Cardiac Division
Welcomes New Faculty Member

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Ahmet Kilic, Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiac Surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center. Dr. Kilic joins us from the University of Virginia where he completed his thoracic surgery residency training with an interest in adult cardiac surgery, aortic surgery and heart and lung transplantation. Dr. Kilic completed his medical school training at the Virginia Commonwealth University/Medical College of Virginia and went on to complete his general surgery training at the University of Maryland. He also completed a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Maryland in the division of artificial organs.

While it is still early in his career as an academic cardiothoracic surgeon, Dr. Kilic has already distinguished himself as an outstanding teacher, innovative investigator and superb clinician who brings considerable strength to the division of cardiac surgery. We anticipate that Dr. Kilic will be actively involved in the Aortic Center of Excellence, the heart and lung transplantation programs and will fortify our translational research programs. He will be working closely with Dr. Peter Mohler, Director of the Davis Heart and Lung Institute, to develop innovative strategies to study ischemia-reperfusion and the role of early intervention in preventing heart failure in a porcine research model. We look forward to many great things from Dr. Kilic and hope that you will see him as one of the best and brightest young cardiothoracic surgeons in the department of surgery.

Welcome Dr. Kilic!

From The Director

As I approach the first anniversary of my clinical activity at The Ohio State University Division of Cardiac Surgery, I feel a sense of pride and appreciation for the efforts of our administrative and clinical teams. Most successful cardiothoracic surgical programs recognize that cardiac surgery is a “team sport” requiring the integrated and collaborative efforts of many healthcare professionals who serve to benefit our patients. Our administrative team, lead by Steve Cotter, serves as the foundation upon which our clinical service is established. This team includes Nancy Bell, Aleta Burns, Melinda Cain, Corey Ferguson, Shelley Keith, Varsha Krishnasamy, Jonda Thomas, Sue Van Winkle and Kay Yee. We are fortunate to have these dedicated and hard-working support staff to enhance our clinical and academic programs.

In the coming months as we continue to build our team with the addition of outstanding faculty and residents, a number of exciting, innovative initiatives and clinical programs will evolve including the percutaneous aortic valve program, the total artificial heart program and reactivation of the lung transplant program. Each of these programs could only develop with the outstanding teamwork which is evident at The Ohio State University Medical Center. As the plans for these programs continue to develop we look forward to continued success in these innovative therapies that will certainly enhance our comprehensive cardiovascular surgical programs.

With the addition of these clinical programs and the “IHIS” electronic medical record, we believe that we will enhance the clinical programs, education and research opportunities here at OSU.

Robert S. D. Higgins, MD, MSHA

Announcements

Dr. Sampath Parthasarathy Starts a New Chapter in His Career
Dr. Sam Parthasarathy has accepted a leadership role as the Chair of Cardiovascular Sciences and Professor of Medicine in the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences at the University of Central Florida. We would like to recognize and thank Dr. Parthasarathy for his contributions to the academic mission of the Divisions of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery over the past 5 years as Klassen Chair, Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Director of Cardiothoracic Research Initiatives. We wish him well in his future endeavors and congratulate him on his success in the field of cardiovascular medicine and surgery.

Interview Dates Announced for 2013 Fellowship Candidates
Interviews for candidates interested in OSU CT Surgery Fellowships will be:
- February 15/16, 2012
- February 29/ March 1, 2012
- March 21/22, 2012
- April 4/5, 2012
- April 25/26, 2012
Successful 2011 Summer Scholars Program

First year medical students Ryan Campagna, Jay Chen, and Lorraine Fowler successfully completed an eight week hands-on experience in our 2011 Summer Scholars Program. This program allows young medical students an opportunity to experience cardiac and thoracic surgery early in their careers, fostering an interest and appreciation for cardiothoracic surgery.

The Scholars thoroughly enjoyed their time with us and have gained invaluable insight into the discipline of CT surgery. One participant wrote “This summer externship was a very humbling experience... the suturing workshop and knot-tying helped my technical skills and the educational conferences and case presentations provided a great didactic experience.” Another scholar noted “The Summer Scholars Program was an excellent exposure to CT surgery... my experience was exceptional, and I look forward to further training in this field as the years progress.” Our third scholar commented “The Summer Scholars Program in CT Surgery offered a truly comprehensive and immersive experience... reaffirmed my decision to pursue a surgical career and solidified my interest in the cardiothoracic field. I plan to build on my experience by continuing to observe operations when possible and keeping in contact with the physicians whose dedication, compassion and skill I hope to one day emulate.”

The 2011 Summer Scholars Program undoubtedly left a profound mark within these first year medical students. The cases they observed, the education conferences they attended, and the case presentations they provided culminated into a fantastic and remarkable experience.

OSUMC’s Divisions of Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery are proud of the opportunity we allow young medical professionals to experience CT surgery. It is these very scholars who are the best and brightest candidates for sustaining and improving CT surgery in the future for generations to come. Congrats Ryan, Jay & Lorraine for successful participation in the 2011 CT Surgery Summer Scholars Program.

Noteworthy News

♦ Join us Friday, November 18th for our 10th Annual Heart Failure at the ‘Shoe! The medical and surgical management of advanced heart failure is a rapidly changing field with new therapies emerging quickly. Discover the latest strategies in diagnosis and treatment modalities for patients with advanced heart failure.

♦ Erin McAvoy has joined the Division of Thoracic Surgery where she will serve as the Division Administrator. Welcome, Erin!

♦ Dr. Mark Galantowicz, Chief, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Co-Director of the Nationwide Children's Heart Center has been promoted to Professor of Surgery- Clinical. Congratulations Dr. Galantowicz!

♦ Dr. Susan Moffatt-Bruce, Chief Quality & Patient Safety Officer, and Thoracic Surgeon, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery with Tenure. Congrats Dr. Moffatt-Bruce!

♦ Dr. Chittoor Sai-Sudhakar, Cardiac Surgeon, has been promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery. In addition, he has also been named Surgical Director of the Left Ventricle Surgical Device program in the OSU Heart and Vascular Center. Congratulations Dr. Sai-Sudhakar!

♦ Dr. Patrick Ross, Jr., Dr. Susan Moffatt-Bruce and Dr. Michael Firstenberg have all been elected to the University Senate. Congrats!

♦ Dr. Patrick Ross, Jr., represented the Thoracic team at two international meetings. In May, he presented Photodynamic Therapy for Lung and Esophageal Cancer at the International Photodynamic Association annual meeting. In July, he presented Photodynamic Therapy for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer at the World Conference on Lung Cancer.

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