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Program

Welcome
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General Surgery Internship
July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Yasser M. Ads, MD
Joseph M. Drosdeck, MD
Justin T. Huntington, MD
Nicholas V. Latchana, MD
Tim Lautenschlaeger, MD
Targhee J. Morris, MD
Samiha M. Nasser, MD
Abhishek P. Patel, MD
Robert L. Plews, MD
Andrei Radulescu, MD, PhD
Terrence M. Rager, MD
Rachael C. Sullivan, MD

Specialty Residents Completing General Surgery and beginning Plastic Surgery Residency
Presented by Mark W. Arnold, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery; Vice Chairman for Surgical Education; Program Director, General Surgery Training Program

Russell G. Hendrick, Jr., MD, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011
Theodore W. Nagel, MD, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

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

Bradley R. Zagol, MD
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship
Presented by Patrick Ross, Jr, MD, PhD, Professor of Surgery; Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery; Co-Program Director, Cardiothoracic Training Program

Sergio Alejandro Carillo, MD
C. Jason Rousseau, DO

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

Andrew O. Crockett, MD
H. Tracy Davido, MD
Jeffrey L. Eakin, MD
Meghan R. Forster, MD, MS
Ioannis S. Hatzaras, MD, MPH

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

John G. Linn, MD
Sabrena F. Noria, MD, PhD

Pediatric Surgery Residency
Presented by Gail E. Besner, MD, Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics, Division of Pediatric Surgery; Program Director, Pediatric Surgery Training Program

David E. Skarda, MD

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship
Presented by Charles H. Cook, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn; Medical Director, Surgical Intensive Care Unit; Program Director, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

Vanessa A. M. Olcese, MD, PhD
Angelina Postoev, MD
Sarah Beth Russell, MD
Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Presented by Doreen Agnese, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology

David Arrese, MD
Ravi J. Chokshi, MD

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

Anas Alzuhaili, MD

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

Maria E. Litzendorf, MD

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

Amy L. Collins, MD, MS
Thomas A. Pham, MD, MS
Ricardo O. Quarrie, MD, MS
Special Department of Surgery Awards
Presented by E. Christopher Ellison, MD, the Robert M. Zollinger Professor of Surgery; Chairman, Department of Surgery; Associate Vice President for Health Sciences and Vice Dean of Clinical Affairs

16th 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 and dedication to surgical education

Michael J. Walker, MD Teaching Award, bestowed by the medical students in recognition of a surgery faculty 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
Anas Alzuhaili, MD

Program
Abdominal Transplantation Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Damascus, Syria

Medical Degree
MD, Damascus University, Syria, 2001

Other Training
General surgery residency, Damascus University, Syria, 2001–2006

Specialty Interests
Pancreas and islet transplantation

Research Interests
Islet transplantation

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Trauma fellowship, Hurley Medical Center, Flint, Michigan

Program Director’s Comments
Our two years with Anas have been a very pleasant time. His sense of humor, his warmth and sensitive nature have made him a favorite with patients, nurses, our staff and his colleagues. Anas will now move on to a fellowship in which the training he receives in caring for critical care patients will combine with his surgical skills to make him a well-trained professional capable of dealing with the sickest of patients. We will miss him, and wish him all the best.
David Arrese, MD

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Lima, Peru

Medical Degree
MD, INTEC College, Dominican Republic, 2002

Other Training

Specialty Interests
Hepatobiliary, endocrine surgery

Research Interests
Neuroendocrine

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

• Transarterial Chemoembolization in Patients with Metastatic Carcinoid Amenable to Cytoreductive Hepatectomy Results in Improved Survival but Similar Regional Disease Control Compared to Those Deemed Inoperable. Feria-Arias E, Arrese D, Hatzaras I, Schmidt C, Shah M, Bloomston M. North American Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (NANETS), Charlotte, North Carolina, October, 2009


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• Reconstruction of Total Pelvic Exenteration Defects with Rectus Abdominus Myocutaneous Flaps versus Primary Closure. Chokshi R, Arrese D, Kuhrt M, Martin E. The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) annual meeting, Vancouver, Canada, May 2011

