The grand opening celebration for the new JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center was held Saturday, April 16. The state-of-the-art facility, located at 1145 Olentangy River Road, offers more than twice the space of the previous JamesCare clinic, and allows the Comprehensive Breast Cancer Program to offer a full spectrum of breast cancer care from prevention and treatment to reconstruction and survivorship, under one roof.

Call the James Line at (614) 293-5066 for more information.
Farrar named as JamesCare director

William B. Farrar, MD, The Dr. Arthur G. and Mildred C. James Professor in Surgical Oncology and chief, Division of Surgical Oncology, has been selected as director of the new JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center.

Dr. Farrar is one of the nation’s foremost experts in breast cancer detection and treatment, as well as a leader in the central Ohio cancer community. Having trained as a surgical resident under Dr. Arthur G. James, the founder and namesake of our cancer hospital, Dr. Farrar has played an invaluable role in Ohio State’s emergence as a national leader in cancer care.

Working with physicians and administrators throughout the breast cancer program, Dr. Farrar will develop and implement the clinical vision and strategy for the Center. He will oversee all aspects of clinical breast services and ensure the delivery of multidisciplinary, multimodality care in one location. He will also be responsible for continued improvement of patient outcomes and for the creation of a unique patient experience that boosts satisfaction levels and exceeds quality and safety goals.

Dr. Farrar will continue to see patients and is an active member of the Molecular Carcinogenesis and Chemoprevention Program in The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center. He will also continue to serve as director of the Division of Surgical Oncology at Ohio State and director of Medical Affairs for The James.

This is an exciting time for the breast program. An Open House event was held Saturday, April 16, formally opening the new JamesCare Comprehensive Breast Center. The world-class, 114,400-square foot LEED certified building, located at the intersection of Olentangy River Road and West Third Ave., provides more than twice the space of the previous facility in Dublin. Radiation oncology services will be available in June 2011. ✤
A team of cardiac surgeons and interventional cardiologists at The Ohio State University Medical Center are participating in a nationwide clinical trial that may lead to new hope for patients with aortic stenosis that were previously considered inoperable.

The team is led by surgical principal investigator Dr. Juan Crestanello, associate professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery and co-principal investigator Dr. John P. Cheatham, director of interventional cardiology at Nationwide Children’s Hospital and professor of pediatrics and internal medicine at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. Ohio State is one of 40 centers taking part in the CoreValve U.S. Pivotal Trial. The first CoreValve implantation at Ohio State took place in March.

“Surgical aortic valve replacement currently is the only effective treatment for patients with severe aortic valve stenosis,” says Dr. Crestanello. “However, some patients are poor candidates for surgery due to age, frailty or some other complicating medical condition. This new approach provides another option for those patients.”

The CoreValve is a prosthetic aortic valve composed of porcine tissue and an expandable wire frame. The stenotic, native valve is first ablated via balloon valvuloplasty. The CoreValve is then delivered to the site using a percutaneous transcatheter inserted in a leg or arm artery. Once in place the wire frame is expanded. The benefit of this technology is the patient’s chest is not opened and cardiopulmonary bypass is not required. Patients also benefit from shorter recovery time, requiring less hospitalization.

Aortic stenosis can be caused by calcification of the valve leaflets, congenital defect, or a bacterial infection of the heart. The stenotic aortic valve narrows and does not fully open, making the left ventricle work harder to pump blood. Patients with aortic stenosis experience symptoms such as fatigue, syncope on exertion, dyspnea, abnormal heart rhythm and chest pain. Aortic stenosis can lead to heart failure. The condition is prevalent in elderly patients.

In December 2010 the U.S. Food and Drug Administration removed randomization to a medical group due to better outcomes with the CoreValve.

