Dr. Steven M. Steinberg, professor and vice chairman for clinical affairs in the Department of Surgery, has been appointed chief of a new specialty division within the department.

The new unit, called the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burns, was formed in March to concentrate efforts in clinical care, research, and education related to patients with acute care problems.

In addition to Steinberg, three other Surgery faculty members received appointments in the new division:

- Dr. Charles H. Cook, assistant professor of surgery, who was also named medical director of the surgical critical care unit at The Ohio State University Medical Center.
- Dr. Larry C. Martin, associate professor of surgery and director of trauma services at University Medical Center.
- Dr. Sidney F. Miller, professor of surgery and director of the burn center at the Medical Center.

The new division will strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality care to patients suffering from surgical critical illness, trauma, and burns,” Steinberg says. “It will allow us to reorganize programs already in existence and focus on areas where we can develop companion research and educational programs.”

Creation of the division places the critical care, trauma and burn programs in alignment, locally, with the Medical Center’s signature program in critical care and, nationally, with an initiative of the American Board of Surgery (ABS).

The ABS has created an advisory council on critical care, burns, and trauma, indicating that these specialty areas have reached such a level of separation from general surgery that the ABS considers them a unified body of knowledge, Steinberg says.

He says the new division will help physicians respond to the increasing number of trauma patients being treated at the Medical Center. “Under Dr. Martin’s leadership, helicopter transports from the accident scene to the Medical Center have increased 80 percent in the last five years, and the number of trauma admissions has doubled,” Steinberg says. “We expect patient volume to continue to increase.” Currently, more than 340 helicopter transports are made to the Medical Center each year for trauma patients.

Steinberg received his medical degree and completed his residency at The Ohio State University. Following his training, he was an instructor in surgery at Ohio State. He then went on to hold faculty and leadership positions at the State University of New York, Tulane University, and Case Western Reserve University. In 1999, he was appointed professor of surgery at Ohio State, and the following year, he was named vice chairman for clinical affairs in the Department of Surgery.

In a related change, the Division of General Surgery has been renamed General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, to indicate the emphasis on gastrointestinal surgery in the division. Dr. W. Scott Melvin, professor of surgery, continues as chief of the division.

Creation of the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burns brings the total number of specialty divisions within the Department of Surgery to nine. The department’s other divisions are Cardiothoracic Surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, General Vascular Surgery, Pediatric Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Surgical Oncology, Transplantation, and Urology. A tenth unit, the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, serves as a multidisciplinary organization within the department.
Three surgeons and a research scientist recently joined the faculty of The Ohio State University Department of Surgery.

**Dr. Mark Bloomston**, previously chief resident in the Division of Surgical Oncology, joined the division July 1 as assistant professor of surgery.

A native of Tampa, Fla., Bloomston received his medical degree and completed his residency in general surgery at the University of South Florida, in Tampa.

While a fellow at Ohio State, he published eight papers and received several awards for his research.

Bloomston’s particular clinical interest is hepatobiliary malignancies. The molecular biology of pancreatic cancer is his principal research interest.

**Sampath Parthasarathy, Ph.D., M.B.A.**, previously professor of pathology and the Frank Lowe professor of graduate studies at Louisiana State University, in New Orleans, began an appointment March 1 as professor of surgery, director of research, and holder of the Karl P. Klassen chair in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Parthasarathy received his Ph.D. degree and did postgraduate training at the Indian Institute of Science, in Bangalore, India. He completed further postgraduate training at Kyoto University, in Kyoto, Japan, at Duke University, in Durham, N.C., and at the Hormel Institute, an independent research branch of the University of Minnesota, in Austin, Minn.

Parthasarathy has held faculty positions at the Hormel Institute, at the University of California, in San Diego, and at Emory University, in Atlanta.

He has received a number of honors and awards for research in vascular biology and medicine.

Parthasarathy is associate editor of the Journal of Lipid Research and serves on the editorial boards of numerous scholarly journals.

He is executive secretary of the South Asian Society for Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Transfusion Medicine, a fellow of the Society for Vascular Medicine and Biology, and a member of many other professional societies.

**Dr. Kevin M. Reavis**, previously a resident in surgery at Oregon Health and Science University, in Portland, Ore., began a one-year appointment July 1 as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Reavis was born in Norfolk, Va., and received his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia, in Charlottesville. He received his medical degree at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tenn., and has completed several postgraduate training courses in laparoscopic surgery.

Reavis is a candidate member of the American College of Surgeons and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons. A member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, he has received several awards for his clinical work and research.

**Dr. David Renton**, previously a resident in general surgery at the University of Alabama, in Birmingham, began a one-year appointment July 1 as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Renton received his undergraduate degree and a master of science degree in public health at Tulane University and his medical degree at Louisiana State University.

He is a candidate member of the American College of Surgeons and the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Graduates, teachers honored; new house staff begin training

Go, Fisher recognized as top performers

Outstanding teachers and the graduates of the Department of Surgery’s training programs for the 2005–06 academic year were honored June 16 at the department’s annual awards banquet.

Department faculty named general surgery chief resident Dr. Michael R. Go Resident of the Year and general surgery intern Dr. Bryan T. Fisher Intern of the Year.

Teaching Awards

Five teaching awards were given.

Dr. Bryan W. Tillman, chief resident in general surgery, was recognized by the medical students for outstanding teaching by a resident.

Dr. Osama H. Al-Saif, fellow in surgical oncology, was honored by the residents in general surgery for outstanding teaching by a fellow.

