ADMINISTRATION

Medical Center leaders named

Team to provide continuity during critical period

Two top administrative positions at The Ohio State University Medical Center were recently filled as plans for the Medical Center’s largest physical expansion project continued to progress.

In July, Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, dean of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a national leader in academic medicine, began an appointment as senior vice president for health sciences at Ohio State.

Dr. Wiley W. “Chip” Souba, Jr., professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology, dean of the College of Medicine, and executive dean for health sciences, began an appointment as vice president of Health Sciences, in recognition of his current and increased responsibilities with the master academic and space plan.

Gabbe chaired the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Ohio State from 1987 to 1996. He held a similar position at the University of Washington Medical Center, in Seattle, for three years, before becoming dean at Vanderbilt in 2001.

At Vanderbilt, Gabbe increased National Institutes of Health grant funding by 77 percent and faculty size by 66 percent.

In making the appointment, Ohio State President E. Gordon Gee says he has always been impressed with Gabbe’s vision and leadership style.

“Steve and I became acquainted when we were both at Ohio State, and I always felt the University was very fortunate to have him,” Gee says. “Our paths joined again at Vanderbilt, and for seven years, I watched him take a very good and respected school of medicine to a level of prestige and success that impressed people around the country.”

Gabbe, who also holds leadership roles with the Association of American Medical Colleges and the National Institutes of Health, has committed to the senior vice presidency for four years, at which time he will become counselor to the president for health affairs.
“Steve has agreed to return to Ohio State to help us during a very critical period,” Gee says. “He will work alongside Chip Souba, who continued to advance the Medical Center’s missions during the past several months as interim CEO. The two of them will make a great team, and by working together with the other university leaders, will assure continued success of the Medical Center.”

Gee says Souba has proven to be a real asset to the Medical Center since he stepped in after the departure of Dr. Fred Sanfilippo last year.

“It is critical that an enterprise like our Medical Center have in place a succession plan as part of its leadership vision,” Gee says. “In four years, Chip will move into the position that Steve will be vacating, and there will be no break in stride. There is just too much at stake to leave anything to chance.”

Souba, who joined Ohio State’s College of Medicine as dean in 2006, was named interim senior vice president and interim CEO of the Medical Center in 2007.

The massive Medical Center expansion project will position Ohio State to become a top-20 academic medical center through advancements in research, education, and patient care. With an estimated cost of more than $1 billion, the project is the largest in the university’s history. The expansion is expected to be completed by 2016.

APPOINTMENTS

Eight physicians join faculty

Eight physicians recently joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center. As a group, they bring to Ohio State expertise in a broad range of general surgical specialties.

Dr. Joel Anderson, previously a resident in general surgery at Michigan State University, in Grand Rapids, Mich., on July 1 began a one-year appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Anderson received his undergraduate degree at Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, Mich., and his medical degree at Michigan State University, in East Lansing, Mich.

He is a resident member of the American College of Surgeons and a candidate member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

Dr. Kenneth A. Andreoni, previously associate professor of surgery and director of kidney and pancreas transplantation at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, in Chapel Hill, N.C., on May 1 began an appointment as associate professor of surgery in the Division of Transplantation.

Andreoni received his undergraduate degree at Georgetown University, in Washington, D.C., and his medical degree at Yale University, in New Haven, Conn. He completed a residency in general surgery and a research fellowship in transplant immunology at Johns Hopkins University Hospital, in Baltimore, Md. From 1996 to 1998, he was a fellow in clinical transplantation at Ohio State.

Following his fellowship at Ohio State, Andreoni was assistant professor of surgery and director of kidney and pancreas transplantation at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Center, in Tucson, Ariz.
In 2002, he joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina. In 2006 and 2007, he was listed in Business North Carolina among “Best Doctors.”

An active clinician, researcher, and educator, Andreoni has published 78 papers and abstracts and has presented papers at many international, national, and regional meetings. He is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, the American Society of Transplantation, and the International Transplantation Society. He serves as a reviewer for the American Journal of Transplantation, Transplantation, Liver Transplantation, and other scholarly journals.

Dr. Allen F. Browne, previously associate clinical professor of surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago, on June 1 began an appointment as associate professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery.

Browne received his undergraduate degree at Brown University, in Providence, R.I., and his medical degree at George Washington University, in Washington, D.C. He completed his residency in general surgery at Maine Medical Center, in Portland, Me. Browne completed a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a fellowship in pediatric surgery at Columbus Children’s Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio.

