The Department of Surgery was honored to welcome special guest Dr. Richard King on Friday, September 21. Dr. King established the James D. King Research Award in memory of his father Dr. James King. The award recognizes excellence in surgical research by a resident. Joining Dr. King (far right) are (left to right) Dr. Ginny Bumgardner, professor and associate dean for research education; Dr. Christopher Ellison, Zollinger professor and chair; and residents Dr. Rachael Sullivan; Dr. Laura Peterson; Dr. Joseph Drosdeck; Dr. Mika Matthews; Dr. Tyler Spata; Dr. Amy Collins; and Dr. Jon Wisler.

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LEADERSHIP

Dr. Besner appointed to the H. William Clatworthy, Jr. Professorship

Gail E. Besner, MD, has been appointed to the H. William Clatworthy Jr. Professorship in Pediatric Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. She is chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, program director of the Residency in Pediatric Surgery, principal investigator in the Center for Perinatal Research in the Research Institute at Nationwide Children’s and co-director of the Burn Program at Nationwide Children’s.

“Nationwide Children’s is home to one of the very first and most distinguished training programs in pediatric surgery in the U.S. and Dr. Besner has the vision, determination and skills necessary to lead our pediatric surgery program to new heights,” said R. Lawrence Moss, MD, Surgeon-in-Chief at Nationwide Children’s and the E. Thomas Boles, Jr. Professor of Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. “Her appointment to this distinguished professorship, which is designated for a scholar in pediatric surgery, is recognition of her accomplishments and dedication to her field.”

Dr. Clatworthy built one of the earliest and most respected pediatric surgery training programs in the country at Nationwide Children’s and The Ohio State University through the 1950s and 1960s. He was honored nationally and internationally for his contributions to pediatric surgery, education and research. He is remembered as a pioneer in pediatric surgery training and for his surgical innovation, as well as his insistence on the highest patient care standards.

“Dr. Besner’s leadership and commitment to the academic missions within her discipline and her dedication to excellence in teaching, research and service exemplify the values for which this chair was established,” said Charles J. Lockwood, MD, dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine. “We look forward to her continued contributions.”

During the last 21 years, Besner has achieved a level of academic excellence that places her among the most acclaimed pediatric surgeons in the world. In the process, she has authored more than 130 original scientific articles, delivered over 200 presentations, mentored dozens of fellows and has been awarded seven patents. Besner is a member of every significant surgical organization in her field and has served as visiting professor around the United States and in several continents.

Besner has been a tireless advocate for surgical education at Nationwide Children’s and throughout the U.S. Under her leadership of the Pediatric Surgery Fellowship program at Nationwide Children’s, the program has been

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able to attract some of the most sought after applicants in the country. She is a continuous ‘favorite’ of general surgical residents and medical students and was voted the Outstanding Teacher of the Year by surgical trainees earlier this month.

Besner earned her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati and completed an internship and residency in Surgery at Brigham & Women’s Hospital, a research fellowship at Boston Children’s Hospital, and pediatric surgery fellowship at Children’s Hospital of Buffalo prior to her appointment at Nationwide Children’s in 1991.
Dr. Arnold appointed to test committees

Mark Arnold, MD, professor of surgery and chief, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, has been appointment as a member of the Surgery Test Committee of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME). This committee is responsible for development of the surgery subject tests provided by the NBME to medical schools and other institutions with a legitimate interest in the education of physicians and other health professionals.

Dr. Arnold was also nominated to serve concurrently on the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 2 Test Material Development Committee (TMDC) for Surgery. This test committee is charged with writing items for use in the USMLE Step 2 examination. USMLE is the sole licensing examination for allopathic physicians in the United States and is designed to assess the examinee’s understanding of and ability to apply concepts and principles that are important in health and disease and that constitute the basis of safe and effective patient care.

These two committees work closely with each other to manage test development, scoring, analysis, and reporting. At the annual meeting, tests are reviewed for accuracy, relevance and quality prior to inclusion in the test item library. Dr. Arnold’s two-year term begins January 2013 with a possibility of reappointment to a third or fourth year.
NEW FACULTY

Dr. Sigmond joins General Surgery

Benjamin Sigmond, MD, has joined the faculty of the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery as assistant professor of surgery. Dr. Sigmond earned his medical degree at the Boston University School of Medicine. He completed a general surgery internship and residency at Drexel University College of Medicine, and completed a fellowship in endocrine surgery at Texas A&M Health Sciences Center, Scott & White Clinic.

Dr. Sigmond served as a general, trauma and critical care surgeon in the United States Army for 16 years. He spent 3 years overseas, mostly at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, and was also stationed in Kosovo and Romania. He primarily treated combat wounded of the U.S. and affiliated forces. Dr. Sigmond was also stationed at the DeWitt Army Hospital in Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He received an honorable discharge in 2011 having achieved the rank of major.