The CoreValve U.S. Pivotal Trial is open to high risk surgical, and extreme risk patients, as determined by cardiologists and cardiac surgeons. The study is currently enrolling patients. For more information please contact study coordinator Danielle Jones at (614) 366-8506
Dr. Sen to chair NIH Study Section

Chandan K. Sen, PhD, professor of surgery and vice chair of research, the Department of Surgery, and associate dean for Translational and Applied Research in The Ohio State University College of Medicine, has been selected as chair of the Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma Study Section, Center for Scientific Review of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

“This is an opportunity to serve,” said Dr. Sen. He will oversee the review of grants submitted to the NIH. As many as 100 grants are submitted every 4 months. “The responsibility to review these grants rests on the entire panel, everyone works very hard, and it is a privilege to be able to oversee this process,” he continued. In addition, Dr. Sen hopes the experience will lead to improvements in the review process. “The work is ahead.” Dr. Sen also sees this as an opportunity to learn and inspire others, “What I learn from the process may help develop better mentorship at OSU.” He stressed the importance of being available to advise colleagues and students.

Dr. Sen has served as a respected member and leader with the NIH for over 10 years. He was previously a panel member on this study section, beginning in 2009. Dr. Sen has also served on committees with the Department of Defense and the American Heart Association, but remarked, “I have chosen the NIH to be my home.”

Dr. Sen is not interested in individual recognition, but views the position more as answering a calling. He stated that he is proud to represent Ohio State. “People may not recognize my name on the roster, but everyone knows Ohio State. I see this as more of an honor for the University.”

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LEADERSHIP

Dr. Moffatt-Bruce pursues degree in operational excellence

Susan Moffatt-Bruce, MD, PhD, assistant professor in the Department of Surgery, and Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer at The Ohio State University Medical Center is pursuing a master of business operational excellence (MBOE) degree at The Ohio State University Fisher College of Business.

The MBOE program trains students to create innovative organizational processes, improve efficiencies, and develop leadership skills. These skills are becoming increasingly critical with the evolving changes in health care regulations. To be accepted into the program, candidates must present a history of successful work experience and be recommended by an executive sponsor. Dr. Moffatt-Bruce’s sponsor is Dr. Steven Gabbe, Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and CEO, The Ohio State University Medical Center.

As the Chief Quality and Patient Safety Officer, Dr. Moffatt-Bruce is committed to engaging physicians, nurses and staff in providing quality clinical care to patients. She has chosen decreasing medication errors amongst transplant patients as her MBOE Capstone project. The Capstone project is a year-long assignment to achieve a major improvement at the student’s own organization. Dr. Moffatt-Bruce’s project is to identify challenges and improve processes that have direct benefits for patients. The program’s curriculum also includes Six-Sigma Black Belt training. Six-Sigma is a system of business management strategies developed by the Motorola Corporation.

So far, Dr. Moffatt-Bruce has worked with MBOE classmates Jay Kasey, executive director, Health System Administration at OSUMC, to study the impact of 23-hour observational stays, and with Dr. Josh Lumbley, assistant professor of anesthesiology, on improving on-time starts in the operating room.

Dr. Moffatt-Bruce’s mentors include Dr. Gabbe; Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, Chair, Department of Surgery, Associate Vice President for Health Sciences Clinical Affairs, and Vice Dean for Clinical Affairs, The Ohio State University Medical Center; Dr. Hagop S. Mekhjian, Senior Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, and Chief Medical Officer, The Ohio State University Medical Center; and Ms. Helen Zak, CEO of the Lean Enterprises Institute, a think-tank for improving healthcare.

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Dr. Moffatt-Bruce also recommends the program for others in healthcare leadership. “I would encourage anyone in an executive healthcare position to consider the MBOE program,” she said. Next year the Fisher College of Business will begin offering an MBOE degree specifically for healthcare professionals. Dr. Moffatt-Bruce assisted in implementing the curriculum for this degree.
FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Moss joins Pediatric Surgery faculty

R. Lawrence Moss, MD has joined the faculty of the Division of Pediatric Surgery as the E. Thomas Boles Professor of Pediatric Surgery. He is also surgeon-in-chief at Nationwide Children’s Hospital (NCH).

