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Faculty Group Practice established

Many extremely talented physicians, administrators and staff have been working diligently over the past year to create the infrastructure for The Ohio State University Faculty Group Practice (FGP). In addition, they have effectively led communication efforts with our physicians and facilitated their transition to this new organization, effective July 1.

Leadership positions were officially announced by OSU Medical Center. Appointed to these new roles are: Dr. E. Christopher Ellison, who serves as chief executive officer, Kamilla Sigafoos as executive director, Richard Sobieray as chief financial officer, Kyle Sharp as chief operating officer, and Alisa Schueneman as director of Human Resources of the Faculty Group Practice.

Dr. Ellison will continue to hold his appointments as associate vice president for Health Sciences and vice dean of Clinical Affairs in the College of Medicine, as the Robert M. Zollinger Professor and chair of Ohio State’s Department of Surgery, and as chair of the Board of OSU Physicians, Inc. In his new role, Dr. Ellison will serve on the Medical Center Executive Cabinet, Medical Center Leadership Council, Health System Executive Committee and Health System Operating Committee.

Over the next several months, Dr. Ellison and the FGP leadership team will be finalizing the Patterns of Administration for the organization, completing the integration of OSUP physicians into the FGP, developing a communication plan, and preparing a Professional Compact for the organization.

“The goal is to integrate all physicians by July 1, 2012. We wish to engage physicians at every level and improve communication,” stated Dr. Ellison.
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Dr. Melvin named as executive vice chair

Dr. W. Scott Melvin has been appointed as the executive vice chair of the Department of Surgery effective July 1, 2011. Dr. Melvin is professor of surgery and chief of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery. He is also director of the Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery and the director of the CMIS Fellowship Program.

The executive vice chair oversees the promotion and tenure process, mentors faculty, and performs administrative functions and serves as representative in the absence of the chair of the Department of Surgery. Additionally, Dr. Melvin will serve as special counsel to the chair. The position was previously held by Dr. Robert Ruberg.

Dr. Melvin earned his medical degree at the Medical College of Ohio. He completed his residency at the University of Maryland and received additional fellowship training in gastrointestinal surgery. Upon his appointment at The Ohio State University Dr. Melvin established the fellowship in minimally invasive surgery and the multidisciplinary Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery (CMIS). Under Dr. Melvin’s direction, the CMIS has conducted hundreds of postgraduate courses, trains general surgery residents in laparoscopic skills, and maintains a robust research program, receiving millions of dollars in continuous funding over the past decade.

Dedicated to surgical education, Dr. Melvin has received numerous teaching awards including the OSU College of Medicine Distinguished Educator Award in 2010. He has authored over 120 articles and book chapter. He is a frequently requested presenter both nationally and internationally and is a member of numerous societies and scientific boards. He currently serves as president elect of The Society for Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgery, the second largest society of General Surgeons in the United States. He is a member of the American surgical society as well as several others. He is editor in chief of the Journal of Surgical Laparoscopy, Endoscopy and Percutaneous Techniques and on the Editorial Board of the Annals of Surgery and other prominent Journals.

Dr. Melvin has been active in international surgery and recently has been developing an ongoing partnership between Ohio State and the surgical community of the People’s Republic of China.

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As a clinician, Dr. Melvin specializes in gastrointestinal surgery, with a special interest in laparoscopic, endoscopic and minimally invasive techniques focusing on malignant and benign diseases of the foregut and has been named to Americas Top Doctors and Americas Top Cancer Doctors for many years. He is also named as a Columbus Top Doctors for Surgery.
The Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center recently was granted $187,500 for academic year 2012-2013 from the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships to support three, one year fellowship positions in minimally invasive and bariatric surgery and advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery. The Foundation for Surgical Fellowships exists to fund high quality fellowships in various areas of surgery, including but not limited to flexible endoscopy, minimal access surgery and other related disciplines. Through a blinded application and review process, the Foundation identifies and distributes funds to qualified organizations based on criteria of excellence.

The field of surgery is undergoing a revolution. New techniques and technologies are consistently playing a role in the standard of care for patients needing surgical procedures. We believe that the education of future surgeons must include advanced training in laparoscopic and endoscopic approaches for surgical treatment. The Ohio State University Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery offers two types of advanced, one-year training programs, helping surgeons to gain the expertise necessary to navigate this expanding field of surgery. Both programs have been fully accredited by the Fellowship Council.