Dr. Sigmond is certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Wound Management. His clinical and research interests include thyroid, parathyroid, and minimally invasive adrenal surgery, wound care and hyperbaric medicine, abdominal wall reconstruction, and limb salvage.
RESEARCH

Dr. Rink to serve as Technology Commercialization scholar

Cameron Rink, PhD, assistant professor, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was nominated to serve as a Technology Commercialization Office (TCO) Faculty Entrepreneurial Scholar for the fall 2012 through summer 2013 term. TCO Faculty Entrepreneur Scholars are a cadre of faculty and research members dedicated to continuing innovation, invention, and commercialization in their respective colleges.

The group provides a unique opportunity to learn about, engage in and steer new commercialization initiatives at The Ohio State University. “A key purpose of this appointment is to facilitate peer-to-peer interaction between our faculty and The Technology Commercialization Office (TCO). I look forward to serving as a resource for inventors in the Department who are interested in patent and commercialization opportunities through the TCO,” said Dr. Rink. This position also requires scholars to attend workshops and engage in outreach activities as needed.

The nomination committee includes Brian Cummings, vice president, OSU Technology, Commercialization and Knowledge Transfer, Dr. Thomas Rosol, senior biotechnology advisor, OSU Technology, Commercialization and Knowledge Transfer, and Dr. Charles Lockwood, dean of the OSU College of Medicine and vice president for Health Sciences.

An inaugural reception was held on October 8 at the OSU Technology and Commercialization Office located at 1524 North High Street. Special guest University President E. Gordon Gee met scholars, College Review Board members and TCO staff.
First Annual CRMCBT Retreat

by Brent Toto, CRMCBT Administrative Director

One of the key missions of the Center for Regenerative Medicine and Cell-Based Therapies (CRMCBT) is to “de-fragment” our strengths in Regenerative Medicine at The Ohio State University, Nationwide Children’s and Battelle. To help achieve this goal, we recently held one of our signature events. The Annual Retreat at Mohican was hosted on August 17-18, 2012 at the picturesque Mohican State Park Lodge and Conference Center. Key drivers from Columbus, Akron and Cleveland attended to present key highlights of their program, so that discussion sessions allowed programmatic alignment and helped with formation of new teams. Opening video remarks were provided by Dr. Steven Gabbe, who launched the center at the March 2012 Translational to Clinical (T2C) Regenerative Medicine Wound Care Conference. E. Christopher Ellison, M.D. and Chandan Sen, along with Jeremy Rich, M.D., Co-Director, National Center for Regenerative Medicine (NCRM) welcomed the group and set the stage for the two day event.

Leadership of the National Center for Regenerative Medicine in Cleveland, Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus and the Akron Functional Materials Center located at the University of Akron actively participated in the Retreat. We have a unique opportunity to build a statewide program by leveraging the unique strengths of each of these campuses in conjunction with the expertise in place at OSU.

(L to R) Brent Toto, Dr. Alicia Bertone, Dr. Michael Knopp, Dr. Chandan Sen, Dr. Gil Van Bokkelen, Dr. Gayle Gordillo and Dr. Hiranmoy Das at the CRMCBT Retreat

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The Retreat prompted needed discussions to open communication and resource lines with the National Center for Regenerative Medicine (NCRM) in Cleveland at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). Gil Van Bokkelen, Chair, Board of Governors for NCRM, and Chandan K. Sen, Director, CRMCBT initiated conversations at the retreat that lead to an Oct 12th meeting between NCRM and OSU senior leadership. Stan Gerson, MD, Director, NCRM and Pam Davis, MD, Dean, College of Medicine, CWRU and Steven Gabbe, MD, Senior Vice President, Office of Health Sciences, CEO, Wexner Medical Center, Ohio State University, Chandan Sen, PhD and Brent Toto, MHA, Administrative Director, CRMCBT have agreed to formalize a proactive relationship of the two centers. Most notable will be access to joint funding initiatives and opening up of state funded cores between the organizations, which has not existed in the past. More information on available cores and methods to access will be provided to OSU researchers once details are established between the two centers. Dr. Sen and Brent Toto will now participate on the Executive Committee of NCRM to foster the relationship forward.