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical oncologist, Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Arrese has proven himself to be a proficient surgeon and thoughtful oncologist. He has been very productive academically and is a valuable member of the team. We are happy that he has decided to stay in Columbus and have no doubt that he will make us proud.
Sergio A. Carrillo, MD

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Guatemala City, Guatemala

Medical Degree
MD, University of San Carlos, Guatemala City, Guatemala, 2002

Other Training
Mount Sinai Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Miami Beach, Florida, 2004–2006
University of Louisville, Department of Surgery, Louisville, Kentucky, 2006–2009

Specialty Interests
Congenital heart surgery

Research Interests
Hypoplastic left heart syndrome, transposition of the great arteries

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Role of ECMO as salvage therapy for H1N1 influenza-associated ARDS. Columbus Surgical Society meeting, Columbus, Ohio, March 2010
• Fusion PET/CT underestimates the presence of hilar nodal metastasis in patients with resected non-small cell lung cancer. Society of Thoracic Surgeons meeting, San Diego, California, February 2011

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Persuing additonal training in congenital heart surgery

Program Director’s Comments
Sergio has grown into a highly proficient and well-skilled surgeon who demonstrates tremendous integrity and maintains lofty expectations of himself. He is well-respected by both colleagues and clinical support staff. Sergio’s fun-loving outlook will be missed and we wish him the very best in all of his future endeavors.
Ravi J. Chokshi, MD

Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, August 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Hollister, California

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pennsylvania, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, Ross University, North Brunswick, New Jersey, 2003

Other Training
• General surgery residency, Seton Hall University, Trenton, New Jersey, 2003–2008
• Minimally invasive surgery fellowship, Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, Pennsylvania, 2008–2009

Specialty Interests
Hepatobiliary, colorectal surgery, minimally invasive surgical oncology

Research Interests
Locally invasive pelvic malignancies, metastatic colorectal liver cancer

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
New England Sarcoma Traveling Fellowship, Roger Williams, Providence, Rhode Island, 2011

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Novel Method of Stump Closure for Distal Pancreatectomy Results in 87% Reduction in Leak Rates. Rapp MM, Chokshi RJ, Sucandy I, Sheldon D, Strodel WE, Blansfield JA. Digestive Diseases Week, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2010
• Double-Barreled Wet Colostomy in Patients Undergoing a Pelvic Exenteration Leaves Patients with a Single Stoma. Pons ME, Chokshi RJ, Bahnson RR, Martin EW. Klassen Surgical Research Day, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May 2010

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, Newark, New Jersey

Program Director's Comments
Dr. Chokshi has further developed his already advanced surgical skills and is ready to take on any oncologic operation. He has developed a keen interest in research culminating in multiple presentations and publications. He is clearly on a path to greatness and we wish him the best.
Amy L. Collins, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, June 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
West Palm Beach, Florida

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, Florida, 2007

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009–2011

Specialty Interests
Surgical Oncology

Research Interests
Dysregulation of microRNAs and the role of the tumor microenvironment in gastrointestinal cancers, pancreatic cancer, cholangiocarcinoma, esophageal cancer

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• James D. King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009
• Third place presentation at the 22nd Annual Presidential Symposium of the Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus Ohio, 2011

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Hypoxia inducible factor 1-a (HIF-1a) upregulates microRNA-21 (MIR-21) in pancreatic cancer. 21st Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, March 2010
• Pancreatic stellate cells induce overexpression of microRNA-21 and microRNA-210 in pancreatic cancer cells in hypoxia. 6th Annual Academic Surgical Congress, Society of University Surgeons, Huntington Beach, California, February 2011
• Splenic preservation at the time of distal pancreatectomy is of limited clinical benefit. 2nd Annual National Predoctoral Clinical Research Training Program, American Hepato Pancreato Biliary Association Meeting, Miami, Florida, March 2011
• Osteopontin is associated with improved survival in patients with pancreatic adenocarcinoma. 64th Annual Cancer Symposium, Society of Surgical Oncology, San Antonio, Texas, March 2011

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Grants Obtained While at Ohio State
• Center for Clinical and Translational Science TL1 Training Award, National Center for Research Resources, National Institutes of Health, 2009–2010
• AACR-FNAB Fellows Grant for Translational Pancreatic Cancer Research, American Association for Cancer Research, 2010–2011