The minimally invasive surgery (MIS) training program at The Ohio State University is one of the oldest training programs in the country focused on minimally invasive surgery. Established in 1994 under the direction of Dr. W. Scott Melvin, the MIS training program focuses on all aspects of minimally invasive gastrointestinal surgery. Surgeons gain extensive experience with laparoscopic gastric bypass and banding, laparoscopic hernia repair, minimally invasive treatment for reflux disease, as well as laparoscopic colon and solid organ removal. Additional training in endoscopic approaches for an increasing number of disease processes is also included in the curriculum. The center has been able to expand our fellowship programs over the years. In 2003, with the expansion of faculty within the Division of General Surgery who performed minimally invasive surgery and growing clinical volume, we were able to support the addition of a second MIS fellowship position. Our MIS fellowship program has graduated 23 fellows since its beginning.

In 2006, our advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery fellowship was established under the direction of Jeffrey W. Hazey, MD. This fellowship program offers specialized training in advanced therapeutic and

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interventional endoscopic procedures including Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangiopancreatography (ERCP), GI stenting, dilation, Stretta, Bravo probe placement, endoscopic cyst-gastrostomy, and Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES). Additional training in advanced laparoscopic procedures is also included in the curriculum. Our advanced therapeutic endoscopy and gastrointestinal surgery fellowship has graduated five fellows since its inception in 2006.

Both programs have enjoyed ongoing funding over the years primarily through industry educational grants. This is the second year that the center has received funding for clinical fellowships awarded by Foundation for Surgical Fellowships.

6th Annual Laparoscopic Hernia Repair Course for General Surgery Residents

The Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery offered its 6th Annual Laparoscopic Hernia Repair Course on Saturday, August 13, 2011 under the direction of Dr. Vimal Narula, assistant professor of clinical surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery. Course faculty instructors included Dr. Jeffrey Eakin, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Dr. Jeffrey Hazey, associate professor of surgery, Dr. Brendan Marr, clinical assistant professor of surgery, Dr. Dean Mikami, assistant professor of surgery, and Dr. Kashif Zuberi, Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy fellow.

Eighteen senior general surgery residents from the Ohio and Michigan areas attended this free, one-day educational course which was designed to instruct general surgery residents in the newest techniques and instrumentation in minimally invasive hernia repair. Lecture topics included laparoscopic inguinal and ventral hernia repair, biological mesh, component separation, and difficult hernia repairs. Residents attended an afternoon hands-on animate lab to practice the different minimally invasive hernia repairs.

This program is offered on an annual basis to senior general surgery residents from the mid-west region. To date, over 78 general surgery residents have attended this program. ✪
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OSU Medical Center among 10 best in nation for quality care

The Ohio State University Medical Center is one of 10 academic medical centers in the nation delivering the highest quality of care, according to the results of a study commissioned by the University HealthSystem Consortium (UHC).

In recognition, Ohio State Medical Center is the recipient of the 2011 UHC Quality Leadership Award. The award is given to academic medical centers that demonstrate excellence in delivering high-quality care as measured by a Quality & Accountability Study, which UHC has commissioned annually since 2005. Ohio State ranked 9th nationwide in the 2011 survey.

“Ohio State has earned a place among distinguished company in the UHC top 10,” said Dr. Steven Gabbe, CEO of OSU Medical Center. “Academic medical centers are increasingly challenged to be the nation’s leaders for quality care,” he said. “Based on analyses during 2010, our inpatient mortality rate was 30 percent better than the national average for the types of patients we treat. That means many patients were sent home to their families who in all probability would not have fared as well had they been treated at most other hospitals in the country.” The survey included more than 100 academic medical centers and health systems in the United States.

Using the Institute of Medicine’s six domains of health care quality — mortality, effectiveness, safety, equity, patient centeredness, and efficiency — the study identifies and evaluates the structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity.

Others in the top 10 are the University of Colorado Hospital, University of Kansas Hospital Authority, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Mayo Clinic in Rochester, UC San Diego Health System, Denver Health, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, Beaumont Health System (Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak) and Emory Healthcare.

“The efforts of these 10 hospitals in improving patient care and operational effectiveness distinguish them as leaders,” said Irene M. Thompson, UHC president and chief executive officer. “Being named a UHC Quality Leadership Award winner is a testament to everyone at the hospital—from the executives continued on page 8
and board members to the physicians to the nurses and support staff. Earning this distinction is truly a team effort.”

UHC’s Quality & Accountability Study was designed to help academic medical centers identify structures and processes associated with high performance in quality and safety across a broad spectrum of patient care activity.

UHC, based in Chicago, is an alliance of the nation’s leading nonprofit academic medical centers that shares comparative data and analytics and support for performance improvement, supply chain management and strategic research. UHC’s membership includes more than 90 percent of the nonprofit academic medical centers in the United States.

Surgery faculty recognized as CRM Champions

The Ohio State University Medical Center crew resource management (CRM) is an integrated series of on-site training sessions for leadership, physicians and staff, along with customized, site-built safety tools (e.g., checklists, communication scripts, standard protocols) to hardwire a permanent change in the workplace culture.