Industry is also a key player in building a regenerative medicine consortium and was strategically included in the retreat forum. We have attracted the interest of key national players, including start-ups like Nanofiber Solutions based on campus at Tech Columbus. Nanofiber Solutions, Chief Technology Officer, Jed Johnson, gave a presentation titled “Reverse Tissue Engineering” and discussed the company’s stem cell seeded trachea procedure. CRMCBT is actively pursuing the stem cell seeded trachea procedure to occur at the Wexner Medical Center, as well as through the OSU India Global Gateway to occur in India with the participation of OSU faculty. Athersys, Inc. and Stem Med, Inc. also participated in the Retreat and are pursuing collaborations with OSU faculty.
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The event’s structure of short, impactful 10 minute talks followed by ample discussion time and breakout session groups (Stem Cell, Tissue Engineering, Imaging, Wound Care) allowed attendees time to learn and develop relationships on 46 unique subjects during the two day event. “The field of regenerative medicine and cell-based therapies asks for multi-disciplinary, inter-institutional programs working as one team to provide pointed health care solution and this retreat forum offers a great opportunity for this to happen.”—Brent Toto, Administrative Director, CRMCBT.

A CRMCBT Planning Retreat first occurred on September 17, 2010 at Mohican State park. This event helped push forward the initiative of the Center being formally launched this year.

Planning has begun for the 2013 Annual Retreat at Mohican, where we anticipate strengthening the Cleveland and Akron connection to OSU and the addition of Cincinnati regenerative medicine leaders being engaged in the retreat.

CRMCBT’s next signature event is the March 14-16, 2013 Translational to Clinical (T2C) Regenerative Medicine Wound Care Conference. A Call for Abstracts is currently underway. For more information about the Center for Regenerative Medicine and Cell Based therapies visit: regenerativemedicine.osu.edu.
PELOTONIA 2012

Surgery faculty and staff ride for one goal

With the common goal of ending cancer, many Department of Surgery faculty and staff participated in the fourth annual Pelotonia, either as riders, support volunteers or through their donations. The fundraising bicycle ride contributes 100% of the donations to the OSU James Cancer Hospital. Several lengths of courses are available, up to 180 miles over two days, with donations to participate based on the distance ridden. Participants may form teams, called pelotons, thus giving the event its name. This year Pelotonia raised more than $12 million with a predicted final total near $13 million. Pelotonia was held August 10-12. Several Surgery participants shared their stories and photos.

Sandra Parsons, office associate, Heart Transplant Program: “I rode the 100 mile route on Saturday, my third Pelotonia. It was a great route this year, nice to have the change. If there is anything that I can say that really made it all worth it to me, it was a man standing on the side of the road with a sign that said “thanks for saving my life”! That pretty much says it all! The fundraising is always scary but I cannot imagine not doing it again and again.”

Megan Guth, systems analyst for the Department of Surgery, rode with the peloton ‘Pedaling IT’. They raised a total of $15,629. “The members of this peloton, either through employment or support of an employee in the OSUWMC Information Technology department, strive every day to provide information technology tools and processes that help our clinicians and patients fight this dreaded disease,” said Megan. Phyllis Teater, associate vice president of Health Services was the team captain.

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Dr. Doreen Agnese, assistant professor: “A great ride again and good representation by Surgery. Lots of support by those who live along the route. I personally rode 50 miles. I was able to ride part of the way with one of my patients, a breast cancer survivor.” The peloton OSU Surgical Oncology raised over $34,542. Members of this peloton included many Surgery faculty.

Chris Kaiser, chief operating officer, OSU Surgery, LLC and Rich Sobieray, chief financial officer, OSU Physicians and associate executive director, Faculty Group Practice, completed the 180 mile round trip this year, riding with the “Wheels of Fortune Peloton.” The employees of OSUS/OSUP enjoyed a picnic lunch and bid on donated raffle items to support the fund raising efforts. Chris dedicated his ride to his best friend from High School who lost his wife to cancer this year. Chris has ridden the round trip circuit each year and has logged 720 miles and $12,000 in donations – $16.67 per mile! Both Rich and Chris appreciated the new destination this year and recommend an extra beer to soften up those dorm beds!
SAVE THE DATE

Presented by The Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery and Case Western Reserve University Department of Surgery:

The thirteenth annual conference, Advances in Minimally Invasive Surgery 2013, will be held on February 14-17, 2013 at a new location at the Waldorf Astoria in Naples, Florida.

Course co-directors are W. Scott Melvin, MD, FACS and Jeffrey L. Ponsky, MD, FACS.

As, the field of Minimally Invasive Surgery (MIS) continues to expand and grow rapidly, advances in technology and procedures continue to change with the future of medicine. This educational event will discuss topics such as advanced MIS procedures and patient care in colorectal surgery, hernia repair, endoscopy, bariatrics, foregut, and robotic surgery and how to manage surgical complications. It will also address socioeconomic issues with the affordable healthcare act, employed position module, and patient protection. It will also identify and analyze surgical education training as we know it today and what to expect in the future.