Dr. Moss earned his medical degree at the University of California – San Diego. He completed his surgical residency at Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle and fellowships at Northwestern University and Children’s Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Prior to joining OSU and NCH, Dr. Moss was surgeon-in-chief and chief pediatric surgeon at Yale University.

Dr. Moss’ specialty interests include separating conjoined twins, surgical repair of complex pelvic malformations, minimally invasive pediatric surgery, extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO), and infant life-support systems. His research interests include necrotizing enterocolitis, evidence-based surgery, database development, analysis of non-randomized data in surgery.

Dr. Moss replaces Dr. Donna A. Caniano, former surgeon-in-chief and Clatworthy Professor, who retired last year.

Dr. Vaccaro named Luther M. Keith professor

Dr Patrick S. Vaccaro has been named as the Luther M. Keith Professor of Surgery. This professorship provides support for the work of a distinguished scholar in the Department of Surgery. The appointment is for a four-year term, and will be effective March 4, 2011 through June 30, 2015. Dr. Vaccaro is chief of the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, a position he has held since 2004. He is also director of the Vascular Fellowship program. He succeeds Dr. William Smead, who recently retired as the Keith Professor.
SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Lisa Yeater

Lisa Yeater says her job keeps her interested because, “There is always something different happening and I’m always learning something new.” Lisa is program manager for the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery (CMIS), in the Department of Surgery. Her current responsibilities include oversight for all administrative functions within the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, including financial and personnel management, marketing, and performance measurements/improvements in the educational, clinical and research aspects of minimally invasive surgery. Additionally, she oversees the administrative activities related to the clinical assistant professorships in minimally invasive surgery and advanced therapeutic endoscopy and GI surgery.

Lisa grew up in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. She has a twin sister and a younger brother. “I’ve always had an interest in the field of health care,” Lisa said. Her father was director of the Wyandot County (Ohio) emergency medical services, and her mother is a nurse for Wyandot Home HealthCare.

Lisa moved from her hometown to Columbus in 1997 to attend Ohio State. She graduated from OSU with bachelor of arts degrees in psychology and sociology. After graduation in 2002, Lisa joined the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery. In 2004 she joined the CMIS as the program coordinator, planning CME conferences and resident/fellow training programs.

Lisa enjoys the challenges of her position, which she describes as anticipating needs, problem solving and working on larger projects for the Center. She stresses the importance of asking a lot of questions, saying, “When I started at OSU, I had no experience in medicine or healthcare so I really learned everything from the ground up. I learned by asking a lot of questions and was lucky enough to work with a lot of great people who helped me along the way. My time in general surgery and CMIS has been a wonderful learning experience for me.”

When asked what she likes best about her job, Lisa said, “I like the people I work with, my co-workers, our fellows and faculty. They make coming to work every day enjoyable.” Lisa particularly enjoys working closely with the fellows who rotate though each year. “It’s interesting to meet them during the interview process, work with them through the credentialing and finally through their year with us at OSU. “I hope that I help contribute, even in a small way, to a good experience while they are here.”

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CMIS fellow Dr. John Linn had this to say about Lisa, “Lisa is the backbone of the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery. All of its programs—resident and fellow education, research protocols, continuing medical education courses, and clinical programs—are successful because of her commitment to excellence. She works tirelessly to make sure all of the people under her supervision are fully prepared to succeed in their individual pursuits in the clinical, research, and educational arenas. Lisa is the difference maker. Her commitment to excellence and support of her co-workers does not stop while at work. She is a great friend and supporter of all who pass through her office, and she is someone who can always be counted on in a time of need, great or small. Whether it’s a ride home from work, help moving, babysitting, employment applications, university issues, football tickets, or just a sounding board, Lisa is always there.” CMIS fellow Dr. Sabrena Noria added, “I’ve known Lisa for almost a year now and have come to appreciate that she is that rare combination of proficient manager and hard worker, who leads by example. Whether it’s running the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery, organizing resident/post-graduate training courses, or volunteering at the Medical Student Career/Research Fair, she goes above and beyond what is expected of her, raising the bar for all of us. It’s obvious that Lisa enjoys what she does because she is outstanding at her job.”