The following Department of Surgery faculty have been recognized as Crew Resource Management Champions for their contributions to clinical quality, safety and service; Dr. Danny Eiferman, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, Dr. Robert Higgins, professor of surgery and chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Dr. Larry Jones, associate professor of surgery, Division of Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, Dr. Ahmet Kilic, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery and Dr. Chittoor Sai-Sudhakar, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery.
Sai-Sudhakar appointed director of Left Ventricular Surgical Device program

Chittoor Sai-Sudhakar, MBBS, associate professor of surgery, Division of Cardiac Surgery, has been appointed as surgical director of the Left Ventricles Surgical Device program in the OSU Heart and Vascular Center. In this role, Dr. Sai-Sudhakar will have administrative oversight for the Ventricular Assisted Device (VAD) program, provide leadership for patient selection and coordination of care in the perioperative period, develop outcomes metrics, and establish reimbursement and expense protocols with hospital administration and managed care providers.

Dr. Sai-Sudhakar has been leading many of these efforts for the past year as director of the Mechanical Surgical Assist Program, and his promotion to associate professor and this new role are in recognition of his leadership and excellence in advancing this important area of innovative and life-saving patient care at Ohio State. Our program is one of the largest mechanical circulatory support programs in the country.

Dr. Sai-Sudhakara has been a member of The Ohio State University Department of Surgery faculty since 2001, and is board certified in surgery and thoracic surgery in both the United States and the United Kingdom. He received his medical degree from Stanley Medical College in Chennai (Madras), India, and completed surgical research and clinical fellowships and served on the faculties of the British Royal Air Force Hospitals in Cambridge, England, the Yale University School of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals, and The Ohio State University. He is a member of The Ohio State University’s Finance Committee and a member of the Heart and Vascular Center’s Strategic Planning Committee and Financial Planning Committee.

In addition, Dr. Sai-Sudhakar is a funded researcher, a widely published author in peer-reviewed journals and an invited lecturer at professional meetings worldwide on the topics of mechanical circulatory support and cardiothoracic surgery.

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Pediatric Surgery faculty recognized

Dr. Jonathon Groner, professor of surgery and interim chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, has been elected the inaugural secretary on the Executive Board of the Pediatric Trauma Society (PTS). PTS is a new organization. It is a group of multi-disciplinary health professionals dedicated to the care of injured children and already established as the leading national organization for trauma surgeons caring for children. Dr. Groner and Kathy Haley, RN, BSN, have led the Nationwide Children’s Hospital trauma program to national prominence. The program has served as an exemplary model for the creation of level 1 pediatric trauma centers across the country.

Dr. Steve Teich, clinical associate professor of surgery, has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* (JPS). JPS is internationally recognized as the leading journal in the field. Membership on the Editorial Board is limited to individuals who have garnered broad and deep respect for their knowledge, judgment, and commitment to the field. The appointment of Dr. Teich formalizes what we know locally. He is an influential leader in Pediatric Surgery whose contributions extend far beyond NCH.

New Faculty

**Katherine J. Deans MD, MHSc.**

Dr. Katherine Deans is an attending surgeon in the Division of Pediatric Surgery. She is also the new co-director for the Center for Surgical Outcomes Research (CSOR) which is a collaborative initiative between The Department of Surgery and The Center for Innovation and Pediatric Practice. Dr. Deans has a broad interest in comparative effectiveness research in the study of surgical interventions for infants and children. She obtained her master in health sciences at Duke University in 2005 while working at the National Institutes of Health where she also completed a fellowship in Critical Care Medicine. Dr. Deans earned her bachelor degree from Wellesley College in 1994 and her medical degree from Dartmouth College in 1998. She completed her general surgery residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and completed her pediatric surgical fellowship at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia where she was an attending surgeon from 2009-2011. Dr. Deans’ clinical interests are in the management of neonatal congenital anomalies, minimally invasive surgery, and the care of children who are victims of non-accidental trauma.

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The Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Department of Surgery, at The Ohio State University Medical Center conducted the 4th Annual Vascular Noninvasive Testing Symposium on Saturday, October 8th at the Ross Heart Hospital Auditorium. This ACCME accredited course presented the latest techniques in vascular imaging, testing and therapies. The symposium is targeted toward vascular and cardiothoracic surgeons, vascular sonographers, vascular medicine physicians, cardiologists and interventional cardiologists and radiologists, internal medicine physicians, nurses and fellows-in-training.

The symposium curriculum included endovenous versus open surgical techniques, renal artery stenosis, carotid disease, visceral scanning, venous duplex scanning and upper extremity deep venous thrombosis study.

New for 2011 was the Friday, October 7th, Controversies in Vascular Diseases. The one-day accredited event featured a series of debates on vascular disease treatment options, presented by expert guest and Division faculty.

