APPOINTMENTS

Specialists join Surgery faculty

Two surgeons recently joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Dr. Jennifer H. Aldrink, previously a resident in pediatric surgery at Ohio State, began an appointment September 1 as assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery and an attending pediatric surgeon at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Dr. Aldrink is an honors graduate of Wake Forest University, in Winston-Salem, N.C., and received her medical degree at East Carolina University School of Medicine, in Greenville, N.C., where she was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha in her junior year. She completed the residency in general surgery at Duke University Medical Center, in Durham, N.C., and the residency in pediatric surgery at Nationwide Children’s Hospital. She is the author of 11 peer-reviewed publications and six book chapters. Dr. Aldrink’s focus is pediatric surgical oncology, including thyroid disorders and melanoma.

Dr. Brian A. Janz, previously a fellow in hand surgery at Union Memorial Hospital, in Baltimore, Md., began an appointment September 1 as associate professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Janz received his medical degree at the Medical College of Ohio, in Toledo, Ohio. He completed the residency in general surgery at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, in Boston, Mass., and the residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, in Houston, Texas. His specialty interest is hand surgery.
MASTER OF MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM

Students, New Projects for 2009–2010

Dr. Amy L. Collins, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “MicroRNA-21 Induction and Function in Pancreatic Cancer.” Dr. Collins received a TL1 award from The Ohio State University Medical Center’s Center for Clinical and Translational Science to support her research for August 2009 through June 2010. Her research advisor is Dr. Mark Bloomston, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Michelle Y. Kincaid, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “Pulmonary Reactivation of Cytomegalovirus and Pneumococcal Pneumonia.” Her research advisor is Dr. Charles H. Cook, associate professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn.

Dr. Iyore A. Otabor, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “HB-EGF Protects the Lungs from Remote Organ Injury after Intestinal Ischemia/Reperfusion.” Dr. Otabor received a University Fellowship Award from The Ohio State University Graduate School for the 2008–2009 academic year. Her research advisor is Dr. Gail E. Besner, professor of surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery.

Dr. Thomas A. Pham, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “Investigating the Role of CD8+ T Cell and B Cell Interactions in the Regulation of Post-transplant Alloantibody Production.” Dr. Pham received the 2009 American Society of Transplant Surgeons/National Kidney Foundation Folkert Belzer, M.D., Research Award. His research advisor is Dr. Ginny L. Bumgardner, professor of surgery in the Division of Transplantation and associate dean for research education in the College of Medicine.
Dr. Maureen E. Pons, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “Evaluation of Intraoperative Handheld Probes in the Detection of Known and Occult Disease in Patients Undergoing Surgery for Solid Malignancies.” Her research advisor is Dr. Edward W. Martin, Jr., professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Ricardo O. Quarrie, a resident in general surgery pursuing a master of medical science degree, is working on a project titled “The Role of Oxygen Free Radicals in Ischemic Preconditioning.” Dr. Quarrie received a University Fellowship Award from The Ohio State University Graduate School for the 2009–2010 academic year. His research advisor is Dr. Juan A. Crestanello, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.
IN BRIEF

Publications


Abstracts


Books


Presentations


Sen CK. Junk genes precious for wound healing. Case Western Reserve University, Wound Healing and Wound Care Symposium, Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 8, 2009.

Recognitions

Dr. Allen F. Browne, associate professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery, served on a mission trip to Children’s Hospital #1, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, April 8–19, with the International Pediatric Specialists Alliance for Children. Also, Dr. Browne has been appointed chairman of the childhood obesity committee of the American Pediatric Surgical Association, for 2009–2010.

Dr. Donna A. Caniano, the H. William Clatworthy, Jr. professor of surgery, chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center, and surgeon-in-chief at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, on Sept. 21 received the 2009 Jimmy Crum Labor of Love Award, an annual honor given by International Monetary Systems, as part of the company’s charity golf classic. The award recognizes the recipient’s charitable efforts and philanthropic spirit to benefit those in need. The annual Labor of Love Golf Classic has donated nearly $1 million dollars to Ohio Special Olympics, Easter
Seals, and Recreation Unlimited. Previous recipients have included Dr. E. Gordon Gee, Archie Griffin, Barbara Nicklaus, Dave Thomas, and other Columbus leaders.

**Dr. Juan A. Crestanello**, of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of surgery.

**Dr. Mary E. Dillhoff**, resident in general surgery, completed the 2009 Columbus Marathon, which was held Oct. 18. According to online race results, Dr. Dillhoff ran the marathon in under three hours, finishing 10th among women and 109th overall.

**Dr. Gayle M. Gordillo**, of the Division of Plastic Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of surgery.

**Dr. Jeffrey W. Hazey**, of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of surgery.

The appointment of **Dr. Edmund S. Kassis**, assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, was noted Sept. 18, by Business First.

**Dr. Marc P. Michalsky**, of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of clinical surgery.

**Dr. Vimal K. Narula**, clinical assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was director of a course on laparoscopic hernia repair for advanced general surgery residents, held Aug. 15 and sponsored by the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery. The program, which included didactic and laboratory sessions, was attended by 21 residents from throughout the state and the region. Faculty for the course included **Dr. Jeffrey W. Hazey**, assistant professor of surgery; **Dr. Dean J. Mikami**, assistant professor of surgery; **Dr. Kyle A. Perry**, assistant professor of surgery; **Dr. David B. Renton**, assistant professor of clinical surgery; and **Dr. Eric T. Volckmann**, clinical assistant professor of surgery.