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

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Collins has received several significant research awards including a NIH CCTS TL1 in 2009 and the prestigious American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) pancreas cancer award in 2010. In addition to fulfilling the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Medical Science, Dr. Collins’ research efforts over the past two years have led to the recognition of her expertise in pancreas cancer and pancreas stellate biology. Of note, she developed a successful methodology for isolation of pancreas stellate cells from human pancreas tissue. Dr. Collins’ interest in exploring the interactions of pancreas tumor cells and adjacent stellate cells in the tumor microenvironment is a very promising research direction.
Andrew O. Crockett, MD

Program

Place of Birth
Salt Lake City, Utah

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2011

Medical Degree
MD, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2005

Other Training
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2008–2009

Specialty Interests
Trauma, critical care and acute care surgery

Research Interests
Trauma systems in the developing world, medical ethics

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
Alpha Omega Alpha, The Ohio State University College of Medicine Chapter, 2009

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Evaluation of trauma care resources in Independent Samoa using WHO-IATSIC Guidelines for Essential Trauma Care. Department of Surgery Research Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May 2008
• Shoots and ladders: a review of hunting related injuries in Central Ohio. Western Trauma Association, Crested Butte, Colorado, February 2009

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State
• Tree stands, not guns, are the midwestern hunter’s most dangerous weapons. Crockett A, Stawicki SP, Thomas YM, Jarvis AM, Wang CF, Beery PR, Whitmill ML, Lindsey DE, Steinberg SM, Cook CH. Am Surg 2010 Sep; 76(9): 1006-10

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire

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Program Director’s Comments
Andrew has been a steady presence during his six years in our training program. He has worked hard to hone his skills as a physician and surgeon. During his residency he also completed a fellowship in surgical critical care. His excellent performance during that fellowship and his high achievement as a resident have been rewarded with an appointment to the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School where he will be an assistant professor and trauma surgeon.
H. Tracy Davido, MD

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Cleveland, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Cleveland State University, Cleveland, Ohio, 1992

Medical Degree
MD, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 2002

Other Training
Surgical critical care fellowship, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2007–2008

Specialty Interests
Surgical critical care, trauma and acute care surgery

Research Interests
Operating room efficiency and surgical profitability, surgical infectious disease, perioperative complication prevention and management

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Teaching Award, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2010
• Bronze Award, research presentation, The Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium, 2011
• Alpha Omega Alpha, The Ohio State University College of Medicine Chapter, 2011

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

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Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Acute Care Surgery Fellowship, and Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Tracy’s energy and dedication to medical student and resident education have made her one of the most recognized residents in our program. She was only one of a handful of residents who were awarded a resident AΩA, a sign of the significant respect that she has earned. During her residency she completed a fellowship in surgical critical care and passed her critical care boards. Next year, Tracy will be the first fellow in our new acute care surgery fellowship and will also be an attending physician in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn.
Jeffrey L. Eakin, MD

Program

Place of Birth
Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BA, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio 2011

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2006

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery

Research Interests
Education

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism in Medicine Teaching Award, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2011
• Outstanding Housestaff Teaching Award, The Ohio State University College of Medicine, 2011

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Comparison outcomes for burn patients cared for in trauma centers, based on two national registries. Eakin J, Miller S. 41st Annual Meeting, American Burn Association, San Antonio, Texas, March 2009
• Inguinal hernias encountered lateral to the inguinal ring during laparoscopic inguinal hernia repair. Eakin J, Renton D. 96th Annual American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Washington, DC, October 2010

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, and Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Jeff has been an outstanding role model since we recruited him as a PGY2 resident. He took the initiative to set up a resident conference which has resulted in a major improvement in our residents’ annual in-training exam scores. His surgical skills are excellent and all of the staff appreciate the opportunity to work with him. Jeff has won numerous institutional awards including the prestigious Outstanding Housestaff Teaching Award, and we are delighted that he will be staying on with us as an MIS fellow and attending physician.
Meghan R. Forster, MD, MS

Program

Place of Birth
Columbus, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BA, DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, 1998

Medical Degree
MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2004

Other Training
MS, Medical Science, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2008

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal surgical oncology

Research Interests
Prevention of reactivation of murine cytomegalovirus, immunology of viral infections, detection of occult mCMV infections, tumor immunology, herpes viral vectors as cancer therapy