Following his training, Browne was appointed to the surgery and pediatrics faculty at the University of Vermont, in Burlington, Vt. In 2004, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Browne is a member of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group and the Surgical Section of the American Academy of Pediatrics. He serves on the Childhood Obesity Committee of the American Pediatric Surgical Association.

Dr. Sebastian Demyttenaere, previously a resident in general surgery at McGill University Health Centre, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, on July 1 began a one-year appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery at Ohio State.

Demyttenaere received his medical degree and a master of science degree in experimental surgery at McGill University.

He is a resident member of the American College of Surgeons and a candidate member of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons.

Dr. Michael R. Go, previously a fellow in vascular surgery at the University of Pittsburgh and a former resident in general surgery in the Department of Surgery at Ohio State, on July 21 began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery.

Go received his undergraduate degree at Duke University, in Durham, N.C., and his medical degree at the University of Cincinnati. From 2000 to 2006, he was a resident in general surgery at Ohio State. In 2005, while at Ohio State, he received a master of medical science degree. Following his residency at Ohio State, he began his fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Carl R. Schmidt, previously a fellow in surgical oncology at Memorial
Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, in New York, N.Y., on July 1 began an appointment as assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Schmidt received his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He completed a residency in general surgery and a research fellowship in surgical oncology at Vanderbilt University, in Nashville, Tenn. He also received a master of science degree in clinical investigation at Vanderbilt.

Schmidt has authored or co-authored 10 publications. He is a candidate member of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the Society of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Stanislaw P. Stawicki, previously a fellow in trauma and surgical critical care at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, Pa., on July 1 began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn.

Stawicki received his undergraduate degree and medical degrees at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Ky. He completed his residency at St. Luke’s Hospital and Health Network, in Bethlehem, Pa.

Dr. Brian J. Winkleman, previously a resident in general surgery in the Department of Surgery at Ohio State, on July 1 began a one-year appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery.

Winkleman received his undergraduate degree at Indiana University, in Bloomington, Ind., and his medical degree at Indiana University School of Medicine, in Indianapolis. From 2003 to 2008, he was a resident in general surgery at Ohio State.

Winkleman’s principal specialty interest is minimally invasive surgery. His principal research interests are minimally invasive surgery, duodenal ulcer disease, and colorectal cancer screening.

SURGICAL EDUCATION

Graduates, teachers honored; new house staff begin training

Outstanding teachers and the 2007–2008 graduates of the Department of Surgery’s training programs were honored June 14 at the department’s annual awards banquet.

General surgery chief residents Dr. Jason W. Smith and Dr. Brian J. Winkleman were chosen by the Surgery faculty to share the Resident of the Year Award.

General surgery chief resident Dr. JoAnn E. Warrick-Gable received the Chairman’s Award.

Dr. Ioannis S. Hatzaras was named Pediatric Surgery Resident of the Year.

Dr. Michelle Kincaid was named Intern of the Year by the Surgery faculty.

Ruth E. Grant was named Surgical Nurse of the Year by the chief residents in general surgery.
Teaching Awards
Dr. Jordana L. Gaumond, fellow in transplantation, was selected by the general surgery residents to receive a Fellow Teaching Award.

Dr. Alan E. Harzman, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was chosen by Department residents and fellows to receive a Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. Ziad N. Kutayli, chief resident in general surgery, was selected by the medical students to receive a Resident Teaching Award.

Dr. Laura S. Phieffer, assistant professor of orthopedics, was chosen by the chief residents in general surgery to receive the John L. Robinson Award, for outstanding teaching by faculty or staff from another department.

Dr. Jean E. Starr, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was selected by the medical students to receive a Faculty Teaching Award.

Research Awards
Five awards were given for outstanding research presentations made at the Department of Surgery’s 13th Annual Research Conference, held May 23.

Dr. Irina S. Pleister, resident in general surgery, received the first place award for her presentation, “Spinal Cord Ischemic Injury after Transient Thoracoabdominal Aortic Occlusion: Mouse Model.”

Dr. Meghan R. Forster, resident in general surgery, received the second place award for her presentation, “Induction of IFN-a by MCMV as a Possible Mechanism of Cardiac Allograft Tolerance Disruption.”

Dr. Mary E. Dillhoff, resident in general surgery, received the third place award for her presentation, “MiRNA Expression Profile of Esophageal Adenocarcinoma and Barrett’s Esophagus.”

Han-A Park, graduate research associate in surgery, presented a poster titled, “GSSG: A Novel Cell Death Signal,” and received the award for best poster.