For more information, visit our website at \text{http://cmis.osu.edu} or call Heidi Pieper at 614.293.9072. ✩
DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

CMIS welcomes international visiting scholar

The Center for Minimally Invasive Surgery recently welcomed an international visiting scholar, Dr. Xiaojun Zhou, from Suzhou, Jiangsu, China. Dr. Zhou (also known as John) is an Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Department of Laparoscopic Surgery at the 1st Hospital Affiliated to Soochow University. Dr. Zhou joined us on September 4th and will be here until the end of November. The program will give him exposure to advanced application of techniques in minimally invasive surgery. Also, it will help prepare him to train others in these techniques in his home country.

Dr. Zhou (left) with Dr. Dean Mikami, associate professor of surgery, Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery.

Dr. Jason Smith presents peritoneal resuscitation

Visiting professor Dr. Jason Smith (see photo on page 14), assistant professor of surgery and chief medical information officer at the University of Louisville, presented the Surgery Grand Rounds “Peritoneal Resuscitation After Hemorrhagic Shock” on October 4. Dr. Smith completed his general surgery residency at Ohio State. His visit was hosted by Dr. Steven Steinberg, professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn.

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Dr. Steven Steinberg (left), professor of surgery and chief of the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn with visiting professor Dr. Jason Smith.

Dr. Neil Hyman presents on surgical quality

Dr. Neil H. Hyman, the Samuel B. and Michelle D. Labow Green and Gold Professor of Colorectal Surgery, and Co-Director, Digestive Disease Center at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, presented “Measuring Quality in Surgery: Have We Lost Our Way” at the October 25 Surgery Grand Rounds. Citing examples from his specialty of colorectal surgery, Dr. Hyman stressed the importance of following each patient to establish an outcome-based assessment of surgical quality.

Dr. Hyman (second from right), is joined by Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery faculty Dr. Daniel Geisler, Dr. Alan Harzman, Dr. Syed Husain, division chief Dr. Mark Arnold, and far right, Zollinger professor and chair Dr. E. Christopher Ellison.
**MMSP Corner**

**Dr. Wendling to graduate MMSP**

Mark Wendling, MD, general surgery resident, presented “Endoluminal Therapy for GERD” at Surgery Grand Rounds on October 18th. Dr. Wendling conducted his research with faculty mentors Dr. Scott Melvin and Dr. Kyle Perry. He will be graduating with a Master of Medical Science Degree from The Ohio State University on December 16th, 2012. Congratulations Dr. Wendling!

**Dr. Matthews research awards**

Congratulations to Mika Matthews, MD, general surgery resident, for her accomplishments over the last few months! She presented “HB-EGF Protects the Intestines from Radiation Therapy-Induced Intestinal Injury” at the American College of Surgeons 2012 Clinical Congress, Surgical Forum; Chicago, Illinois. Dr. Matthews will also be presenting the same abstract in New Orleans, Louisiana October 20-23rd at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition.

Dr. Matthews received the following awards:

- The Rosencrantz Resident Research Award for the best basic science presentation at the American Academy of Pediatrics Surgical Section meeting. Her talk was entitled “HB-EGF Protects the intestines from Radiation Therapy-Induced Intestinal Injury.” The competition was very strong and in addition to the award, her manuscript will be published in the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery*.

- 3rd place award at the 17th Annual Department of Surgery Research Conference for presenting; Matthews MAB, Watkins D, Darbyshire A, Carson WE, Besner GE. “HB-EGF Protects the Intestines from Radiation Therapy-Induced Intestinal Injury.” Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, May 25, 2012.


Dr. Matthews conducts her research at Nationwide Children’s Hospital with the Division of Pediatric Surgery.

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**Presentations**
Joe Drosdeck, MD, general surgery resident, will present an abstract titled, “Porcine Wet Lab Improves Surgical Skills in Third Year Medical Students” at the 8th Annual Academic Surgical Congress to be held February 5-7th, 2013 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Drosdeck is also working with Dr. Peter Muscarella to implement a robotic surgery curriculum and ACLS curriculum for general surgery residents.

**Grants**
Congrats to Justin Huntington, MD, general surgery resident, who has received the de la Chappelle T32 award. He is currently working with Dr. Gustavo Leone and Dr. Carl Schmidt.

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SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

Cheryl Pulsinelli

Cheryl Pulsinelli’s career goal during the past decade has been to steadily increase her knowledge of healthcare administration, and you may not guess it by looking at her, she can also build you a house. Cheryl was hired by the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn as administrator upon the retirement of Deborah Adams (see story on page 19).

