

GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY UPDATE

Winter 2017

Applicant Interviews Conclude

Applicant interviews are over, and we would like to say thanks to everyone in the Department for participating in this critical aspect of our program. No matter what part you played—it was important to us. Match Day is **March 17, 2017**. We look forward to another very successful Match!

Walter A. Ballinger Administrative Chief Residents 2017-2018

The new Administrative Chiefs for the upcoming 2017-2018 year are Dr. Joshua Sommovilla and Dr. Raphael Sun. They will begin their role very soon by welcoming the new interns and gearing up for the new year ahead. They will attend an ACGME Chief Resident Leadership Course this spring. We look forward to working with them and know that they will be great leaders and role models in the program.



Mark your calendars & Save the-Dates!

General Surgery Resident Retreat: Wednesday, March 29, 2017, The retreat be held from 7AM-5PM. While the full schedule is pending, it will start in Holden Auditorium, FLTC with later sessions in small group rooms and then reconvening for large group discussion. Other afternoon team building events are being planned.

General Surgery City-Wide Mock Oral Exam: April, 26, 2017, Wash U will be sponsoring the City Wide Mock Orals this year (they were held on the St. Louis University Campus last year). All PGY4s & PGY5s will be taking part. Faculty will be needed to participate as examiners. If you are interested/willing, please contact Dr. Laurie Punch or Dr. Paul Wise or call the Surgery House Staff Office at 314-362-8028.

End-of-the-Year Events:

Division of General Surgery Group Photograph: Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

Department of Surgery Intern Welcoming Picnic: Saturday, June 17, 2017, Kirkwood Park.

Chief Resident Graduation Dinner: Friday, June, 23, 2017, To be held in the **Starlight Room at the Chase Park Plaza**

2017-18 Transition Dates: Saturday, June 24, 2017 for senior residents (those coming out of the lab thru PGY5s) & Monday, June 26, 2017 (new interns, PGY2s, and PGY2s going into the lab)

Upcoming Visiting Professor Lectures

Department of Surgery Visiting Professor Lecture on Surgical Education: February 22, 2017, 7:00am. Dr. Lisa Barker, Assistant Professor of Secondary and Middle School Education, Towson University, Towson, Maryland, will speaking on *“Exercising an Improv Mindset: Presence and Agility for Teaching in Surgery”*, Holden Auditorium

The Seventeenth Samuel A. Wells, Jr. Resident Research Day & Evarts A. Graham Visiting Professorship Lecture: This year’s Evarts A. Graham Visiting Professor will be Dr. Selwyn M. Vickers, Senior Vice President for Medicine and Dean, University of Alabama School of Medicine, Birmingham. Topic TBD. May 3, 2017, in **Connor Auditorium**. The Resident Research Competition will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017 in Scarpellino Auditorium in place of M&M Conference. All residents in the Department of Surgery (General Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Plastic Surgery, and Urology) are invited to submit a 1-page abstract of their best unpublished research. Abstracts can be submitted in two categories: basic/translational and clinical/outcomes. Residents, the *Call for Abstracts* will be forthcoming.