Cameron L. Rink, graduate fellow in surgery, presented “Novel Pre-Clinical Model of Acute Ischemic Stroke in Canines: A Minimally Invasive Neuroradiological Approach of MCA Occlusion and Reperfusion,” and received the award for best presentation as voted by interns.

Medical Student Awards
Department of Surgery faculty honored four senior medical students for exceptional performance and dedication to surgery.

John R. Craw received the Carey Award in Surgery.

Lindsey C. Menchen received the Ferguson Award in Surgery.

Aerik A. Williams received the Jonasson Award in Surgery.

Robert B. Yates received the Zollinger Award in Surgery.

Graduates
Nineteen Surgery residents and fellows completed their training programs in June.

Dr. Simon Bergman completed a fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

Dr. H. Tracy Davido completed a fellowship in surgical critical care and is continuing in the general surgery residency at Ohio State.

Dr. Meghan R. Forster completed the master of medical science program and is continuing in the general surgery residency at Ohio State.
Dr. Jordana L. Gaumond completed the fellowship in transplantation and began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery at the Oregon Health and Science University, in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Jeffrey M. Halter completed the residency in pediatric surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor of surgery at Maine Medical Center, in Portland, Maine.

Dr. Lynn Happel completed the fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery.

Dr. Natalie Beckman Jones completed the master of medical science program and is continuing in the general surgery residency at Ohio State.

Dr. Liza S. Kim completed the residency in plastic surgery and began a fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, in Boston, Mass.

Dr. Ergun Kocak completed the residency in plastic surgery and began a fellowship in reconstructive microsurgery at the University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer, in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Ziad N. Kutayli completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Ryan L. Neff completed the fellowship in surgical oncology and began an appointment as clinical assistant professor of surgery at Washington University, in St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. Chandrahas B. Patel completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery and began a fellowship in advanced cardiothoracic and endovascular surgery at the Cleveland Clinic.

Dr. Jason C. Roland completed a fellowship in advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery and is now in private practice in Baltimore, Md.

Dr. Patricia H. Sandholm completed the residency in plastic surgery and joined a multi-specialty practice in Portland, Ore.

Dr. Jason W. Smith completed the residency in general surgery and began an appointment as assistant professor of general surgery, trauma, and critical care at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Ky.

Dr. Paul A. Vesco completed the fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Gregory W. Walker completed the fellowship in general vascular surgery and began private practice in Toledo, Ohio.

Dr. JoAnn E. Warrick completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in colon and rectal surgery at Louisiana State University, in New Orleans, La.

Dr. Brian J. Winkleman completed the residency in general surgery and began a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Ohio State.

New Trainees
Twenty-five residents and fellows began their training programs in the Department of Surgery in July.

Dr. Sherif Abdel-Mishih, previously a resident in general surgery at the Cleveland Clinic, began a fellowship in surgical oncology.

Dr. Jennifer Aldrink, previously assistant chief resident in pediatric surgery at Ohio State, began an appointment as chief resident in pediatric surgery.

Dr. David Anderson, II, previously a medical student at the University of Louisville, in Louisville, Ky., began an internship in urology.

Dr. Catherine Beck, previously a medical student at Ohio State, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Andrew Crockett, a resident in general surgery at Ohio State, began a fellowship in surgical critical care.
Dr. Murtaza Dawood, previously a resident in general surgery at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, in Rootstown, Ohio, began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Brian Goodman, previously a resident in general surgery at Allegheny General Hospital, in Pittsburgh, Pa., began a fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery.

Dr. Yusuf Gunay, previously a resident at Ankara Numune Education and Research Hospital, in Ankara, Turkey, began a fellowship in transplantation.

Dr. Russell Hendrick, Jr., previously a medical student at Louisiana State University, in New Orleans, began a residency in plastic surgery.

Dr. Jon Henry, previously a medical student at Ohio State, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Amy Jarvis, previously a resident in general surgery at Union Memorial Hospital, in Baltimore, Md., began a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Michael Johansen, previously a medical student at Ohio State, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Alistair Kent, previously a medical student at Washington University, in St. Louis, Mo., began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Michael Lin, previously a medical student at the University of Iowa, in Iowa City, Iowa, began a preliminary residency in general surgery.

Dr. Humberto Martinez-Suarez, previously a medical student at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, Mich., began an internship in urology.

Dr. Theodore Nagel, previously a medical student at Northwestern University, in Chicago, Ill., began a residency in plastic surgery.