The course directors for both days were Division faculty Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of clinical surgery, Dr. Jean Starr, associate professor of surgery, Dr. Michael Go, assistant professor of surgery, and Dennis Kiser, lead vascular lab sonographer. OSU faculty included Dr. Patrick Vaccaro, the Luther M. Keith professor of surgery and division chief, Dr. Blair Vermilion, associate professor of surgery, Dr. Mounir Haurani, assistant professor of surgery-clinical, Dr. Maria Litzendorf, assistant professor of surgery-clinical and Dr. Kevin Evans, associate professor. Guest faculty included Dr. Natalie Evans, Cleveland Clinic, Dr. George Meier, University of Cincinnati, Dr. Ali Abu Rahma, Charleston (WV) Area Medical Center, Vicki Gatz, University of Kentucky, Terry Needham, Needham Vascular Consultants and Raquel Witherspoon, Mount Carmel Hospital East.

Both days were well attended. 120 people enrolled for Friday’s event and 90 enrolled for the Saturday symposium. Course evaluations were very complimentary for both days. This event fulfills a key element of the Department of Surgery’s mission – continuing medical education. Planning for next year’s symposium is under way.
Surgery bids farewell to Parthasarathy

Please join us in wishing Dr. Sampath Parthasarathy a fond farewell on Friday, November 4, from 2 – 4 pm. A reception will be held in room 155 Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute with remarks being given at 3 pm.

Dr. Parthasarathy, Klassen chair and professor in the Division of Cardiac Surgery and Director of Cardiothoracic Research at The Ohio State University, will leave the University effective November 15, 2011.

Dr. Parthasarathy joined the Department of Surgery’s faculty in 2006. He has authored more than 60 peer-reviewed articles, and has been awarded numerous research grants, particularly to investigate the mechanisms of atherosclerosis. He serves on many boards and committees and is frequently requested as a guest lecturer. Perhaps one of his greatest accomplishments at OSU is his organization of the annual Karl P. Klassen, MD Research Day and Lecture, advancing the mission of cardiothoracic education.

Known to his colleagues and staff as “Dr. Sam”, Dr. Parthasarathy has accepted a position as the chair of Cardiovascular Sciences and professor of medicine in the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Central Florida, Orlando. He will be greatly missed. ✤
SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Jeff Sneddon

As the OSU Medical Center currently adapts to the Integrated Health Information System (IHIS), the Division of Transplantation and the Comprehensive Transplant Center have been ahead of the curve for years. Thanks, in part, to the innovations of Jeff Sneddon, information technology director, Transplantation has utilized their own patient information system since 1998.

Jeff is the founder and primary developer of the TransChart Management System which stores, tracks, and coordinates the care of thousands of pre- and post-transplant patients. The system was initially conceived as a research tool and was a start-up venture of the University Medical Center Partners business development initiative. “Developing TransChart was a team approach. We started in 1997 and went live in 1998,” said Sneddon. He developed and managed the project as a part-time employee of the venture. Jeff is now a full-time employee of the Division of Transplantation, responsible for managing the TransChart software at OSU.

The software has evolved significantly since it was first developed. Originally a client-based database for post-transplant patient records, TransChart is now browser-based and follows patients from referral and wait-list through pre- and post-transplant management. Patients can now access their information, and can enter their own lab work. “Allowing patient access keeps them involved in their case, and we’ve found that this leads to better outcomes.” The software has been adapted to smart phone and iPad formats. Sneddon said, “Clinic assessments are now done on iPads.” The next step is for these notes to go directly into IHIS.

The TransChart system manages an amazing amount of information. The OSU system holds over 5,000 unique data elements, 26 million individual lab results, 600,000 medication records, over 1.5 million notes and diagnostic reports plus complete admission histories. The Division has four information associates that enter lab data, all data is reviewed and verified, and alerts are built into the software. The data is also cloned to the Information Warehouse, a database available to researchers. “In the month of August 22,000 screens were accessed by 222 OSUMC staff for almost 5,000 patients. 212 patients accessed their own data and over 25,000 interface messages were sent,” said Jeff. “It’s a pretty busy system.”

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Sneddon earned a bachelor of science degree from The Ohio State University, majoring in medical technology. Following graduation he worked as a basic researcher for approximately 14 years, and also served as an informal information technology (IT) specialist. “In 1994 I decided to leave basic science to work in IT full time. Dr. Ronald Ferguson hired me, and here I am,” said Sneddon.

