. Roy S, Khanna S, Shah H, Rink C, Phillips C, Preuss H,

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio

**Title of Doctoral Dissertation**
Nutritional Intervention and Modeling of Acute Ischemic Stroke

**Program Advisor**
Chandan K. Sen, Ph.D., Professor of Surgery
Mohammadreza Rohaninejad, M.D.

Program

Place of Birth
Tabriz, East Azarbayjan, Iran

Medical Degree
M.D., Tehran University of Medical Sciences, Tehran, Iran, 1992

Other Training
Clinical multi-organ transplantation fellowship, Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2003–2005

Specialty Interests
Transplantation, hepatobiliary surgery

Research Interests
Transplantation, organ availability, living donor liver transplantation

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Rohaninejad came to the program from the University of Pittsburgh, where he completed a fellowship in transplant surgery and began his general surgery training. His initial training was in Tehran, Iran, but in order to practice in the United States, he had to repeat most of his training. This willingness to do whatever it takes shows the extent of the hard work and dedication that “Reza” brings to becoming a surgeon. Though he was with us for only two short years, he took a leading role in working with the junior residents to improve their scores on the American Board of Surgery In-Training Exam. We are confident he will find continued success.
Margaret S.
Sawyer, M.D., M.B.A.

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2002 – June 30, 2009

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

Other Degrees
M.B.A., The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2007

Specialty Interests
General surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Lancaster, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Sawyer came to the program from The Ohio State University. As a former OSU student, she excelled in her training right from the beginning. In addition to mastering surgery, she spent two years at the Fisher College of Business earning an M.B.A. degree between her third and fourth clinical years. She is a caring and compassionate physician who represents the best of our program. Margy will be joining two of our former residents in a busy general surgery practice in Lancaster, Ohio.
Irina Shakhnovich, M.D.

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, June 18, 2007 – August 24, 2008

Place of Birth
Moscow, Russia

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2000

Medical Degree
M.D., Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2004

Specialty Interests
Vascular surgery

Research Interests
Spinal cord ischemic injury after transient thoracoabdominal aortic occlusion

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• James D. King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2007–2008
• First-Place Research Award, 13th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2008
• Presentation of “Spinal Cord Ischemic Injury After Transient Thoracoabdominal Aortic Occlusion: Mouse Model,” Association of Women Surgeons, San Francisco, California, October 13, 2008

Publications While at Ohio State

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

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Shakhnovich pursued vascular biology research and a Master of Medical Science degree over a one-year period. Her research project focused on the development of a microsurgical murine model to study spinal cord ischemia. At the outset of her research training period, she was awarded the 2007–2008 James D. King Research Award, which provides funds for research and educational use. Dr. Shakhnovich’s research accomplishments include abstract presentations at
the 2007 meeting of the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society and the 2008 meeting of the Association of Women Surgeons. Dr. Shakhnovich presented results of her work in partial fulfillment of the Master of Medical Science degree on June 12, 2008, at the Department of Surgery Grand Rounds. This oral presentation was followed by a half-hour closed session examination conducted by the Department of Surgery Graduate Studies Committee, which tested the breadth and depth of her knowledge of vascular biology.

Project
Development of a Microsurgical Murine Model to Study Spinal Cord Ischemia

Research Advisors
• Dr. Hamdy M. Elsayed-Awad, Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology
• Dr. Phillip G. Popovich, Professor of Molecular Virology, Immunology, and Medical Genetics
Suhail Sharif, M.D.

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Madras, India

Undergraduate Degrees
B.S. (Biochemistry), University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, 1996
B.S. (Mathematics), University of Illinois, Chicago, Illinois, 1996

Medical Degree
M.D., Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico, 2000

Other Training
• Fifth pathway program, New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York, 2000–2001

Specialty Interests
Surgical oncology

Research Interests
Radioguided surgery, malignant bowel obstruction, antitumor effects of omega-3 fatty acids

Publications While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Associate Professor of Surgery, University of North Texas/Plaza Medical Center, Fort Worth, Texas

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Sharif has been a welcome addition to our fellowship program. Over the last two years, he has consistently demonstrated a calm demeanor, a caring nature, and sound technical skills. He is well-liked by patients and staff. In a word, Dr. Sharif is “polished.” While we are sad to see him go, we are proud that he is taking on a leadership role in the Dallas community. Thank you for your contributions, and good luck, Dr. Sharif.
Cecilia F. Wang, M.D., M.S.

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Taipei, Taiwan

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, 1993

Medical Degree
M.D., Saba University, Saba, Netherlands Antilles, 2002

Other Degrees
M.S., Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, 1997

Other Training
General surgery residency, Union Memorial Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, 2002–2008

Specialty Interests
Acute care surgery

Research Interests
Retained surgical foreign bodies, surgical complications

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Attending surgeon, St. Francis Hospital, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Program Director’s Comments
Cecily consistently demonstrated an exceptional work ethic and a high level of honesty and integrity. She was a self-motivated learner who put conspicuous effort into her research projects and manuscripts. Cecily displayed strong leadership and communication skills and an excellent bedside manner. Her relations with the patients and their families were always professional, compassionate, and empathetic. She was an excellent educator, and we appreciate the time and effort she devoted to teaching our residents and medical students. It was a pleasure to participate in Cecily’s training, and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.
Brian J. Winkleman, M.D.

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

Place of Birth
Kokomo, Indiana

Undergraduate Degree
B.S., Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, 1999

Medical Degree
M.D., Indiana University, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2003

Other Training
General surgery residency, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Ohio, 2003–2008

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery, bariatrics

Research Interests
Minimally invasive surgery, bariatrics

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Director of Minimally Invasive Surgery and Bariatrics, Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center, Joliet, Illinois

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Winkleman was a very active member of our team this year, completing more than 400 advanced laparoscopic and endoscopic procedures. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he was very active in research. Dr. Winkleman was a true asset to our team, and he is certain to do very well throughout his career.