Dr. Ryan Novak, previously a medical student at the University of Minnesota, in Minneapolis, Minn., began an internship in urology.

Dr. Laura Peterson, previously a medical student at the University of Wisconsin, in Madison, Wisc., began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Dorothy Rocourt, previously a fellow in pediatric surgical critical care at Ohio State, began an appointment as assistant chief resident in pediatric surgery.

Dr. Geoffrey Roelant, previously a medical student at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore, Md., began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Srinivas Samavedi, previously a resident in urology at Nizams Institute of Medical Science, in Hyderabad, India, began a fellowship in transplantation.

Dr. Bhende Siddharth began a fellowship in general vascular surgery.

Dr. Tyler Spata, previously a medical student at the University of Texas, in Houston, Texas, began a categorical residency in general surgery.

Dr. Cecilia Wang, previously a resident in general surgery at Union Memorial Hospital, in Baltimore, Md., began a fellowship in surgical critical care.

Dr. Jon Wisler, previously a medical student at the University of Cincinnati, in Cincinnati, Ohio, began a categorical residency in general surgery.
Residents honored for care, teaching

Three residents in general surgery recently were recognized for their commitment to teaching and compassionate treatment of patients, patients’ families, students, and colleagues.

Third-year residents Dr. K. Roxanne Grawe (second from left) and Dr. Stacey H. Francis (right), were selected by the third- and fourth-year medical students to receive the Arnold P. Gold Foundation Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award. Chief resident Dr. Ziad N. Kutayli (second from right) was selected to be inducted into the Arnold P. Gold Humanism Honor Society. Posing with the residents is Dr. Linda C. Stone (left), associate professor of clinical family medicine and associate dean for student affairs in medicine administration, who announced the recognitions in April.

Arnold receives educator award

Dr. Mark W. Arnold (right), professor of clinical surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery and vice chairman for surgical education in the Department of Surgery, received the Distinguished Educator Award of the College of Medicine at the Department of Surgery’s May faculty meeting. The award was presented by Dr. Daniel M. Clinchot (left), associate dean for medical education.

CLINICAL CARE

Plastic Surgery opens new office

The Division of Plastic Surgery in June opened a new office near Easton Town Center.

Located at 2 Easton Oval, the new office is the home of the division’s Aesthetic Program, which offers the full range of aesthetic procedures, including injectables, lasers, and radiofrequency modalities. A full line of skin care services is also available.

The Easton office is also the site of the Plastic Surgery Resident Cosmetic Surgery Clinic, which is
scheduled on Friday afternoons. The clinic provides senior residents with proctored progressive experience in decision-making and surgery. Each senior resident serves two months as the surgeon in charge of this service.

The Division of Plastic Surgery maintains another office at 4830 Knightsbridge Blvd.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Department hosts Wisconsin meeting

The Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center recently hosted a meeting of the Wisconsin Surgical Society, a chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Held May 6 at the Medical Heritage Center of the Prior Health Sciences Library, the meeting offered a full day of scientific presentations on a broad range of topics by faculty and research staff of Ohio State’s Medical Center. Meeting attendees also heard the Karl P. Klassen Lecture, “Nitric Oxide and Mitochondria in Physiology and Pathophysiology,” by Dr. Salvador Moncada, director of the Wolfson Institute for Biomedical Research at University College London, in London, England.

In the photo above, Dr. E. Christopher Ellison (front row, center), the Robert M. Zollinger professor and chairman of surgery, associate vice president for health sciences and vice dean of clinical affairs, poses on the steps of Starling Loving Hall with meeting attendees.

IN BRIEF

Grants


Hazey JW. Randomized human clinical trial of diagnostic laparoscopy compared to diagnostic transgastric endoscopic peritoneoscopy for staging of pancreatic and esophageal cancer. Covidien, Natural Orifice Surgery Consortium for Assessment and Research, March 1, 2008 – Feb. 28, 2009, $40,000.

Moffatt-Bruce SD. A novel approach to generate regulatory T cells using CD103 depletion. Davis/Bremer Medical Research Endowment Grant, April 1, 2008 – April 1, 2010, $50,000.

Sai-Sudhakar CB. Potential autoantibodies to endothelial cells and their role in angiogenesis and neovascularization following acute coronary events. Davis/Bremer Medical Research Endowment Grant, April 1, 2008 – April 1, 2010, $50,000.
Publications


Chapters


Presentations


Caniano DA. The power of health and wellness. YWCA Luncheon Series, Columbus, Ohio, May 8, 2008.