Away from work Jeff enjoys golfing and fishing. Jeff and his wife Jody have a daughter who was recently married and is an optician, and two sons, both in high school, who are active in sports. “If I’m not running to a pool to watch my older son’s swim meet, I’m running to the ice rink to watch my younger son play hockey,” added Jeff.
The 5th Annual OSU Burn Center Family Burn Camp, under the direction of Drs. Sidney Miller and Larry Jones, was held on August 19-21, 2011 at Camp Joy in Clarksville, Ohio. This camp brings together former burn patients and their families for a weekend of camping and team building. Audrey Ingram, writer for the Wilmington (Ohio) News Journal reported on the 2011 burn camp, and graciously permitted reprinting the following:

Burn campers soar at Camp Joy

By Audrey Ingram

Challenge yourself. Face your fears. Survivors did both at the Ohio State University Burn Center’s camp this past weekend.

Held at Camp Joy, located outside Clarksville, organizers said that, with about 60 people participating, this year’s camp was by far the largest in its history.

Survivors ranged in age from 15 months to 84 years old.

The Ohio State Burn Center receives about 300 admissions per year. All of the patients are invited to attend the camp. The cost of the camp is covered with money raised through a golf tournament and a “Blaze the Trail” run, held every spring.

At the camp, survivors and their family and friends participate in ropes and challenge courses, a bonfire, group games, indoor rock climbing, swimming, fishing and canoeing. Adults and their spouses also participate in a support group session, and before leaving on Sunday, there is a blessing of hands.

“It builds team work skills, self-esteem and confidence,” said Chris Casavant, burn program manager. “It also provides an opportunity for people to connect and reconnect with other families.”

The OSU burn camp was the first of its kind to be held for adults. Since it started six years ago, two similar camps have begun in Arkansas and Denver, said former burn center director Dr. Sidney Miller.

At the camp, survivors challenge themselves. The support and encouragement they receive from their fellow participants is almost tangible. In the case of Robert Calloway, this support and encouragement manifested themselves in the form of shouts and cheers.

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Calloway, 43, of Columbus, was injured on July 8, 2009, when he had a seizure and fell into a pot of scalding water while he was at work. This was his first year attending the burn camp. He was joined by his children, as well as his wife Loretta.

On Saturday morning, Calloway decided to try the ropes course at Alpine Tower.

“I want to challenge myself,” he said. “It’s been two years since I was burnt and sitting around is not good.”

The biggest challenge for Calloway was the use of his right arm, which, according to his wife, he barely used at home.

Around 10 a.m., Calloway strapped himself into the safety harness and ropes, and proceeded to climb the 55 feet to reach the top of tower. Amidst cheers from fellow survivors and participants, he was the first person of the day to ride the zip line back to the ground.

“I didn’t think his arm would let him climb,” Loretta said with tears in her eyes as she embraced her husband. “I’m very proud of him.”

“That was fun,” he said with a smile. “I want to do it again!”

The annual camp also gives survivors an opportunity to connect with other people who have had similar experiences or have similar scars.

“I’m able to interact and be myself with other burn patients,” said Rhonda Foster. “I can be relaxed and not tense, not worrying about people looking at my scars.”

Her family’s third year attending the camp, Foster said that interaction has helped build her confidence as well, enabling her and her daughter to face their fears on Friday night.

Foster, now 39, and her daughter Alishia, 12, were burned in a campfire accident four years ago. They had been preparing to make hot dogs and s’mores, when an uncle threw some trash on the fire. He didn’t realize there was a can of spray paint in the trash, and the explosion left both with second degree burns from head to toe, said Foster.

“When people talk about campfires, we freak out and run,” she said. “But last night Alishia wanted a toasted marshmallow so bad. Usually my husband or
son will do that for us, but last night she decided she wanted to make a s’more. She said, ‘Mom, I’ll do it if you do it.’ So she roasted hers and then I roasted mine,” said Foster.

“We’re still excited this morning. We finally got up the gumption to to make s’mores ourselves. And they were so good, because we didn’t have to have anyone do it for us,” she added with a smile.

Babs Miller, wife of Foster’s doctor, said that it was “beautiful to see.” Foster said she and Alishia were very proud.

“This camp has helped a lot mentally and emotionally,” she said. “After the accident, I didn’t do anything. But here I’m around people who have been there, done that.”

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GIVING

Surgery faculty and staff ride in the third annual Pelotonia

Riding to end cancer, many Department of Surgery faculty and staff participated in the third annual Pelotonia, either as riders, support volunteers or through their donations. Pelotonia, held August 19-21, is a fundraising bicycle ride though southeastern Ohio which contributes 100% of the dollars raised to the OSU James Cancer Hospital. Several lengths of courses are available, up to 180 miles, with donations to participate based on the distance ridden. Participants may form teams, know as pelotons, thus giving the event its name. The second annual Pelotonia raised more than $7.5 million. This year’s total is expected to greatly exceed that amount.

Several Surgery participants shared their stories and photos.