Away from work Lisa enjoys spending time with friends, including her boyfriend, Jordan and their dog, Stella. She also enjoys cooking and reading, preferring non-fiction works.
Residents present research

Dr. Laura Peterson presented “Mechanisms of natural vitamin E, alphatocotrienol, in pial collateral recruitment and remodeling during acute ischemic stroke” on February 8th at the International Stroke Conference presented by the American Heart Association, Los Angeles, California. She also presented “Tocotrienol vitamin E improves collateral circulation during focal cerebral ischemia attenuating stroke injury” at the Columbus Surgical Society’s 22nd Annual Presidential Symposium, Columbus Ohio, on March 12th. Her research advisor is Dr. Cameron Rink, assistant professor in the Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery.

Dr. Ricardo Quarrie presented “Increased Mitochondrial Sensitivity to Proton Leak is Responsible for Decreased Reactive Oxygen Species Production in Ischemic Preconditioning” on February 3rd at The 6th Annual Academic Surgical Congress in Huntington Beach, California. He also presented “Mitochondrial Uncoupling Does Not Decrease Reactive Oxygen Species Production After Ischemia-Reperfusion” at the Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium on March 12th. His research advisor is Dr. Juan Crestanello, associate professor of surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Dr. Jon Henry attended the American Association of Cancer Researchers, Orlando Florida, on April 1-6 where he presented the poster “miR-199a-3p Targets CD44 and Reduces Proliferation of CD44 Positive Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cell Lines.” His research advisors are Dr. Thomas Schmittgen, associate professor in the College of Pharmacy, Dr. Carl Schmidt, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology, and Dr. Mark Bloomston, associate professor of surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Amy Collins presented “P8- Osteopontin is associated with improved survival in patients with pancreatic adenocarcinoma” at the Society of Surgical Oncology 64th Annual Cancer Symposium, San Antonio Texas, March 2-5. She also presented “Pancreatic Stellate Cells Induce Overexpression of MicroRNA-21 and MicroRNA-210 in Pancreatic Cancer Cells in Hypoxia” at the Society of Surgeons, 6th Annual Academic Congress, Huntington Beach, California, February 1-3. Her research advisor is Dr. Mark Bloomston, associate professor in the Division of Surgical Oncology.
GRADUATE SURGICAL RESEARCH

OSU Surgery abstracts sweep top-four at surgical symposium

Three general surgery residents and a surgical research coordinator, all from Ohio State, were awarded the top four places at the Columbus Surgical Society Presidential Symposium abstract competition, held in Columbus, Ohio on March 12.

Winning first place was Dr. Jon Henry, general surgery resident, for his study “miR-199a-3p targets CD44 and reduces proliferation of CD44 positive hepatocellular carcinoma cell lines.” Henry JC, Park J-K, Jiang J, Kim JH, Roberts LR, Nagorney DM, Banerjee S, Schmittgen TD. Department of Surgery and College of Pharmacy, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Lavina Malhotra, surgical oncology clinical research coordinator, was awarded second place for her study “Survival after regional therapy with TACE for HCC depends more on the severity of cirrhosis than radiologic tumor characteristics.” Malhotra L, Smith L, Bloomston M, Schmidt C. The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Amy Collins, general surgery resident, was awarded third place for her study “Pancreatic stellate cells induce overexpression of microRNA-21 and microRNA-210 in pancreatic cancer cells in hypoxia.” Collins AL, Wojcik SE, Croce CM, Bloomston M. Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Tracy Davido, general surgery chief resident, was awarded fourth place for her study “Operating room variability in laparoscopic cholecystectomy, measurement and improvement of outcomes and costs.” Davido HT, Evans DC, Bowles J, Melnik W, Weaver S, Park KW, Ellison EC. Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Additionally, 10 of the 14 abstracts that were accepted were from The Ohio State University. Congratulations to all.
GRADUATE SURGICAL EDUCATION