Prior to Cheryl’s interest in healthcare she worked in the building industry for a central Ohio contractor. “I know how to build a house from the ground up. I can read a blueprint, do construction, landscaping…” explained Cheryl. In 2003 she decided to change careers and applied for a position in the Division of Hematology and Oncology at Ohio State. “I wrote a humorous cover letter with my application. Melissa Childress (then division administrator) told me during the interview that she “had to meet me.”” Cheryl was hired and Melissa encouraged Cheryl to attend Ohio State where she earned a bachelor of science degree in health administration.

Cheryl was born in Muskogee, Oklahoma. Her family moved to Fort Worth, Texas when she was very young. Her father’s family is from Centerville, Ohio, near Dayton. He relocated to Muskogee to attend Bacone College and while there he met Cheryl’s mother, who is a member of the Navajo tribe of Native Americans. Cheryl learned many Navajo customs and traditions from her mother, such as someone who is celebrating a birthday gives presents rather than receives them. Cheryl pointed out that the Navajo language was used during the Second World War as a code to secure strategic radio communications. Navajo soldiers were referred to as code talkers. This story was portrayed in the movie “Windtalkers”. Cheryl relocated to central Ohio when she was 18 years of age.

Cheryl considers Melissa Childress, associate executive director of the James Cancer Hospital, as a mentor. Cheryl served as administrative assistant at Hematology and Oncology and gradually increased her responsibilities to assist with faculty recruitment, human resources and finance. When Hematology and Oncology split and became separate divisions within the Department of Internal Medicine Cheryl became Oncology’s business manager, which she noted, “is similar to the position of Connie [Roberson].” within the Department of Surgery. Cheryl said it was hard to leave Oncology. On a personal level she helped friends and family diagnosed with cancer find “the best” physicians for their disease.

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While she misses the faculty and staff at her previous position she looks forward to the challenges and opportunities available in the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn. “I enjoy learning more about the clinical side of the Division,” says Cheryl. She is also excited about the new technologies that are changing the healthcare industry. Cheryl sees her role as a problem-solver. She explains, “I like being able to meet a need for a solution for the faculty and staff.”

Away from work Cheryl likes exercising – she is an avid runner. She enjoys attending sporting events including the IndyCar racing series, but her “favorite thing” is tailgating at Buckeye football games. “My cousin and I set-up every week at the corner of Coffey Rd. and Woody Hayes Blvd. Sometimes as many as 40 guests attend.”

Cheryl also has two sons. Vinnie, 23, attends The Ohio State University, and Antonio, 17, is a senior at Bishop Ready High School in Columbus.

Welcome Cheryl! ✦
MILESTONE
Deborah Adams retires

A farewell reception was held for Deborah K. Adams, (Debby) administrator, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn on August 27. Debby retired from The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center after more than 25 years of service.

In 1987 Debby joined the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Nephrology as a Medical Secretary. Four years later in 1991 she joined Dr. Hagop Mekhjian’s office in the Department of Physician’s Relations as an administrative assistant. Debby served as a personal contact to the Medical Center and the community physicians by providing information and assisting physicians and support staff. After more than 9 years of excellent services in Physician’s Relations, Debby returned to the Division of Nephrology in 2000 when she was promoted as the Administrator for that division. While this was without question a highlight in Debby’s career, the best was yet to come when a year later in 2001 she joined the Department of Surgery, Division of General Surgery as an Administrator.

Finally, in 2004 Debby joined the Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn as the Administrator for that newly created division in the Department of Surgery. Over the past 8 years, Debby has dedicated herself to meeting the needs of the department and division. She has been a wonderful resource to the faculty, and has served not only as a supervisor, but also as a mentor to the staff. Debby will be truly missed and we wish her the very best.

(Courtesy of Dr. Steven Steinberg)
IN BRIEF

In the News

**Trauma Center retains level 1 designation**

The Trauma Center at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center has again been verified a Level 1 Trauma Center by the Verification Review Committee, an ad hoc committee of the Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons. This achievement recognizes the Trauma Center’s dedication to providing optimal care for injured patients. Level 1 is the highest designation for a trauma center, meaning Ohio State is uniquely capable of caring for the most complex and severe traumas and injuries.

**Dr. E. Christopher Ellison**, Zollinger Professor and Chair of Surgery and CEO of the Faculty Group Practice was quoted in the Sunday, October 7, *Columbus Dispatch* newspaper in the article “Insurers balk at covering treatment”. The article by Ben Sutherly states that some private health insurers are unwilling to pay for MR-guided focused ultrasound therapy due to its experimental nature. “Those are the rules of the game. This is nothing new. I don’t think it’s the insurance company being the bad guy at all,” Dr. Ellison said. “They’re trying to meet their fiduciary responsibility to their clients and patients.”

**Dr. Steven Steinberg**, professor of surgery and chief, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, was appointed as president of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Steinberg accepted the appointment during the Annual Business Meeting at the 57th Annual Meeting. Dr. Steinberg’s mission is to lead the Ohio Chapter in protecting patient rights, promoting quality of care and safety, improving access to surgical care, and promoting reduction of health care cost.