Dr. Carl Schmidt, assistant professor of surgery, Surgical Oncology: “I had a great ride on Saturday down to Athens with friends from my neighborhood – seven of us did the entire ride together. Three days before the ride I was $90 short of my goal, my parents saw this and donated that amount. Friday afternoon just before the opening celebration one of my closest friends, best man at my wedding and roommate through medical school, sent me $1,000. His wife has acute leukemia and is currently on chemotherapy. The name of our neighborhood peloton is the Meat Rabbits. While riding this summer in Licking County we saw a sign which said ‘Meat Rabbits For Sale’ and the name stuck.” (Dr. Schmidt is third from left in photo below.)
Marci Meadows, office associate, Critical Care, Trauma and Burn: “I was so honored to participate in this year’s Pelotonia event. 100% of every donation will fund essential research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center - James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute. We all know someone who has been affected by cancer; parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers and friends. Seeing the support all along the ride, holding up signs, made each pedal and each mile easier to deal with. Seeing riders who were also cancer survivors made me proud to be participating. Pelotonia is something I plan on participating in every year until there is a cure. I was able to raise $2,300 in 2011. Over the 3 years that I have ridden I have been able to raise $5,900 for cancer research! That’s something I never would have been able to accomplish by myself. Thank you to everyone for their support and their generous donations and kind words. If you have ever thought about riding, please do it, you won’t regret it. It is an awesome experience and a wonderful way to raise funds directly for cancer research.”

Many Department of Surgery faculty participated in the Pelotonia ride including (below, left to right) Dr. Peter Muscarella, Dr. Mark Arnold, Dr. William Carson, Dr. Christopher Ellison, Dr. Mark Bloomston and Dr. Sherif Abdel-Misih. Dr. Megan McNally (far right), surgical oncology fellow, joined them.

Ryan Dickerson, surgery research assistant in Dr. Chandan Sen’s lab, rode with friends and fellow employees John J. Tomin, John R. Tomin and Chris Tomin. Their peloton raised almost $14,000.
Dr. Jean Starr, associate professor of surgery, Vascular Diseases and Surgery: “I rode with a group of friends and our team name is ‘Motley Cure.’ My team captain, Michelle Dalanno, also works in the vascular lab at Ohio State. She lost both her husband and daughter to cancer. We rode 102 miles. This was our 3rd year riding in Pelotonia. Our team of 9 people raised over $20,000.”
Chris Kaiser, COO, OSU Surgery, LLC, and Rich Sobieray, CFO, OSUP/Faculty Group Practice, rode in the third annual Pelotonia. Chris said, “The employees of OSUP enjoyed a fund raiser picnic lunch with good food, raffle prizes, and a dunk tank – the clear money maker!” This was Chris’ third round trip event and the first time for Rich. Both were very inspired by the experience and plan on riding next year.

Dr. Richard Schlanger, associate professor of surgery, General and Gastrointestinal Surgery: “I began Friday, August 19th at 4:30 pm, by picking up the van I would use. Saturday started at 5 am. I was teamed up with my radio operator, a retired salesman in his early 70s. I was very impressed with his handling of the radio. Our first assignment was at 6 am. At the corner of High and Main was a giant pothole approximately 12 feet long 3 feet wide and 4 inches deep. At 7 am the first of the 5,000 riders started coming down High Street. I took a yellow flag and stood in the street alerting them that there was a hole ahead. I performed this function for about an hour and a half. We were then told to follow the pack as they proceeded to the first watering stop which would also be the first leg of the Pelatonia which ended after 25 miles.

For the rest of the day we were dispatched to pick up fallen riders and broken equipment and take them to the next watering stop of which there were a total of six. About 20 miles outside of Amanda Clear Creek, we received a phone call that there was a rider down. I drove up to the site of the accident and found
four riders consoling the fifth member of the team. The rider had fallen and scraped his left shoulder, elbow and his right knee. He also bent the front wheel of his bicycle. After administering first aid, his friends and I convinced him to allow me to take him to the next stop at Logan. He was very upset and wouldn’t talk much once we got him in the van. I didn’t know if he was riding for someone, himself or he in fact had cancer and had made a commitment to do this journey. We arrived at Logan and met his friends. I unloaded the bike and brought it to one of the mobile repair stands. Two or three minutes later I left for my next station 10 miles down the road near Nelsonville. About an hour later the five friends rode by my van with their thumbs up. The fallen rider passed by, and with a big wave, said thank you. That pretty much sums up what this event is about.

Later in the afternoon, a young woman fell off her bike and I was able to clean and dress her injury and allowed her to continue her ride. Someone told her that I was the chief of surgery at OSU East, and she asked that a photo be taken of her and I. (below) Around 6 pm I was stationed just north of Nelsonville and remained on site until about 7:30 pm, when I was asked to take the last rider off the course because it was too late in the day. A young woman was at least 15 miles outside of Athens and had at least two more hours to go. It was unsafe for her to continue and I removed her from the course. We arrived in Athens about a half-hour later and stopped about 500 feet from the finish line to let her get out of the van and ride through the finish line and join her friends.