Residents awarded

Dr. Jeffrey L. Eakin, chief resident, Department of Surgery, was presented with the 2011 Arnold P. Gold Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award by Sabrina Khalfoun and Melissa House, medical students at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, during the April 13 Student Clinician’s Ceremony. This award is presented to residents who demonstrate commitment to teaching and compassionate treatment of patients and families, students, and colleagues. Comments from Dr. Eakin’s students include: “Dr. Eakin has gone out of his way to teach medical students and residents about surgical/medical issues.” “He is friendly and compassionate about patient care.” “A true role model.”

Dr. H. Tracy Davido, chief resident, Department of Surgery, was elected by the OSU medical students for induction into the Ohio Chapter of ΑΩΑ Gamma on April 14th. The induction took place during their annual spring banquet. The program featured remarks from Dr. Catherine Lucey, Interim Dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine, and Dr. Perri Klass, ΑΩΑ Visiting Professor, as well as the formal induction of the 2011 ΑΩΑ class. Alpha Omega Alpha is the only academic honor medical society in the world. A group of six medical students established the society at the College.
of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago in 1902 with the motto: “Worthy to serve the suffering.” For over a century, AΩA’s mission has remained constant: To recognize and perpetuate excellence in the medical profession. Nominating students had this to say about Dr. Davido: “Tracy was always kind, respectful and went out of her way to teach me. Especially during a busy surgery rotation, I appreciated her dedication to my education.” And, “Tracy is deserving of induction into AOA for her professionalism, commitment to excellence and enthusiasm for teaching. She frequently stops rounds to emphasize key teaching points and I’ve observed her at multiple workshops teaching procedures to medical students. She is clearly an excellent clinician, very professional in her interactions and treats staff, students and her fellow residents with a great amount of respect.” The OSU College of Medicine takes great pride in electing outstanding medical students, faculty, alumni, and house staff to the ranks of the Gamma Chapter of Ohio.

Dr. Geoffrey J. Roelant, general surgery resident, Department of Surgery has been selected as a recipient of the 2010-2011 Department of Emergency Medicine Outstanding Contribution Award. This award recognizes an attending or resident from another department to honor their commitment to teaching, teamwork, communication, and outstanding clinical judgement. The awardee is selected by the Department of Emergency Medicine housestaff.

2011 Research Celebration awardees

Surgical residents, graduate researchers and a medical student were awarded for their presentations at the April 6-8 Ohio State University Medical Center 2011 Research Celebration. Each year, Research Celebration participants compete for travel awards by submitting their research in poster format for review and judging. Winners of the poster competition are selected, based on a given set of criteria, as determined by pre-assigned judges who are experts in the presenter’s research area.

The 2011 Travel Award Winners were presented on April 7, 2011 at the awards ceremony by by Dr. Catherine Lucey, interim dean of the College of Medicine and Dr. Clay Marsh, Vice Dean of Research.

Ambar Banerjee, postdoctoral trainee, Department of Surgery, was awarded a $500 Travel Award for his poster titled “The Role of Dumping Syndrome in Weight Loss After Gastric Bypass.” Ambar’s faculty advisor is Dr. Bradley Needleman, associate professor of surgery and director, Bariatric Surgery Program, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, the Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.
Jaideep Banerjee, graduate student, Department of Surgery, was awarded a $500 Travel Award for his poster titled “Rapid Onset Oxidative Myocardial Insult and Loss of Cardiac Function Caused by Conditional Deletion of Dicer in the Adult Murine Heart can be Rescued by Anti-miRNA-15B Strategy.” Jaideep’s faculty advisor is Dr. Chandan Sen, professor of surgery and vice chair of research, the Department of Surgery, and associate dean for Translational and Applied Research, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Lily Liu, student, was awarded a $500 Travel Award for her poster titled “Macrophage Alloantibody-Mediated Allocytotoxicity is FcyRI; FcyRIII; and Contact-Dependent.” Lily’s faculty advisor is Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery, Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery and Associate Dean for Research Education, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Jon Henry, MD, general surgery resident, was awarded a $500 Travel Award for his poster titled “miR-199a-3p Targets CD44 and Reduces Proliferation of CD44 Positive Hepatocellular Carcinoma Cell Lines.” Jon’s faculty advisor is Dr. Carl Schmidt, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Thomas Pham, MD, general surgery resident, was awarded a $500 Travel Award for his poster titled “Cytotoxic CD8+ T cells utilize FasL and perforin to downregulate post-transplant alloantibody production.” Tom’s faculty advisor is Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery, Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery and Associate Dean for Research Education, The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Congratulations to all.
IN THE NEWS