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Intern Award, research presentation, Department of Surgery Resident Research Conference, The Ohio State University, 2007
• Platinum Award, research presentation, Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium, 2008
• Second Place, poster presentation, 28th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Infection Society, 2008
• Invited judge and moderator, 28th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Infection Society, 2008
• Second Place, research presentation, Department of Surgery Resident Research Conference, The Ohio State University, 2008
• Intern Award, research presentation, Department of Surgery Resident Research Conference, The Ohio State University, 2009
• First Place, oral poster presentation, 29th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Infection Society, 2009

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Intraperitoneal hyperthermic perfusion: The Ohio State experience. Forster MR, Bloomston M. 11th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference; Columbus, Ohio. May 2006
• Ganciclovir prevents murine cytomegalovirus reactivation during sepsis in a dose-dependent manner. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Wing B, Cook CH. 11th International CMV and Betaherpes Virus Workshop; Toulouse, France, May 2007

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• Cytomegalovirus induces autoimmune antibodies to MHC Class I. Wing BA, Bickerstaff AA, Zimmerman P, Forster MR, Trgovcich J, Cook CH. 11th International CMV and Betaherpes Virus Workshop; Toulouse, France, May 2007

• Ganciclovir prevents murine cytomegalovirus reactivation during sepsis in a dose-dependent manner. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Cook CH. 12th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference; Columbus, Ohio, May 2007

• Optimal ganciclovir prophylaxis to prevent cytomegalovirus reactivation in immunocompetent hosts. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Trgovcich J, Cook CH. Columbus Surgical Society Annual Presidential Symposium; Columbus, OH. February 2008

• Induction of IFN-α by MCMV as a possible mechanism of cardiac allograft tolerance disruption. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Trgovcich J, Cook CH. 13th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference; Columbus, Ohio, April 2008

• Optimal ganciclovir prophylaxis to prevent cytomegalovirus reactivation in immunocompetent hosts. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Trgovcich J, Cook CH. 7th Annual Ohio State University Medical Center Research Day; Columbus, Ohio, April 2008


• Optimal ganciclovir prophylaxis to prevent cytomegalovirus reactivation in immunocompetent hosts. Forster MR, Zimmerman P, Trgovcich J, Cook CH. 14th Annual Ohio State University Department of Surgery Research Conference; Columbus, Ohio, April 2009


Publications Accepted While at OSU


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Research Grants Awarded While at OSU:

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Program Director’s Comments
Meghan has excelled in all aspects of her training, becoming an excellent physician and surgeon. During her residency she spent two years in the lab and, in addition to completing a master in medical science degree, she was the author of six peer-reviewed publications. She used her excellent administrative skills to keep the resident schedule running efficiently and will be missed. Meghan has matched into a first class fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute and we are certain that she will use her considerable skills to become a leader in the field.
Ioannis S. Hatzaras, MD, MPH

Program
General Surgery Residency, July 1, 2006 – August 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Thessaloniki, Greece

Medical Degree
MD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Thessaloniki, Greece, 2002

Other Training
Master in Public Health (MPH), program in clinical investigation, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009

Specialty Interests
Gastrointestinal malignancy

Research Interests
Clinical outcomes in gastrointestinal malignancy, clinical trials, advanced statistical modeling

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• Resident of the Year, Nationwide Children’s Hospital and The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery, Division of Pediatric Surgery, 2008
• John P. Minton Award for best oncology paper, American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter Annual Meeting, 2009
• Research Award, Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, 2010
• Second Place, oncology paper, American College of Surgeons, Ohio Chapter, Columbus, Ohio, 2010

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• How many core needle biopsies are necessary to identify breast pathology? A systematic review for benign and malignant lesions. Department of Surgery Annual Research Day, The Ohio State University, May 2007
• The Ohio State University experience with Cholangiocarcinoma, Department of Surgery Annual Research Day, The Ohio State University, May 2008
• Predictors of Survival in Periampullary Cancers following Pancreateicoduodenectomy. Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) annual cancer meeting, Phoenix, Arizona, March 2009
• Clinical Factors Predictive of Malignant and Premalignant Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas. American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) annual meeting, Miami, Florida, March 2009
• Elevated CA 19-9 Portends Poor Prognosis despite Surgical Resection of Biliary malignancies. American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA) annual meeting, Miami, Florida, March 2009