**Patrick Ross, Jr., MD, PhD**, professor of surgery and chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery, was appointed as the State Chair for Ohio of the Commission on Cancer (CoC) at the September 30 annual meeting. “I am excited about this opportunity.” said Dr. Ross. As State Chair, Dr. Ross will provide leadership, support and serve as an important resource to the CoC-accredited programs and cancer liaison physicians in Ohio. Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1922, the CoC is a consortium of professional organizations dedicated to improving survival and quality of life for cancer patients through standard-setting, prevention, research, education, and the monitoring of comprehensive quality care. Dr. Ross’ three-year term is effective through July 2015 with the option of reappointment.

**Dr. Sidney Miller**, professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn has been named as the American Electric Power Foundation Chair
in Burn Care. The mission of the chair’s fund is to support a nationally and internationally recognized faculty member in the division. Dr. Miller was appointed by Dr. Charles Lockwood, the Dean of the College of Medicine in consultation with Dr. Christopher Ellison, the Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Chair of the Department of Surgery. The term of the appointment is two years, effective September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2014. Dr. Miller was selected for his leadership and dedication to excellence in teaching, research, and patient care.

David Lindsey, MD, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, has been accepted as a Harvard-Macy fellow. The Harvard Macy Institute is a foundation dedicated to Healthcare professional educational innovation and reform. Dr. Lindsey submitted a proposed project for medical students and early housestaff for a course in leadership in healthcare. In January 2014 he will attend a course at Harvard to develop an educational project, the “Program for Educators in Healthcare Professions,” for The Ohio State University Medical College and the Department of Surgery. In May 2014 he will complete the project to submit it to the college and to his peers at the institute for evaluation and hopefully implementation.

Congratulations to Maxine Vargas, human resources manager for the Department of Surgery on receiving the Gail Johannes Award for Long Term Service. This award recognizes excellence in service at the OSU Wexner Medical Center by employees with 25 or more years of employment. Maxine has been a member of the OSU team for over 26 years. “Maxine is a mentor for all Department staff. She is unselfish in her time in training new managers in the intricacies of HR systems. She is just as giving to staff with an open door policy for counseling,” said Dr. Jerry Johnson, Department administrator. Joining Maxine (below, 2nd from left) at the award presentation are Dr. Christopher Ellison, Zollinger Professor and Chairman, Amy Hurley, program director for Faculty and Staff Recognition, and Dr. Jerry Johnson, Department administrator.
Q & A: Latest Breast Cancer Technology and Treatment
Dr. Doreen Agnese, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, appeared on the WTTE-TV-28 show GoodDay Columbus on October 11. Dr. Agnese quizzed the Good Day Columbus morning show anchors to teach them about cutting edge breast cancer technology and treatment.

K. Christopher Kaiser, CPA, CMPE, chief operating officer of OSU Surgery, LLC has earned the professional designation of Certified Medical Practice Executive (CMPE) from the American College of Medical Practice Executives (ACMPE). ACMPE is the standard setting and certification division of MGMA-ACMPE.

The designation of CMPE demonstrates that Kaiser has achieved board certification in medical practice management. ACMPE certifies an individual’s professional competence upon passing rigorous essay and objective examinations that assess knowledge of the broad scope of medical practice management skills sets as outlined in the Body of Knowledge for Medical Practice Management. These include business operations, financial management, human resource management, information management, organizational governance, patient care systems, quality management and risk management. The individual must also earn a minimum of 50 continuing education credit hours.

There are 6,600 MGMA-ACMPE members participating in ACMPE board certification and Fellowship; 600 have achieved Fellow credential, 2,200 have achieved the CMPE credential and 3,800 are pursuing board certification.

Chris joined Department of Surgery Corporation (the predecessor organization to OSU Surgery, LLC) in 1992 after working for the accounting & consulting firm Deloitte for 15 years. Chris has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1979.

Faculty Departures
Keith Andreoni, MD, accepted an appointment as associate professor with the Division of Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery, Department of Surgery, at the University Florida College of Medicine, Gainesville, Florida.

Michael Firstenberg, MD, accepted a position as cardiac surgeon with Summa Health Systems in Akron, Ohio.

Best wishes to both.
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Dr. Syed G. Husain, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of General and Gastrointestinal Surgery, was selected by the medical students to receive the Michael J. Walker, M.D. Faculty Teaching Award.

Dr. Carl R. Schmidt, assistant professor of clinical surgery in the Division of Surgical Oncology, was chosen by Department residents and fellows to receive a Faculty Teaching Award.