<p>25th Annual Refresher Course and Update in General Surgery and the Eugene Bricker Visiting Professor Lecture</p>	<p>Eugene M. Bricker Visiting Professor Lecture in Surgery: March 1, 2017, 5:00pm. Eric P. Newman Education Center. Guest Lecturer: Barbara L. Bass, MD, Professor & Chair, Department of Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, Houston, TX. <i>“Our Lives as Surgeons: Finding a Sense of Place and Purpose”</i>.</p> <p>The 25th Annual Refresher Course & Update in General Surgery: March 2-4, 2017. Ritz-Carlton in Clayton. Register online at: http://cmeonline.wustl.edu/surgery or contact the Continuing Medical Education Office at 314-362-6893.</p>	
<p>Debbie Tiemann, RN retires</p>	<p>Debbie Tiemann retired from the Department of Surgery January 26, 2017 after 13 years of service to Surgical Education. Debbie began in the Department in February, 2004. She has been instrumental in building the surgical skills curriculum and making the WISE Lab the success that it is today. She greatly looks forward to spending time with her children and grandchildren. Debbie will be missed! Angie DeClue, Peggy Frisella, and Karree Smiddy will support the lab as Debbie's replacement is identified.</p>	
<p>Welcome New Faculty</p>	<p>The Department welcomes Chet Hammill, MD who will join the Section of Hepatobiliary Surgery in March. He attended the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign where he completed both undergrad (receiving a degree in aerospace engineering) and medical school. He did his residency training at the University of Hawaii and an HPB fellowship at Providence Portland Medical Center. Dr. Hammill also received a Master of Clinical Research at Oregon Health & Science Univeristy in Portland, OR. He has been on the staff at the Portland Clinic and has an interest in minimally invasive HPB Surgery.</p>	
<p>Drs. Cyr and Reed transition as Associate Program Directors</p>	<p>The residents would like to thank Dr. Amy Cyr for the time, interest, and hard work that she has devoted to the surgery residency program in her role as Associate Program Director. She will continue as faculty in the Section of Endocrine/Oncology and focus on her clinical responsibilities and one-on-one resident education.</p> <p>Dr. Nanette Reed will become the new Associate Program Director and will be lead “Team Moyer” into the future. Dr. Reed will join Drs. Michael Awad (MIS), Fields (HPB), Dr. Punch (ACCS), and Dr. Wellen (Transplant) as Associate Program Directors. Welcome, Dr. Reed!</p>	 
<p>Turkey Bowl 2016 Champions!</p>	<p>The Annual Emergency Department vs Surgery Football game was held Thanksgiving Day in Forest Park. We are proud to say SURGERY WON!! For the next year, we are now the proud owners of the “golden bed pan” trophy presented last week from Dr. Jason Wagner of EM to Dr. Doug Schuerer of ACCS! Congrats to all who came out to make our department proud!</p>	
<p>New Additions to the Surgery Family</p>	<p>The residents would like to congratulate Dr. Majella Doyle on the birth of her son and welcome Rory Doyle Roth to the Department of Surgery. Rory was born on December 5, 2016 and weighed 7lbs. 6oz. Congratulations Dr. Doyle!</p>	

New Additions to the Residency Family



The surgery residency “family” has increased since our last newsletter. Congratulations to Dr. Olubode (Bode) Olufajo and his wife Rachael on the birth of their son Jasper. Jasper was born on November 23, 2016 and weighed 8lbs. 9oz.

Also, most recently, Dr. Iheoma (Oma) Nwaogu gave birth to her second child, Olutobi (Tobi) Onikoyi, on January 22, 2017! Congrats to Dr. Nwaogu and her husband, Dr. Adetunji Onikoyi!



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Congratulations to Dr. Jose (Pepe) Diaz-Miron, Walter Ballinger Administrative Chief Resident (and soon-to-be Pediatric Surgery fellow at Michigan), who will be inducted into the Washington University School of Medicine Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha this March as a graduate trainee

honoree! Dr. Paul Wise, General Surgery PD, will also be honored as a faculty honoree this year.



Resident Accomplishments

Dr. Kristen Seiler received the 2017 Association of Academic Surgery Trainee Research Fellowship Award last week in Las Vegas, NV. The award of \$20,000 to spend one year in a full-time basic research position will be spent in the lab of Dr. Brad Warner.

In November, **Drs. David Brauer, Julie Grossman, and Matthew Strand** were awarded the Conquer Cancer Foundation Merit Award through the American Society of Clinical Oncology. They presented their research at the Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium and at the Society of Surgical Oncology Annual Cancer Symposium in January 2017.

Dr. Pamela Choi won 2nd place for her abstract: *“Firearm Injuries Increase after Civil Unrest”* at the Region 7 (Midwest)-American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma Resident Paper Competition.

Dr. Gayan De Silva was recently awarded the highly competitive Vascular & Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) Resident Research Grant award at the 12th Annual Academic Surgical Congress in Las Vegas, NV.

Dr. Jessica Hudson, from the lab of Dr. Varun Puri, presented *“Office-based spirometry: a new model of care in preoperative assessment for low-risk pulmonary resections”* at the Southern Thoracic Society Association 63rd meeting in Naples, Florida, in November 2016. She also received a grant from ICTS JIT Core Usage Funding RFA in December 2016 for *Validation of Risk-Prediction Model for Readmission and Non-home Discharges After Thoracic Surgery*.