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• Regression Analysis in Surgical Research. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, November 2009

• Palliative Gastrectomy in Advanced Gastric Cancer Improves Survival. Columbus Surgical Society, Columbus, Ohio, February 2010

• Pancreatic Resection in the 9th Decade of Life: A Safe Option for Pancreatic Malignancy. Society of Surgical Oncology 2010 Annual Cancer Symposium, Saint Louis, Missouri, March 2010.

• Level of Evidence in Surgical Research: the Case of Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome. The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Columbus, Ohio, October 2010

Publications Accepted While at OSU


Textbook Chapters Authored While at OSU

The Zollinger-Ellison Syndrome. Hatzaras I, Ellison EC. Shackelford’s Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, seventh edition

Occupation Upon Completion of Program

Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

Program Director’s Comments

Yanni’s high level of enthusiasm and energy has become infectious in the program. He has taken advantage of all the resources we have available to mold himself into a superb surgeon and physician. During his residency he completed a master of public health degree which he has used to advance his interest in gastrointestinal malignancy. While at OSU he was the author of six publications and one book chapter. Yanni has matched into Surgical Oncology at the Johns Hopkins University and we expect him to continue to excel as an academic surgeon.
John G. Linn, MD

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Peoria, Illinois

Undergraduate Degree
BA & BS, Magna Cum Laude, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2001

Medical Degree
MD, Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 2005

Other Training
General surgery residency, Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, 2005–2010

Specialty Interests
Advanced laparoscopic, gastrointestinal surgery

Research Interests
Advanced laparoscopic, gastrointestinal surgery, surgical education

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Novel technique for reduced incision laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication using a single incision multiport access device with flexible instrumentation. Linn JG, Perry KA, Melvin WS. Video Abstract, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, March 2011
• Novel technique of reduced port Nissen fundoplication using a single incision multiport access device with flexible instrumentation. Linn JG, Perry KA, Melvin WS. Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, March 2011
• Reduced port laparoscopic Nissen fundoplication versus the standard laparoscopic approach: a prospective evaluation. Everhart J, Linn JG, Perry KA, Melvin WS. Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, May 2011
• Efficacy and durability of laparoscopic Heller myotomy: patient symptoms and satisfaction at long term follow up. Linn JG, Chan A, Ahmad S, Mucarella PM, Melvin WS, Perry KA. Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, May 2011
• Laparoscopic plug and patch repair of inguinal hernias using bioabsorbable plug. Linn JG, Narula VK, Mikami DJ, Banerjee A, Hazey JW. American College of Surgery, October 2011

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

- Parastomal hernia repair. Linn JG, Mikami DJ. *J Long Term Eff Med Implants* 2010; 20(2): 133-8
- Sclerosing angiomatoid nodular transformation of the spleen masquerading as a sarcoma metastasis. Linn JG, Sitaraman L, Matkowskyj KA, Wayne JD. *Rare Tumors* 2010 Dec 31; 2(4) e45

Occupation Upon Completion of Program

Staff surgeon, NorthShore University Health System; clinical assistant professor, University of Chicago, Evanston, Illinois

Program Director’s Comments

Dr. Linn has had a very busy clinical year, completing more than 450 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and diagnostic endoscopies. He participated in a number of research projects that have led to publications and presentations. In addition to his clinical responsibilities, he was very active in our educational programs and trainings. Dr. Linn was an outstanding member of our team and was appreciated by his residents, students and patients.
Maria E. Litzendorf, MD  

**Program**  
Vascular Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

**Place of Birth**  
Newport, Rhode Island

**Undergraduate Degree**  
BA, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1995

**Medical Degree**  
MD, Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, Virginia, 2003

**Other Training**  
MA, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1999  
General surgery residency, Boston University Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, 2003–2009