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### Abstracts


### International Presentations


National Presentations


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Go MR. Temporary IVC filters are the best. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Go MR. Endovascular intervention for tibial artery disease has made surgery a relic of the past. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Go MR, Kiser D, Wald P, Haurani MJ, Moseley, M, Satiani B. Clinical Evaluation of Suspected DVT Guides the Decision to Prophylactically Anticoagulate But Does Not Impact the Decision to Perform After Hours Duplex Venous Scanning or Increase Its Yield. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Go MR. Endografting scanning: new data. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, 5th Annual Vascular Noninvasive Testing Symposium, Columbus, OH, October 13, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Facilitator – Hemostasis, Surgical Bleeding & Transfusion. The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery, Basic Science Conference, Columbus, OH, August 2, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Perioperative hemodynamics and fluid management. Ross Heart Hospital, 5th floor In-Service, Columbus, OH, August 15, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Cath Lab/Endovascular Nightmares. 4th Annual Acute Myocardial Infarction Update: Beyond STEMI: An Introduction to Level 1 Heart and Vascular Emergency Program, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 21, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Aortic Dissection. Licking County Memorial Hospital, Medical Staff Meeting, Newark, OH, September 24, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Permanent IVC filters are better. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.
Haurani MJ. Surgery is the best option for type B thoracic aortic dissection. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Haurani MJ. Vascular Access and Basic Science of Hemodialysis Access. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, October 29, 2012.

Heigel M. Tocotrienol vitamin E improves cerebrovascular collateral perfusion during acute ischemic stroke. Awarded 1st place The Ohio State University, DHLRI Research Day, Columbus, OH October 11, 2012.

Jones LM. WCMH-TV/4 (broadcast and online) discussed summertime activities that make the weeks around the 4th of July some of the busiest in the burn center. Broadcast July 4, 2012.


Lindsey DE. The journey of a surgical career. Presented at the Surgery Interest Group, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 24, 2012.

Lindsey DE. Access to surgical care. Presented at the Surgery Honors Group OSU, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 16, 2012.

Lindsey DE. Care of the postoperative cardiac patient. Presented at the Pulmonary Intensive Care Fellows Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 5, 2012.

Miller SF. Course Director, Advanced Trauma Life Support Course, Central Ohio Trauma Systems, Columbus, OH, August 17, 2012.


Mouawad N. Drugs in Vascular Disease. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Columbus, OH, October 15, 2012.
Rink C. Cerebrovascular Collaterals in Acute Ischemic Stroke. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH October 1, 2012.


Satiani B. Diagnostic evaluation of chronic venous insufficiency. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, August 6, 2012.

Satiani B. Ruberg R. Surgery program trains tomorrow’s leaders. InSight onCampus, The Ohio State University Faculty Staff Newspaper, page 16, Columbus OH, August 23, 2012.


Satiani B. Case presentation: stump the audience #2. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, 5th Annual Vascular Noninvasive Testing Symposium, Columbus, OH, October 13, 2012.

Starr JE. Anticoagulation goals/therapies for PVS patients. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Ross 5th Floor in-service, Columbus, OH, July 18, 2012.

Starr JE. Acute Arterial Occlusion. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, August 13, 2012.


Starr JE. Endovascular Case Studies. 4th Annual Acute Myocardial Infarction Update: Beyond STEMI: An Introduction to Level 1 Heart and Vascular Emergency Program, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 21, 2012.
Starr JE. Moderator – Med II Student Small Group, The Ohio State University, Department of Surgery, Columbus OH, October 9, 2012.

Starr JE. Preoperative angiography is necessary prior to most surgical interventions. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Starr JE. Surgical option for tibial artery disease remains the gold standard. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.


Starr JE. Peripheral Vascular Disease. The Ohio State University Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Professor Conference, Columbus, OH, October 25, 2012.

Vaccaro PS. Arteriovenous Malformations and Arteriovenous Fistula. The Ohio State University, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, September 17, 2012.


Vaccaro PS. Moderator - Department of Surgery, Surgical Interest Group, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 3, 2012.

Vaccaro PS. Carotid endarterectomy is the best option for asymptomatic high grade carotid stenosis. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.

Vermilion BD. Plasma Lipoproteins & Vascular Disease. The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center, Division of Vascular Diseases & Surgery, Vascular Grand Rounds, Columbus, OH, July 2, 2012.

Vermilion BD. Perforator intervention is still hocus pocus. The Ohio State University Heart and Vascular Center, Controversies in Vascular Diseases Seminar, Columbus, OH, October 12, 2012.
Miscellaneous

The Axemen Motorcycle Club, Ohio Chapter 3, hosted a charity golf scramble to benefit the OSU Burn Center. The local chapter of The Axemen M/C is a nonprofit organization comprised of firefighters from Central Ohio. The event, held at Bent Tree Golf Club in Sunbury, Ohio, raised $5,000 for the Burn Center’s development fund.