Dr. Bradley Krasnick will receive the 7th Annual Colorectal Cancer Research Scholar Award in recognition for his outstanding abstract *Anti-KRAS siRNA Nanoparticles for Targeted Colorectal Cancer Therapy*. The award will be presented on behalf of the Society of Surgical Oncology and the Colorectal Cancer Challenge (CCC) Foundation at the SSO, March 2017 in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Jared McAllister received the Resident/Fellow Travel Scholarship Award from the Americas Hernia Society. Jared will present his research during the 18th Annual Hernia Repair Conference in Cancun, Mexico, in March 2017.

Dr. Roheena Panni will be presenting *“Role of Cyclin Dependent Kinase 4/6 inhibitors in modulating the immune microenvironment in pancreatic cancer”* at the Society of Surgical Oncology Meeting, March 2017 in Seattle, Washington and *“Pluralistic ignorance and risk of attrition among residents”* at the Academic Surgical Congress, February 2017 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Dr. Ricardo Ramirez, preliminary PGY1 resident, has accepted a categorical position in Otolaryngology. He will begin his residency in June. Congratulations Ricardo!!

Dr. Dominic Sanford was acknowledged as being one of the top ten finalists for the Fourth Annual 2016 Jameson L. Chassin MD, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery. The award is presented by the American College of Surgeons, Division of Education for values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning.

Dr. Jennifer Yu was acknowledged as being one of the top ten finalists for the 2016 Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching presented by the American College of Surgeons, Division of Education. This award is presented each year to reward teaching excellence and to further emphasize teaching as an important part of a resident's daily life.

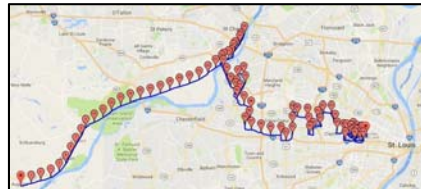
Dr. Nicole Wilson received a \$10,000 grant from the Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology for "A Novel Computer Vision Approach to Calculating Small Intestine Length based on Magnetic Resonance Enterography". She is developing an automated application aimed at determining the physical dimensions of the small intestine using a computer-vision approach to analyze magnetic resonance enterography images. This method will allow calculations of small bowel length for application in short bowel syndrome and inflammatory bowel disease. She has developed an international collaboration with a scientist in Korea (KAIST) and has also been working with Dr. Lauren Barron and Dr. Brad Warner on this project. She was also recognized by the journal Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research (CORR) as a Top Peer Reviewer for 2016. In addition, the journal Clinical Biomechanics has awarded her "Outstanding Peer Reviewer" status for 2016.

Wellness for Residents

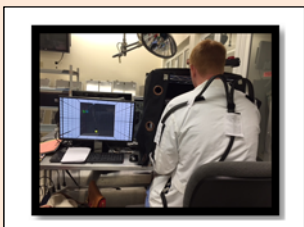
The General Surgery Residency Program has increased efforts focused on resident well-being this academic year. Funds from royalties from the Washington Manual have been used to support the purchase of exercise equipment for resident use, as well as after-hours social events, exercise and yoga classes, and the purchase of healthy snacks. Residents including Tara Semenkovich, Leisha Elmore, Kelly Koch, and Josh Sommovilla have helped to lead these efforts, as well as faculty including Arghavan Salles, Laurie Punch, and Ele Drew.

Fun Outside the Hospital

Drs. Pamela Choi, Jennifer Yu, Jessica Lindemann, completed an 80 mile relay from Augusta, MO to St Louis Children's Hospital as a fundraiser that they organized for St Louis Children's Hospitals. They started at 6am and completed the 80 miles in 13 hours and 42 minutes. Dr. Wise joined them for a portion of their trip.



News from WISE



Top Gun Competition was held again this year on **February 1, 2017**. All residents competed with their APD team during the conference/skills lab block in the WISE Lab, 1st floor CSRB. The 2017 Top Gun Competition winner is **Dr. Roheena Panni!** Dr. William Chapman, Jr. came in second, followed closely by Dr. Shuddie Ray and Dr. Ahmed Zihni. Dr. Panni will be competing nationally at the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) Annual Meeting in Houston, TX. March 22-25, 2017. Congratulations, Dr. Panni!



Data collection for the ABS SIMPL study was completed on December 31, 2016. Data analysis is currently underway. Thanks to all faculty and residents who participated in the study and the competitions.

The SIMPL app is still available to use through the entire 2017 calendar year. Please continue to request/complete operative performance assessments using the app. Please contact Angelia DeClue at 314-747-2546 or decluea@wudosis.wustl.edu if you need assistance in the WISE lab.

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