**Specialty Interests**  
Peripheral arterial disease, venous disease, aneurysms

**Research Interests**  
Peripheral arterial disease, venous disease

**Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State**

**Publications Accepted While at Ohio State**

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

**Program Director’s Comments**  
Maria came to us from Boston University where she had completed her general surgery training. She had actually applied for the fellowship for the following year, but when unforeseen events opened a spot a year earlier, we contacted her directly to see if she wanted to speed things up by a year. It was fortuitous for us that she was willing to accelerate her training. She has done an outstanding job over the last two years, and again Fortune has smiled on us—Maria will remain on staff as an Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery and help our Division expand vascular surgery at OSU East. Please, welcome Maria to our staff.
Sabrena F. Noria, MD, PhD

Program
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Undergraduate Degree
BS, with Honors, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 1994

Medical Degree
MD, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2005

Other Training
PhD, Cardiovascular Research, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2001
General Surgery Residency, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, 2010

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive gastrointestinal and bariatric surgery

Research Interests
Bariatric surgery

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Undecided

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Noria has had a very busy clinical year, completing over 450 advanced laparoscopic surgeries and diagnostic endoscopies. She has actively participated in a number of ongoing research projects that will lead to publications. In addition, she was very active in our educational programs. Dr. Noria was an outstanding asset to our team and is certain to do very well throughout her career.
Vanessa A. M. Olcese, MD, PhD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Cleveland, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, University of Maryland, Baltimore, Maryland, 1998

Medical Degree
MD, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC, 2004

Other Training
PhD, Tumor Biology, Georgetown University School of Medicine, Washington, DC, 2004
General surgery residency, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2009
Transplantation fellowship, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 2010

Specialty Interests
Critical care

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Neurocritical care fellow, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

Program Director’s Comments
Vanessa joined us following transplant surgery training in Wisconsin. She is an excellent clinician that constantly seeks the best for her patients. We appreciate her hard work during the past year. She will be continuing her training here at Ohio State in neurocritical care.
Thomas A. Pham, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Toledo, Ohio

Undergraduate Degree
BS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009–2011

Specialty Interests
Abdominal transplant surgery

Research Interests
Transplant immunology, CD8+ T cell regulation of post-transplant alloantibody production

Honors and Awards While at Ohio State
• James King Research Award, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2009
• Folkert Belzer MD Research Award, National Kidney Foundation, American Society of Transplant Surgeons, 2009
• Second Place, 15th Annual Surgery Research Conference, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, 2010
• Travel Award. 10th Annual Trainee Research Day, The Ohio State University, 2011

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State
• Disparate Alloantibody Profiles following Liver Parenchymal Cell Allograft Transplantation in the Presence or Absence of Recipient CD8+ T cells. Pham T, Zimmerer JM, Sanders VM, Bumgardner GL. Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum, Cleveland, Ohio, October, 2009
• CD8+ T Cells Critically Influence Alloantibody Profiles after Liver Cell Transplantation. Pham T, Zimmerer JM, Sanders VM, Bumgardner GL. American Transplant Congress, San Diego, California, May 2010
• CD8+ T Cells Negatively Regulate IL-4 dependent, IgG1 dominant Post-transplant Alloantibody Production. Pham T, Zimmerer JM, Sanders VM, Bumgardner GL. Great Lakes Transplant Immunology Forum, Chicago, Illinois, September 2010
• IL-4 dependent, IgG1-dominant Antibody Production is Regulated by CD8+ T cells in a Transplant Model. Pham T, Zimmerer JM, King LE, Erve SS, Sanders VM, Bumgardner GL. American College of Surgery 96th Annual Clinical Congress, Washington, DC, October 2010

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Publications Accepted While at Ohio State

- CD8+ T cells negatively regulate IL-dependent, IgG1 dominant post-transplant alloantibody production. Pham TA, Zimmerer JM, Sanders VM, Bumgardner GL. *J Immunol* 2010; 185(12):7285-92

Research Grants Awarded While at OSU:
The National Kidney Foundation, Folkert Belzer ND Research Award, American Society of Transplant Surgeons. Two year stipend for transplant focused basic science/clinical research

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

Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Pham received the prestigious American Society of Transplant Surgeons and NKF Folkert Belzer Grant Award which funded two years of research. In addition to fulfilling the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Medical Science, he has gained significant expertise in transplant immunology research design, methodologies and grant writing. He has had the opportunity to present the results of his research at a number of local, regional and national meetings. The quality of his presentations has earned him several competitive awards. Dr. Pham’s accomplishments and experience will contribute greatly to his competitiveness for a first rate transplant surgery fellowship.
Angelina Postoev, MD