Dr. Larry Jones was interviewed for the article, “Meth labs pose threat to patients and first responders too,” which appeared in the Summer 2012 edition of The 411 on 911, EMS Newsletter.

Satiani B. passed American Board of Surgery, Vascular Surgery recertification expires 7/1/24
Recognitions

Dr. Gail Besner, the H. William Clatworthy, Jr. Professor of Surgery and chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery was among three physicians honored with the 2012 Nationwide Children’s Hospital Career Contribution Award, September 5, 2012. This award is given by the NCH medical staff to those who, in the eyes of their fellow physicians, have exemplified themselves through a lifetime commitment to maintaining the highest quality of health care service and helping Nationwide Children’s build a trademark reputation as a local, regional and national leader in pediatrics. Dr. Besner’s clinical interests include neonatal surgery, necrotizing enterocolitis and pediatric burn care. Her research interests involve a growth factor known as heparin-binding EGF-like growth factor, HB-EGF, a growth factor that Dr. Besner identified in the early 1990s. Her research is funded by three grants from the National Institutes of Health. In addition, she works with a biotechnology company to produce HB-EGF for clinical use, with Phase I and II clinical trials of the use of HB-EGF in the prevention of necrotizing enterocolitis anticipated in the near future. Dr. Besner is Chair of the American Academy of Pediatrics Advocacy and Liaison Committee, Vice Chair of the American College of Surgeons Surgical Research Committee, and recently completed a four-year term as a full time member of the Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma Study Section of the National Institutes of Health. She was the recipient of the 2012 Denis R. King Teacher of the Year Award for outstanding contributions to surgical education.

Dr. William B. Farrar, professor of surgery, chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology and medical director of the Stefanie Spielman Comprehensive Breast Center, was honored at the 2012 State of the Cancer Program Address on October 22nd. Dr. Farrar was recognized for his commitment and dedication as Director of Medical Affairs for the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute from 1989-2012. In this role he provided a mission and strategic guidance for all medical programs within the organization to ensure that all medical staff is abreast of every initiative and procedure.

Dr. Michael Go, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, won the Jack Pfeifer Best Venous Paper Award this past week at the Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society Meeting – award is based on best abstract and presentation judged by members of the MWVS Program Committee members. Abstract: Go MR, Kiser D, Wald P, Haurani MJ, Moseley M, Satiani BS. Clinical evaluation of suspected DVT guides the decision to prophylactically anticoagulate but does not impact the decision to perform after hours duplex venous scanning or increase its yield. Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society Meeting, Milwaukee, WI, September 6, 2012.
**Dr. Mounir Haurani**, assistant professor of surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was selected as a member of the Admissions Screener Committee for 2012-2013 at The Ohio State University Medical Center, College of Medicine.

**Mallory Heigel**, research assistant, Rink Lab, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, was awarded first place for her poster entitled “Tocotrienol vitamin E improves cerebrovascular collateral perfusion during acute ischemic stroke” at the Davis Heart and Lung Research Institute Research Day, Columbus, Ohio, October 11, 2012.

“Mallory has been with our team for 3 years. During this time she has performed hundreds of small animal stroke surgeries that have directly contributed to CCTS and AHA sponsored research. She continues to be an invaluable member of the lab, and a dedicated employee of the Division. I’m proud of her efforts which were recognized today and expect continued success from her in the future,” said Dr. Cameron Rink, assistant professor, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery.

**Dr. Larry Jones**, associate professor of clinical surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, and director, Burn Center, was appointed to the Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Advisory Committee of the American Burn Association, and was also appointed as a Group Leader for the Ohio State University College of Medicine’s Med 1 Learning Community.

**Dr. Sidney Miller**, professor of surgery, Division of Trauma, Critical Care and Burn, and director, Burn Research and Development, was appointed to the EAST Foundation Committee of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and was also appointed to the Legislative and Public Policy Committee of the American Trauma Society.
Self-assessment credit available at Surgery Grand Rounds

Faculty members attending the Surgery Grand Rounds may now earn self-assessment credit as well. A quiz will be available at most Surgery Grand Rounds. Faculty members who correctly score 75 percent or greater will receive 1 ABS MOC self-assessment credit (see accreditation statement below).

Accreditation Statement: The American Board of Surgery Maintenance of Certification (MOC) is a continuous professional development program required for surgeons who certified in any ABS specialty after July 1, 2005. Faculty members who complete this quiz can receive one credit toward a MOC self-assessment activity (The surgical education office will record your credits).

For quiz schedule or more information please contact Dennis Mathias at (614) 293-8852.