“It’s an awesome experience and a wonderful way to raise funds directly for cancer research.”

Dr. Richard Schlanger with a rider he treated (with permission).
I spent the evening in the dormitory at Ohio University. I started Sunday at 5 am and took up position at the intersection of Routes 278 and 595, a very fast downward curve with a blind intersection coming in from the left. There was a state trooper posted to stop traffic. My job was to alert the oncoming riders and to also keep the road clean of debris. It rained very heavily for the next two hours. After all riders had passed I followed them to Slate Run and then returned back to Amanda Clear Creek. There were very few injuries on the second day however we did have very heavy weather come through twice. At the finish line around three o’clock there was a huge thunderstorm and we had to pick up the remaining 20 riders because of the lightning. These were very unhappy people, and their cooperation left much to be desired, until lightning hit within 20 feet of where they were riding. Then they were banging on the doors to get into the vans. I took as many riders as I could and all the support vehicles entered the park and waited for the weather to clear. About 20 minutes later I radioed the event controller and asked if the riders could complete the remaining 1.2 miles so they could say that they did the entire Pelotonia. This was allowed, and all the support vehicles followed the remaining riders through the finish line.

In all, I put 480 miles on the rented van, treated 25 riders and transported another 60. It was a lot of hard work but I now understand what this great event is all about. I can’t wait to do it again next year.”
In Brief

In the News

Six-way chain transplant perform at Ohio State

In September surgeons at The Ohio State University Medical Center performed the largest living organ chain transplantation in Ohio. A total of 12 people, 6 donors and 6 recipients, participated in an unprecedented six-way kidney transplant. The transplantations were carried out over two days by five surgeons and their teams, led by Dr. Ronald Pelletier, associate professor of surgery, Division of Transplantation.

Chain transplants have been happening more often in the past few years and sometimes involve multiple medical centers with several patients at each hospital. A handful of two-way swaps have been performed at Ohio State.

Chain donations depend on pairs of people: one who needs a kidney and one who is willing to donate but isn’t a good match for that friend or relative. The basic premise for a two-way swap: Patient A and Donor B are a match, and Patient B and Donor A are a match. Once a chain gets longer, it gets more complex, both medically and logistically. The payoff is great, however, and transplant centers have been looking for the longest chains possible, Pelletier said.

In this case, an anonymous donor said she’d give to anyone. The transplant team, which has collected the information of more than 20 donor/recipient pairs, got to work figuring how her generosity could reap the most benefit. After the operations all 12 patients were doing well and recovering.

Pancreatic cancer survival

Dr. Mark Bloomston, associate professor of surgery, Surgical Oncology, was quoted in the August 12th issue of the Columbus Dispatch about the difficulty of early detection in pancreatic cancer, and the need for improved diagnostic methods. Currently only six percent of people who develop the disease live more than five years.

Burn prevention

Dr. Larry Jones, associate professor of surgery, Critical Care, Trauma and Burn, taped an interview for the Ohio News Network’s ONN-TV about preventing burns. The program aired October 1st. Brush and kitchen fires are common causes for burns this time of year. Dr. Jones also discussed new treatments in use at the OSU Burn Center.
Organ screening guidelines

Dr. Mitchell Henry, professor of surgery, chief of Transplantation and president of the American Society of Transplantation, was quoted in the September 22th Wall Street Journal about new federal transplant guidelines, saying that they don’t take into consideration the realities of organ transplantation — which is often performed in life-and-death situations with little time to spare.

“We support guidelines which help to decrease disease transmission, but we want them to be evidence-based and balanced by the risks of dying without an organ transplant,” said Dr. Henry.

Stopping stroke with extra oxygen

In a guest column in the October 12th issue of the Cleveland Plain Dealer, Dr. Savita Khanna, assistant professor of surgery, explains two key findings about using oxygen that point to a low-cost way of reducing harm to the brain from a stroke. Research conducted at The Ohio State University Medical Center showed how adding oxygen during stroke can reduce damage showing the right time frame for giving oxygen and how oxygen converts toxic glutamate into fuel for brain cells.

Part-time surgeons

Dr. Bhagwan Satiani, professor of clinical surgery, Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was quoted in several news publications including the September issues of American Medical News, Science Daily and Columbus Business First, and interviewed October 17th by WOSU Radio on the use of part-time surgeons to help reduce the predicted shortage of surgeons. Dr. Satiani said that part-time schedules may be attractive to older surgeons as an alternative to full retirement and also to young female surgeons who wish to balance raising a family with their career. In 2009 Dr. Satiani, Dr. E. Christopher Ellison and Dr. Thomas E. William co-authored the book The Coming Shortage of Surgeons: Why They Are Disappearing and What That Means for Our Health.