Trauma nurse aids accident victim

During the Friday, March 4, morning rush hour, a four-car accident occurred on I-71 North near Frank Road. When Miranda Jackson, a certified trauma nurse practitioner from Ohio State’s Division of Trauma and Critical Care, encountered the accident on her way to work, she pulled over to help. Miranda told the deputy sheriff at the scene she was a trauma nurse from OSU and began improvising a temporary pelvic binder to stabilize an injured driver. That driver was rushed to Ohio State for treatment of his injuries – he survived.

“I did what I’ve been trained to do,” Miranda said. Her story appeared on that Friday evening’s news broadcast of WBNS-10TV, the local CBS affiliate. A video clip of the 10TV story can be viewed at http://bit.ly/dPjgcC

OSU’s trauma nurses and specialists at the Medical Center operate at peak performance every day, but being ready to deliver lifesaving care in an instant, beyond the walls of the Medical Center, requires an exceptional level of training and commitment. Miranda’s talent and presence of mind saved a life, and we congratulate her for her bravery and dedication at such a critical moment. Those people were fortunate to have Miranda with them that day, and we are fortunate to have nurses and trauma experts like Miranda with us every day. Congratulations on excellent work.

Surgical association warned of looming shortage

The United States could be facing a shortage of as many as 30,000 surgeons within the next 20 years. The shortage could hit rural hospitals the hardest. This was the message of Dr. Thomas E. Williams, Jr., clinical associate professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery, at the annual meeting of the Central Surgical Association, held March 17-19 in Detroit. Dr. Williams presented his study *A Comparison of Future Recruitment Needs in Urban and Rural Hospitals: The Rural Imperative*. TE Williams, B Satiani, EC Ellison. 2010. The Ohio State University.

Williams explained that this shortage will lead to bidding wars between rural and urban hospitals, noting that rural hospitals have already stepped-up recruitment incentives. In particular, rural hospitals need general surgeons. Not only are general surgeons necessary to manage a wide variety of illnesses, but they are also a major source of revenue for rural hospitals.
Also presenting was Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery. Dr. Satiani suggested that training programs should be developed specifically to increase the number of rural surgeons. Drs. Williams and Satiani comments appeared in the March 2011 issue of *Internal Medicine News*.

Dr. Williams, Dr. Satiani, 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 at Ohio State's Medical Center, co-authored the 2009 book “*The Coming Shortage of Surgeons: Why They Are Disappearing and What That Means for Our Health.*”, which explains the dwindling surgical workforce and the factors causing the decrease.

**Kenneth Andreoni, MD** appeared as a guest commentator on the WBUR/NPR radio program *On Point with Tom Ashbrook*, discussing the topic of organ allocation for transplantation. The program aired March 1, 2011. Dr. Andreoni, who chairs the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) kidney committee was also invited to comment on the topic of organ allocation in an article in the March 5, 2011 edition of the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

**Dr. Mitchell Henry**, professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Transplant Surgery, was interviewed for a story on two central Ohio brothers involved in a living-related organ donation. The story was broadcast by WCMH-TV News on the evening of Tuesday, April 19. The older brother donated one of his healthy kidneys to his brother who suffered from acute renal failure. The surgery took place the that Tuesday at The Ohio State University Medical Center. According to Dr. Henry living organ donation is increasing, and has a high success rate. Currently more than 2,500 patients are waiting for a kidney donation in Ohio. ✤
**IN BRIEF**

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) has appointed Dr. Robert S. D. Higgins, professor of surgery and chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery to the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery. The ACGME Board of Directors confirmed Dr. Higgins appointment on March 17, 2011.