Das BM. Carotid disease. Madison County Hospital, Medical Staff Meeting, London, Ohio, March 6, 2008.

Groner JI. Botched lethal injections. 15th Annual Trauma Symposium, Memorial Regional Hospital Trauma Center and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Hollywood, Fla., Feb. 8, 2008.

Groner JI. Challenging decisions in pediatric surgery: the child with an open abdomen. 15th Annual Trauma Symposium, Memorial Regional Hospital Trauma Center and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Hollywood, Fla., Feb. 7, 2008.


Groner JI. Injury prevention in pediatric trauma. 15th Annual Trauma Symposium, Memorial Regional Hospital Trauma Center and University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Hollywood, Fla., Feb. 9, 2008.


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Starr JE. The Rheos Baroreflex Hypertension System. Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, March 12, 2008.


Recognitions

Dr. Simon Bergman, clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, served as co-chair of the Residents and Fellows Scientific Session at the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, in April, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Dr. Mark Bloomston, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology, was unanimously selected to receive a James IV Association of Surgeons Traveling Fellowship for 2009, at the association’s annual meeting of members, in May, in Bournemouth, England.

Dr. Donna A. Caniano, the H. William Clatworthy, Jr., professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, in May received the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award at Albany Medical College, in Albany, N.Y.

Dr. Charles H. Cook, associate professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn, and medical director of surgical critical care at The Ohio State University Medical Center, has been elected
to membership in the Society of University Surgeons.

**Dr. Meghan R. Forster**, general surgery resident in the master of medical science program, and **Dr. Mary E. Dillhoff**, third-year resident in general surgery, received awards for research presentations at the Columbus Surgical Society’s 19th Annual Presidential Symposium, held in February, in Columbus, Ohio. Forster won the first place award for her presentation, “Optimal Ganciclovir Prophylaxis to Prevent Cytomegalovirus Reactivation in Immunocompetent Hosts.” Dillhoff won the third place award for her presentation, “MicroRNA-21 Is Overexpressed in Pancreatic Cancer and a Potential Predictor of Survival.”

**Dr. Lisa M. Haubert** and **Dr. Iyore A. Otabor**, both second-year residents in general surgery, recently were awarded fellowships by The Ohio State University Graduate School, in a university-wide competition based on academic achievement and potential. Haubert is pursuing a master of anatomy degree under the mentorship of Dr. Susan D. Moffatt-Bruce, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Dr. Kenneth H. Jones, assistant professor of anatomy and chair of graduate studies in anatomy. Otabor is pursuing a master of medical science degree under the mentorship of Dr. Gail E. Besner, professor of surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery. The residents will receive tuition assistance and stipends to support their studies.

**Dr. Mitchell L. Henry**, professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Transplantation, was voted president-elect of the Vascular Access Society of the Americas (VASA) at the Vascular Access for Hemodialysis XI Symposium, held in May, in Orlando, Fla. The symposium featured an inaugural lectureship established to honor Dr. Henry’s leadership role in VASA symposiums for the past 20 years and his dedication to improving the care and outcomes of patients suffering from end-stage renal disease.

Also, Henry has been elected secretary of the board of directors of the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network/United Network for Organ Sharing.

**Dr. Gerard S. Kakos**, previously clinical associate professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, in April began an appointment as associate professor emeritus of surgery.

**Dr. W. Scott Melvin**, professor of surgery, chief of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, and director of the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, served in several leadership positions at the Annual Meeting of the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), held in April, in Philadelphia, Pa. Melvin, who serves on the executive committee of SAGES as secretary, was co-chair of a panel discussion titled “The Changing Face of Robots and Minimally Invasive Surgery Panel.” He also served as moderator of a scientific session titled “Instruments and Robots.”

In May, Melvin received the 2008 Faculty Award of the Landacre Honor Society, the student research society at The Ohio State University College of Medicine.


**Dr. Susan D. Moffatt-Bruce**, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, recently served as an advisor to two medical students who each received a Samuel J. Roessler Memorial Medical Scholarship in support of their research projects. The students, Erin Schumer and Marty Tam, worked in Moffatt-Bruce’s laboratory last summer. Schumer’s project was “The Role of CD103 Depletion in Generating Regulatory T Cells,” and Tam’s project was “Immunobiology of Photodynamic Therapy in Lung Cancer.”
Dr. Peter Muscarella, II, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, in July began serving as clerkship director for the medical students rotating through surgery.