Program
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Undergraduate Degree
BS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1999

Medical Degree
MD, Ross University School of Medicine, Roseau, Commonwealth of Dominica, West Indies, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, 2010

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Atlanta, Georgia

Program Director’s Comments
Angelina joined us following her surgery training in Cleveland/Akron. She demonstrated excellent clinical abilities and we appreciate her hard work during the past year. She will be relocating with her husband (also a general surgeon) to Atlanta to begin a general surgical practice.
Ricardo O. Quarrie, MD, MS

Program
Master of Medical Science Program, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Kingston, Jamaica

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida, 2003

Medical Degree
MD, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2007

Other Training
MS, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 2009–2011

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery

Research Interests
Cardiac ischemia-reperfusion injury

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

- Mitochondrial H+ Leak is Decreased by IPC Resulting in Lower Reactive Oxygen Species Production. 4th Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute Research Day, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 2009.
- Ischemic Preconditioning Preserves Mitochondrial Membrane Potential and Decreases Reactive Oxygen Species Production. OSUMC Research Day, Columbus, Ohio, February 2010
- Ischemic Preconditioning Attenuates Mitochondrial H+ Leak and Decreases Reactive Oxygen Species Production. Academic Surgical Congress, San Antonio, Texas, February 2010
- Proton Leak and Reactive Oxygen Species Production in Ischemia-Reperfusion. Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Forum, Columbus, Ohio, February 2010
- Ischemic Preconditioning Preserves Mitochondrial Membrane Potential and Decreases Reactive Oxygen Species Production. OSUMC Research Day, Columbus, Ohio, April 2010
- Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury Dissipates Mitochondrial Membrane Potential through Increased Proton Leak. 55th Ohio Chapter ACS Annual Meeting, Columbus, Ohio, May 2010
- The Role of Proton Leak, Membrane Potential and Reactive Oxygen Species Production in Ischemic Preconditioning. 15th Annual Department of Surgery Research Day, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, May 2010
- The Paradoxical Effect of Mitochondrial Uncoupling on Membrane Potential and Reactive Oxygen Species Production. The American College of Surgeons 96th Annual Clinical Congress, Washington, DC, October 2010

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• Ischemia-Reperfusion Decreases Mitochondrial Sensitivity to Proton Leak. 5th Annual Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute Research Day, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, October 2010
• Increased Mitochondrial Sensitivity to Proton Leak is Responsible for Decreased Reactive Oxygen Species Production in Ischemic Preconditioning. 6th Annual Academic Surgical Congress, Huntington Beach, California, February 2011
• Proton Leak Does Not Decrease Mitochondrial Reactive Oxygen Species Production After Ischemia-Reperfusion. OSUMC Research Day, Columbus, Ohio, April 2011
• Mitochondrial Uncoupling and Reactive Oxygen Species Formation in Cardiac Ischemia-Reperfusion. 4th Annual Translation 2 Clinical Wound Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, April 2011
• Mitochondrial Uncoupling Does Not Decrease Reactive Oxygen Species Production After Ischemia-Reperfusion. Society of Black Academic Surgeons Annual Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts, April 2011

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State
• Ischemic Postconditioning Does Not Provide Cardioprotection from Long Term Ischemic Injury in Male and Female Rat Heart Myocardium. Lee DS, Steinbaugh GE, Quarrie R, Zweier JL, Crestanello JA. *J Surg Res* 2010; 164: 175-181

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

Program Director’s Comments
In addition to fulfilling the degree requirements for the Master of Science in Medical Science, Dr. Quarrie has developed expertise over the past two years in cardiac ischemia reperfusion research. His work has been accepted for oral presentation at numerous national meetings. Consequently, he has polished his science communication skills which was evident by the quality of the masters presentation he delivered at the Surgery Grand Rounds. His advanced degree studies and experience will serve him well as he progresses towards a career in cardiac surgery.
C. Jason Rousseau, DO

Program
Cardiothoracic Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Birmingham, Alabama

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Samford University, Birmingham, Alabama, 2000