Dr. Larry C. Martin, associate professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burns, was recognized by department residents and fellows for outstanding teaching by a faculty member.

Dr. Peter Muscarella II, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was honored by the medical students for outstanding teaching by a faculty member.

Dr. Gregory E. Guy, assistant professor of clinical radiology, was recognized by the chief residents in general surgery for outstanding teaching by a faculty member outside the Department of Surgery.

Research Awards

Four awards were given for outstanding research presentations delivered at the 11th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference, which was held May 26.

Dr. Lloyd G. Brown, second-year resident in general surgery, received an award for his presentation, “Interferon-alpha and CPG Oligodeoxynucleotides Elicit Additive Immunostimulatory and Antitumor Effects.”

Navdeep Ojha, graduate student in the Laboratory of Molecular Medicine, received an award for his presentation, “EPR-based Analytical Approach to Assess Wound-Site Redox State.”

Cameron Rink, graduate student in the Laboratory of Molecular Medicine, received an award for his presentation, “Natural Vitamin E Alpha-tocotrienol Protects against Glutamate-induced Neurodegeneration and Stroke.”

Dr. JoAnn E. Warrick, third-year resident in general surgery, received an award for her presentation, “The Effects of Obesity on Renal Transplant Patients.”

Medical Student Awards

Department of Surgery faculty recognized four senior medical students for exceptional performance and dedication to surgery.

Myla N. Bennett received the Carey Award in Surgery.

Colin M. Brady received the Zollinger Award in Surgery.

Nicholas H. Pirnia received the Jonasson Award in Surgery.

Lawrence L. Robinson received the Ferguson Award in Surgery.

Graduates

Seventeen Department of Surgery residents and fellows completed their training programs in June.

Dr. Shahab F. Abdessalam completed the residency in pediatric surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery at the University of Nebraska, in Omaha, Neb.

Dr. Scott B. Armen completed the fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Mark Bloomston completed the fellowship in surgical oncology and began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology at Ohio State.

Dr. Geoffrey N. Box completed the residency in urology and began a fellowship in endourology at UCI (University of California, Irvine) Medical Center, in Orange, Calif.

Dr. Andrew Jimerson, II completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in vascular surgery at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Andrew Jimerson, II completed the residency in plastic surgery and began private practice in Atlanta.

Dr. Lucian Lozonschi completed the Residency Program in Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh (See Graduates on page 4)
fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Sarah E. McMillan completed the residency in plastic surgery and began private practice in Seattle.

Dr. Sarah E. Nargi completed the residency in plastic surgery and began private practice in Whitefish, Mont.

Dr. Vimal Narula completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and began a fellowship in surgical endoscopy in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. Jason W. Smith completed the fellowship in surgical critical care and is continuing the residency program in general surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. Bryan W. Tillman completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in tissue engineering and general surgery at Wake Forest University, in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Dr. Anatolie A. Usatii completed the fellowship in transplantation and began an appointment as medical director of transplantation at Sioux Valley Hospital, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Dr. Alexandru M. Vaida completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Gregory W. Walker completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in general vascular surgery at Ohio State.

Dr. William C. Watson completed the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and began private practice with Libertyville Surgeons, in Libertyville, Ill.

Dr. Kenneth J. Wright completed the fellowship in general vascular surgery and began private practice in Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Myla N. Bennett, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began an internship in plastic surgery.

Dr. John P. Bollins, previously a resident in general surgery at Doctors Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio, began a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. David C. Evans, previously a medical student at Duke University, in Durham, N.C., began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Benjamin R. Gibson, previously a medical student at the University of Cincinnati, began a residency in urology.

Dr. Jeffrey M. Halter, previously a resident in general surgery at SUNY Upstate Medical Center, in Syracuse, N.Y., began a fellowship in pediatric surgery.

Dr. Chad E. Hamner, previously a resident in general surgery at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn., began a fellowship in pediatric surgical critical care.

Dr. Joshua D. Harris, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Ioannis Hatzaras, previously a resident in general surgery at St. Mary’s Hospital, in Waterbury, Conn., began a preliminary second-year residency in general surgery.

Dr. Lisa M. Haubert, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Kimberly M. Hendershot, previously a fellow in trauma research at Inova Fairfax Hospital, in Falls Church, Va., began a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Achal P. Modi, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began a residency in urology.

Dr. Peter N. Nau, previously a medical student at the University of Iowa, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Ryan L. Neff, previously a resident in general surgery at Christiana Care Health System, in Newark, Del., began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

Dr. Iyore A. Otabor, previously a medical student at Tufts University, in Boston, began a residency in general surgery.

Dr. Chandrahars B. Patel, previously a resident in general surgery at St. Luke’s-Roosevelt Hospital Center, in New York City, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Sunita Saha, previously a medical student at Georgetown University, began an internship in plastic surgery.

Dr. Gurneet S. Sandhu, previously a medical student at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Jordana L. Soule, previously a resident in general surgery at Oregon Health and Science University, in Portland, Ore., began a fellowship in transplantation.

Dr. Maakan Taghizadeh, previously a medical student at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Rahul K. Thaly, previously a resident in urology at the University of Illinois, in Chicago, began a fellowship in urology robotics.

Dr. Alicia C. Thomas, previously a medical student at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, N.C., began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Paul A. Vesco, previously a military surgeon at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Gregory W. Walker, previously a resident in general surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center, began a fellowship in general vascular surgery.