Dr. Benedict C. Nwomeh, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery, directed a research course held earlier this year for West African surgeons. Nwomeh served as course director and chairman of the development committee for the inaugural Fundamentals of Surgical Research and Development Course, held Feb. 10, in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Co-sponsored by the Association for Academic Surgery and the West African College of Surgeons, the course was attended by more than 120 physicians. Nwomeh and colleagues are making plans for a 2009 course in Abuja, Nigeria.

Dr. Theodore N. Pappas, professor and vice chair of surgery at Duke University and a 1981 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, has been selected to receive the college’s 2008 Alumni Achievement Award.

Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was recently appointed to two committees of the Society for Vascular Surgery: the Ad Hoc Committee on Private Practice and the Member Committee on Diversity.

Chandan K. Sen, Ph.D., professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery and executive director of the Comprehensive Wound Center (CWC), directed a course titled “Wound Care and Hyperbaric Update 2008,” held April 18–19, at the Hilton Hotel at Easton Town Center, in Columbus, Ohio. The course, the first continuing medical education event for the CWC, succeeded in drawing more than 130 attendees from throughout Ohio.

Also, under the editorship of Sen, the monthly journal Antioxidants & Redox Signaling recently achieved an impact factor of 5.484, the highest in its field.

Dr. Steven Teich, clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery, and Dr. Donna A. Caniano, the H. William Clatworthy, Jr., professor of surgery and chief of the division, edited and contributed chapters to a new, comprehensive surgical textbook on critical cases in the pediatric surgical specialties. Titled Reoperative Pediatric Surgery, the book was published in March by Humana Press. Other division faculty who contributed to the text were: Dr. J. Terrance Davis, professor emeritus of clinical surgery; Dr. Renata B. Fabia, clinical assistant professor of surgery; Dr. Jonathan I. Groner, professor of clinical surgery; Dr. Brian D. Kenney, assistant professor of clinical surgery; Dr. Marc P. Michalsky, assistant professor of clinical surgery; Dr. Benedict C. Nwomeh, assistant professor of clinical surgery; and Alistair B. M. Phillips, assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Bradley J. Needleman, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, also co-authored a chapter.

Dr. Yalaunda M. Thomas, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn, was selected to participate as one of 10 leadership fellows at the Third Annual Leadership Institute of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, held in April, at the society’s 18th Annual Meeting, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Dr. Blair D. Vermilion, associate professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, received the Excellence in Teaching Award at the College of Medicine Student Convocation, in June. ♦
MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

2007–2008 Academic Year in Review

Dr. Mary E. Dillhoff spent the 2007–2008 academic year conducting research in the laboratory of Dr. Mark Bloomston, assistant professor of surgery. In March 2008, Dillhoff gave two poster presentations at the meeting of the Society of Surgical Oncology. In May 2008, she gave two poster presentations at the meeting of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract. Currently, her review article, “MiRNA in Solid Tumors,” is in press with the Journal of Surgical Research.

Dr. Meghan R. Forster worked in the laboratory of Dr. Charles H. Cook, assistant professor of surgery, during the 2006–2007 and 2007–2008 academic years. In May 2007, she presented two peer-reviewed abstracts in Paris, France, at the International CMV and Betaherpes Virus Workshop. In July 2007, Forster received a Surgical Infection Society/Wyeth Evaluative Research Fellowship Grant in support of a second year of work in the lab. In February 2008, she gave a presentation at the meeting of the Central Surgical Association, where she received first prize. In May 2008, she gave a poster presentation and was selected to serve as moderator at the 28th Annual Meeting of the Surgical Infection Society.

Dr. Kristan D. Guenterberg spent the 2007–2008 academic year working in the laboratory of Dr. William E. Carson, III, associate professor of surgery. Guenterberg received a T32 grant in support of his research for July 2007 through June 2009. In September 2007, he gave a poster presentation at the Breast Cancer Symposium of the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR). In February 2008, Guenterberg gave a presentation at the meeting of the Society of University Surgeons. In April 2008, he gave a poster presentation at the meeting of the AACR.

Dr. Irina S. Pleister spent the 2007–2008 academic year conducting research in the laboratory of Dr. Hamdy Elsayed-Awad, assistant professor of anesthesiology. Pleister received the Department of Surgery’s James D. King Award in support of her research. She presented an abstract at the September 2007 meeting of the Midwest Vascular Surgery Society. In February 2008, she gave a presentation at the meeting of the Central Surgical Association. Pleister had a paper accepted for publication in April by Vascular and Endovascular Surgery.