Medical Degree
DO, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 2004

Other Training
General surgery residency, Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina, 2009

Specialty Interests
Cardiothoracic surgery, adult cardiac, surgical heart failure therapy, general thoracic, minimally invasive techniques

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Private practice, Foothills Cardiothoracic, Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Program Director’s Comments
Jason has developed into a tremendously competent and well-skilled surgeon. He holds himself to the highest of standards in patient care, clinical practice, and professionalism and is a tremendously respected surgeon. We wish Jason the best as he begins his practice in South Carolina where he will be a fine ambassador of the training he received here at OSU.
Sarah Beth Russell, MD

**Program**  
Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, August 11, 2010 – August 10, 2011

**Place of Birth**  
Muskogee, Oklahoma

**Undergraduate Degree**  
BA, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana, 2002

**Medical Degree**  
MD, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 2006

**Other Training**  
- Internship, Head and Neck Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, 2006–2010  
- Residency in anesthesiology, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio, 2007–2010

**Specialty Interests**  
Anesthesiology critical care

**Occupation Upon Completion of Program**  
Assistant Professor - Clinical, Critical Care Medicine, Department of Anesthesiology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

**Program Director’s Comments**  
Sarah came to us from Cleveland following her anesthesiology training. She quickly established her excellence as a clinician, and over the year has been an outstanding leader for the residents and students. We are very excited that she will be joining our anesthesiology and critical care faculty here at Ohio State.
David E. Skarda, MD

Program
Pediatric Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Provo, Utah

Undergraduate Degree
BS, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, 1997

Medical Degree
MD, Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University, Bronx, New York, 2001

Other Training
• General surgery residency, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2001–2008
• Surgical infectious diseases fellowship, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2004–2006
• Minimally invasive surgery/bariatric surgery fellowship, University of Minnesota Medical Center, Fairview, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2008–2009

Specialty Interests
Minimally invasive surgery in children and neonates, surgical infectious diseases

Research Interests
The combined intra-operative application of endoscopy, fluoroscopy and laparoscopy to enhance surgical efficacy and safety, complex statistical analysis of rare disorders, outcomes research in common pediatric surgical problems

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Assistant professor of surgery and adjunct professor of pediatrics, Primary Children’s Medical Center and the University of Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah

Program Director’s Comments
David is joining the faculty in pediatric surgery at Primary Children’s Medical Center and the University of Utah School of Medicine in Salt Lake City Utah as an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Tenure Track, Clinical Scholar Track, and adjunct Associate Professor of Pediatrics. David will have completed residencies/fellowships in General Surgery, Minimally Invasive Surgery, Surgical Infectious Disease, Adult Surgical Critical Care Research, Pediatric Surgical Research, and Pediatric Surgery upon completion of his training. David is a superb surgeon and educator, and we are certain that he will make substantial contributions to the field of pediatric surgery throughout his entire career.
Bradley R. Zagol, MD

Program
Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy & Gastrointestinal Surgery Fellowship, July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Place of Birth
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Undergraduate Degree
BS, United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1998

Medical Degree
MD, Temple University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2002

Other Training
• Surgical resident, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, 2003–2005
• Clinical research assistant and resident, University of Maryland, R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Baltimore, Maryland, 2005–2006
• Surgical resident, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC, 2006–2008
• Chief of General Surgery, Reynolds Army Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, 2008–2010
• Staff surgeon, University of Oklahoma Health Science Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 2009–2010

Specialty Interests
Surgical endoscopy, endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, biliary surgery, gastrointestinal surgery

Abstracts Accepted While at Ohio State

Publications Accepted While at Ohio State
• Advance in Transoral Fundoplication for Esophageal Reflux. Zagol B, Mikami D. Dig Dis 2011; Mar: 5

Occupation Upon Completion of Program
Staff surgeon, Womack Army Medical Center, Fort Bragg, North Carolina

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Program Director’s Comments
Dr. Zagol was an active member of our minimally invasive surgical team, completing more than 500 advanced endoscopic procedures including ERCP in addition to his surgical case load. He is a diligent clinician representing what a minimally invasive surgeon should aspire to become while caring for their patients. Dr. Zagol was an active participant in our educational conferences and training programs. He was an excellent member of our team and will do well in his future endeavors.