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Chair’s Message

Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine has announced an agreement with Unaizah College of Medicine of Qassim University, Saudi Arabia. According to the announcement, “Unaizah College of Medicine will become the first medical school in Saudi Arabia to offer an American-style medical education, granting the M.D. degree. Until now, Saudi medical schools have granted a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, or MBBS degree.” The announcement further reported, “The program will begin in September 2014, when 100 students who have successfully completed a pre-health professions program at Qassim University will enter Unaizah College of Medicine to complete a one-year program of course work that mirrors the first-year medical education program at the Boonshoft School of Medicine. Upon successful completion of the year, 60 students will be selected to continue with the remaining years of the program, which is modeled on the program at the Boonshoft School of Medicine.”

Maintenance of Certification

For questions on maintenance of certification please go to https://wsudos.wikispaces.com. Click on the Maintenance of Certification Link. At least 60 of the 90 CME credits must also include self-assessment credit.

Recruitment

We are still recruiting for several positions: vascular, acute care surgery, and general surgery. We have had a lot of great candidates already, and more candidates are being scheduled. Dr. Prateek Gupta was back in Dayton on January 2-3, along with his wife and 3-year-old daughter for a second round of interviews for the position of vascular surgeon. Dr. Khierbek will be returning for a second round of interviews for the acute care surgery position, and Dr. Laird will be returning for the general surgery position. We would like to thank everyone who has taken time out of their busy schedules to help us in our recruiting efforts.

Faculty

Special Recognition

Outstanding Clinical Faculty Support to Junior and Senior Medical Students

Dr. Soin was presented the award of Outstanding Clinical Faculty Support to Junior and Senior Medical Students by the current class of general surgery clerkship students. Dr. Soin is actively involved in teaching each third-year class and offers fourth-year elective rotations to senior medical students while affording them many opportunities for research at the local and national level. Congratulations Dr. Soin!
**Call for Abstracts**

- **The American Transplant Congress:**
  Now open, deadline January 10, 2014
  [www.atcmeting.org](http://www.atcmeting.org)

- **Ohio Chapter Resident Competitions:**
  Now open, deadline January 31, 2014

- **AAST 72nd Annual 2014 Meeting:**
  Open January 1, 2014, deadline March 1, 2014.
  [http://www.aast.org/AnnualMeeting/OnlineAbstractSubmission.aspx](http://www.aast.org/AnnualMeeting/OnlineAbstractSubmission.aspx)

- **MVH Residents Clinical Paper Award:**
  (DAGMEC) - Initial abstract February 27, 2014

- **Midwest Surgical Association 57th Annual Meeting:**
  Now open, deadline March 1, 2014.
  [http://www.midwestsurg.org/meet/abstract.htm](http://www.midwestsurg.org/meet/abstract.htm)

**Faculty Mentor Award**

**Paul Koles, M.D.,** chair and associate professor of pathology and associate professor of surgery, received the Faculty Mentor Award. This award recognizes faculty who serve as role models for each other, promoting the professional development of others, and creating a supportive and positive working environment. Congratulations Dr. Koles!

The following have been approved for faculty appointments with Wright State University Department of Surgery:

- **Dr. Robert Wille**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Jennifer Daniels**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Matthew Garrett**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Shannon Kauffman**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. B. Justin Kim**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Eric Suescun**—Clinical Assistant Professor
- **Dr. Kara Schultz**—Assistant Professor

**Residents**

General surgery residents will be taking their in-training exam in five different sessions January 24-27, 2014. Faculty are being asked to assist with rotation coverage so that residents can have the evening before the scheduled exam to study.

**Students**

Boonshoft School of Medicine students win statewide “Doctor’s Dilemma” contest

*L to R* Doug Laurain, Luke Andera, and Robert Beaulieu

Doug Laurain, Luke Andera, and Robert Beaulieu won the Doctor’s Dilemma® contest at the 2013 Ohio Chapter Scientific Meeting of the American College of Physicians (ACP) on Oct. 10, in Columbus. Doctor’s Dilemma is a medical jeopardy competition. They competed against other medical student teams from Northeast Ohio Medical University, Ohio State University College of Medicine, Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine, and University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. Luke and Robert are working on research projects in the Department of Surgery. Congratulations!

Claudius W. (Chris) Christmas, A.D.N., B.S., clinical administrator, undergraduate surgical education and surgery clerkships at Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine has resigned his position. Chris was with the Department of Surgery for 17 years and worked diligently with the students making sure they had the best chance for success. We wish Chris well with his new venture in life. Melissa Keller will be the acting interim clerkship coordinator. She can be reached at 208-4953 or Melissa.Keller@wrightstatephysicians.org.

**Alumni**

**New Initiates ACS Fellows**

**Aaron Spencer Brockbank, M.D., FACS (GS 2009)**
Wright State Physicians

William E. Venanzi, M.D., FACP, a rheumatologist, joined Wright State Physicians and will begin seeing patients on Jan. 6 at the Wright State Physicians Health Center.

Dr. Venanzi, a retired colonel in the United States Air Force, was formerly the chief of the medical staff, 88th Medical Group, 88th Air Base Wing, Air Force Material Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He also served as director of medical education at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Medical Center.

Dr. Venanzi will serve as a rheumatologist in the Department of Internal Medicine. He will continue as an assistant professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at the Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Dr. Venanzi is certified in internal medicine and rheumatology by the American Board of Internal Medicine. He is a graduate of Loyola College in Baltimore, Md. He earned his medical degree in 1989 from the University of Maryland School of Medicine through the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship Program. He entered extended active duty after becoming a distinguished graduate from the Aerospace Medicine Primary course. He was elected a fellow of the American College of Physicians and twice elected to the Board of Governors for the Society of Air Force Physicians.

He led 16 Critical Care Air Transport Teams over four deployments to Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. He was responsible for the evacuation of more than 475 critically wounded service members. He is the only U.S. Military rheumatologist to have earned the Air Medal, awarded for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial combat operations.

Scholarly Activity

Publications


2013 Staff Holiday Party

Dr. Woods, Dr. Parikh, Dr. Rundell, Linda Roock

Dr. McCarthy and Sara Bales

Dr. Falls

April, Kim, Melissa, Julie, Lynne, Kathy

Kim Paul facilitating the “Elf Exchange”