Dr. Steven M. Steinberg, chief, Division of Critical Care, Trauma, and Burn, participated in a drill with Columbus Fire Department EMS workers February 18. The drill was organized to practice emergency field amputations. Surgeons from Ohio State University and Grant Hospital are working with rescue squads to form an emergency response team, prepared to free victims trapped in machinery or vehicles due to industrial or traffic accidents. EMS personnel are not trained to perform field amputations. This collaboration is designed to fill the gap.

Dr. Daniel S. Eiferman, assistant professor of surgery and assistant program director of Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, has been appointed as a co-coordinator of the Multi-Disciplinary Team Training for Trauma (MDT3), an Ohio State-created, simulator-based program designed to improve the quality of care critically injured patients receive as they travel from the OSU Emergency Department (ED) area through various service points, such as an operating room (OR), to an inpatient unit. The four-hour MDT3 training course encompasses the complete care of a trauma patient from initial resuscitation through operative intervention and transfer to the final inpatient destination. Dr. Eiferman also serves on the MDT3 steering committee. “To our knowledge, no other program provides comprehensive training to the entire healthcare team responsible for the care of trauma patients like MDT3 does. It is our goal that this training will enhance care of trauma patients by facilitating a culture that fosters multidisciplinary team communication, scripted roles and accountable care to consistently function at a superior level despite tense situations,” explains Dr. Eiferman.
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Recognitions

Dr. Paul Beery, II, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, passed the neurocritical care certification exam.

Dr. Charles H. Cook was awarded the Division of Wildlife Award by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in February 2011 for his work in raising hunter safety awareness.

The Ohio State University Hospital attending medical staff members recently elected Dr. Alan E. Harzman, assistant professor of clinical surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery as Member At Large. Dr. Harzman will serve as a voting member of the Medical Staff Administrative Committee for a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2011.

Carla Justiniano, a first year medical student was awarded a COM Medical Student Research Scholarship (MDSRS) funded by the Bennett Scholarship. She will be involved in a research project entitled: “Comorbidity-Polypharmacy Score: A Triage Tool for Determining Post-Emergency Department Destination Among Older Trauma Patients.” Dr. Stanislaw Stawicki will serve as project mentor.
Dr. David Lindsey, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was accepted into the 2011-12 Ethicon Endo-Surgery Surgical Educational Research Fellowship (SERF) program.

Dr. David Lindsey, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, was nominated for the Leonard Tow Humanism Award.

Dr. Stanislaw Stawicki was appointed to the Formulary Committee, Subcommittee of Pharmacy, Therapeutics & Drug Utilization Committee by the Chief Medical Officer for The Ohio State University Medical Center, Hagop Mekhjian, M.D.

Dr. Stanislaw Stawicki accepted an invitation to become a member of the Editorial Board of the World Journal of Critical Care Medicine.

Dr. Melissa L. Whitmill, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, passed the neurocritical care certification exam.

A heartfelt letter of thanks

In a touching letter addressed to the “Manager of OSU Medical Center” a young man expressed his gratitude to OSU trauma surgeons for the care his father received after being involve in an automobile accident. The letter, reprinted below, has been edited to protect patient privacy.

“Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is (deleted). I am 11 years old. My dad got in a car accident. The girl who he got into the accident with was in his lane because she bent down to get her cell phone. I want to thank you so much for helping my dad.

My dad was treated very well at the Ohio State University Medical Center. He recovered very quick. Your hospital was a big help and made a big change for my dad. Thank you for saving my dad’s life.

Sincerely, (name deleted)”

Improving lives by providing compassionate, high-quality care is the mission of the Department of Surgery at The Ohio State University.