**Dr. Bradley J. Needleman**, of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of clinical surgery.

**Dr. Benedict C. Nwomeh**, of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of clinical surgery. Also, Dr. Nwomeh was course director for “Fundamentals of Research and Career Development,” July 13–14, and “Minimally Invasive Surgery Workshop,” July 15, for the Association for Academic Surgery, in Abuja, Nigeria.
**Dr. Amer Rajab**, of the Division of Transplantation, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of surgery.

**Sashwati Roy, Ph.D.**, of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to associate professor of surgery.

On Sept. 4–6, the Division of Plastic Surgery held the inaugural Ruberg Symposium, a plastic surgery conference honoring the career of **Dr. Robert L. Ruberg**, professor of surgery in the Division of Plastic Surgery. Dr. Ruberg joined the division in 1975 and served as its chief from July 1985 through Jan. 2007.

**Dr. Benjamin C. Sun**, associate professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, is co-investigator for a study titled “Electrical and mechanical behavior of live human myocardium in health and disease,” which has received a grant of $1 million for two years, from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

**Dr. Steven Teich**, of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, was promoted Oct. 1 to clinical associate professor of surgery. ❖

**In the News**

**Dr. Kenneth A. Andreoni**, associate professor of surgery and director of liver transplantation in the Division of Transplantation, was quoted Aug. 25, by the San Diego Union-Tribune, in a story about paired-donor kidney transplants.

**Dr. Mark W. Arnold**, professor of clinical surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery and vice chairman for surgical education in the Department of Surgery, was mentioned in the July issue of Columbus C.E.O., as a recipient of the Distinguished Educator Award from The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

**Dr. Ginny L. Bumgardner**, professor of surgery in the Division of Transplantation and associate dean for research education in The Ohio State University College of Medicine, was quoted Aug. 10, by the Florida Times-Union, of Jacksonville, Fla., in a story about her study finding that only one in 10 abdominal transplant surgeons in the United States is female.
Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, the Robert M. Zollinger professor and chairman of surgery, associate vice president for health sciences, and vice dean of clinical affairs at The Ohio State University Medical Center, discussed a predicted shortage of surgeons and its impact, during an interview broadcast Sept. 10, by CNN.

Dr. Jonathan I. Groner, clinical associate professor of surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery and trauma medical director at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, was quoted Aug. 20, by the Associated Press, in a story about the participation of emergency medical technicians on Ohio’s execution team.

The July 1 appointment of Dr. Edmund S. Kassis as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery was noted Sept. 13, by the Columbus Dispatch.

Dr. Sidney F. Miller, professor of surgery in the Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn and director of the Burn Center at The Ohio State University Medical Center, discussed the needs of critically injured burn patients and stressed the importance of treatment at a registered burn center, in an interview broadcast July 28 by WBNS-TV/10. On July 30, Dr. Miller participated in an in-studio discussion of EMS service, taped by the Ohio Channel, a service of Ohio’s public broadcasting stations. On Aug. 3, he was quoted by the Columbus Dispatch, in a story about several Ohio hospitals that are considering getting rid of their trauma designation. On Sept. 10, Dr. Miller discussed the dangers of grilling at tailgate parties and highlighted ways to prevent serious burn injuries, during an in-studio interview broadcast by the Ohio News Network.

The July 1 appointment of Dr. Kyle A. Perry as assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery was noted Sept. 11, by the Cancer Letter, and Sept. 13, by the Columbus Dispatch.

Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery and health system director of noninvasive vascular services at The Ohio State University Medical Center, was quoted Sept. 8, by the Mount Vernon News, in a story about a predicted shortage of surgeons in the United States. Dr. Thomas E. Williams, Jr., clinical associate professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, and Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, the Robert M. Zollinger professor and chairman of surgery, associate vice president for health sciences, and vice dean of clinical affairs, were mentioned in the story. Dr. Satiani, Dr. Williams, and Dr. Ellison are authors of The Coming Shortage of Surgeons: Why They Are Disappearing and What We Can Do About It.
Dr. Richard E. Schlanger, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery and director of the Center for Advanced Wound Management at University Hospital East, was mentioned July 23, by MedCity News, in a story about an Ohio State University nurse who is working to develop a wound-care device. On Oct. 16, Dr. Schlanger was mentioned by Business First, in a story about the device and the technology licensing and commercialization office at Ohio State.

Dr. Wiley W. “Chip” Souba, Jr., professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology, dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and vice president for health sciences at The Ohio State University Medical Center, was interviewed for a profile of Dr. Steven G. Gabbe, CEO of Ohio State’s Medical Center, in the Sept. issue of Columbus C.E.O.

Dr. Thomas E. Williams, Jr., clinical associate professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, was quoted in the August issue of General Surgery News, in a story about federal legislation that could help ward off a surgical work force shortage.

Correction

Dr. Jonathan I. Groner, professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Pediatric Surgery and trauma medical director at Nationwide Children’s Hospital, was incorrectly identified in the August issue of Surgery Today as “Dr. Jonathan E. Groner.” Dr. Groner’s middle initial is “I.”