Reminder – Upcoming Meeting

5th Annual Comprehensive Wound Care Conference, Ohio Union, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh., March 23-24, 2012
Research Grants

Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor of surgery, Division of Transplantation, and associate dean for research education, OSU College of Medicine, has been awarded a National Institutes for Health R01 grant for her investigation “Novel mechanisms regulating post-transplant humoral alloimmunity.” The four year grant offers approximately $250,000 per year.

This translational study, based on animal models, will investigate the mechanisms of alloantibody regulation, including T-cell and B-cell response. These data could lead to new therapies in the treatment of allograft rejection.

Co-investigators for this study are Dr. Virginia Sanders, professor, Department of Molecular Virology, Immunology and Medical Genetics, Dr. Gregg Hadley, professor of surgery, Division of Transplantation, and Dr. Chandan Sen, professor of surgery and vice chairman for research, Department of Surgery.

Book Chapters


Publications


Caronia LM, Phay JE, Shah MH. Role of BRAF in Thyroid Oncogenesis, Clin Cancer Res, 2011; Sep 7. [ePub ahead of print]


Abstracts


Presentations


Besner G. Pediatric Burn Management. Pediatrics Acute Care Lecture Series, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, Columbus, Oh., August 24, 2011.

Go, MR. Histopathologic Features of Nonarteriosclerotic Disease of the Aorta & Arteries. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Grand Rounds, Columbus, Ohio, July 25, 2011.

Habib, J. A comprehensive review and update of what’s new in vascular and endovascular surgery. 29th Annual UCLA Symposium, Los Angeles Ca., September 12-16, 2011.

Henry ML. Speaker, ASTS Today, ASTS Faculty Development Program, Chicago Il., September 11, 2011.


Henry ML. Speaker, ASTS President’s Message, 5th Annual Surgical Fellows Symposium, Tucson Az., September 20, 2011.

Miller SF. Course Director, ATLS Provider Course, Central Ohio Trauma System. Columbus, Oh., July 14-15, 2011.

Miller SF. Management of SJS and TEN. The 4th Annual Midwestern Dermatology Resident Review Course, Columbus, Oh., August 27, 2011.

Polley, N. Peripheral Vascular Surgery SSI Reduction Study by Perioperative Blood Glucose Optimization. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., September 26, 2011.


Satiani B. Lower Extremity Duplex Venous Examination. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., July 25, 2011.

Satiani B. Medicare & Medicaid. Seminars in practice management. Department of surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh., August 11, 2011.

Satiani, B. Time value of money. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Department of Plastic Surgery, Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., September 2, 2011.

Satiani B. Overview of Vascular Diseases. Presentation to Med III students, The Ohio State University Medical Center, Columbus, Oh., September 26, 2011.

Satiani B. Co-Course Director: Controversies in vascular diseases and 4th annual non-invasive vascular seminar, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh., October 7-8, 2011.
Satiani B. Timeliness of physician interpretation in the vascular lab. Presented at the 4th Annual Non-invasive Vascular Seminar, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh., October 7-8, 2011.

Satiani B. Work Life balance. Seminars in practice management. Department of surgery, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Oh., October 13, 2011.

Starr JE. Hemostatis, Surgical Bleeding & Transfusion. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Basic Science Conference, Columbus, Oh., August 4, 2011.


Starr JE. Endovascular Treatment of Abdominal and Thoracic Aneurysm. The Ohio State University Medical Center, American Society of Clinical Anatomists Meeting, Surgery and Technology Meetings Anatomy, Columbus, Oh., July 16, 2011.

Thors A. Molecular Biology. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., August 8, 2011.

Vermilion BD. Hemodynamics & Atherosclerosis. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., July 11, 2011.

Vaccaro PS. Management of Vascular Trauma. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, Oh., September 12, 2011.


International Presentations

Recognitions

William Farrar, MD Lectureship established

Jodi and Stan Ross have generously donated funds to establish the William Farrar, MD, Lectureship. The Ross’ wished to honor Dr. Farrar because of the care and treated he provided to two family members.

The lectureship will provide community education opportunities, raise awareness about breast cancer and provide physicians with continuing medical education on current research, clinical trials and therapies. Dr. Farrar is professor of surgery, chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and director of the Stephanie Spielman Comprehension Breast Center.

Department faculty promotions

Congratulations to the following Department of Surgery faculty on their recent promotion, which became effective October 1. Faculty members and their new rank are:

Dr. Doreen M. Agnese, associate professor of surgery-clinical

Dr. Mark E. Galantowicz, professor of surgery-clinical

Dr. Denis R. King, clinical professor of surgery

Dr. Susan D. Moffatt-Bruce, associate professor of surgery, with tenure

Dr. Chittoor B. Sai-Sudhakar, associate professor of surgery

Congratulations to all! ✧