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FACULTY AND STAFF UPDATE

Department of Surgery

June 2013

Updates



Drs. W.D. and Jessica Hinojosa welcomed a second daughter, Luna Elise Hinojosa, on May 11, 2013, at 8:55 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 5 ounces. Congratulations Dr. Hinojosa!

Save the date

Berry Vascular Surgery Visiting Professor
September 3-4, 2013
Dr. Julie Freischlag, "Clinical and Personal Comparative Effectiveness."

WSUDOS Vascular Symposium
September 27, 2013
Bieser Auditorium

American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress WSUDOS Reception
Monday, October 7, 2013, 6-8:30 p.m.
J.W. Marriott
Wardman Park
Washington, D.C.

Mary C. McCarthy, M.D., Endowed Lecture-ship in Trauma Surgery
November 6, 2013
Dr. Bryan Cotton.

Christmas Party
December 13, 2013, 7-10 p.m.
home of Dr. Randy Woods
655 Memorial Dr.
Xenia, Ohio 45385.
R.S.V.P. to Melissa Keller at 937.208.4953.

Helen and David Bernie Visiting Professor
March 12, 2014
Dr. Scott Shikora.

Daniel W. Elliott Visiting Professor Research Symposium
April 23, 2014
Dr. Nicholas Zyromski.

Committees

DOS Department Research Committee Meeting
Friday, June 7, 2013, 7-8 a.m.

DOS Faculty Meeting
Friday, June 21, 2013, 7-8:30 a.m.

All committee meetings are held at MVH, WCHE Building, 7th Floor, DOS Conference Room.

Chair's Message

June is a time for transitions in our academic world: promotions, graduations, and moving to new places. We also greet those who will join us in our community. The resident graduation dinner is June 6, 2013, and the new interns will be welcomed for their orientation on June 25, 2013. We wish the best for all those who will be leaving us—good luck and keep in touch.

Recruitment

We are recruiting for an advanced minimally invasive surgeon and a vascular surgeon at the assistant to associate professor level. The VAMC is also recruiting for general and vascular surgery.

Faculty

Dr. Saxe was appointed to the Association of American Medical Colleges Council of Faculty and Academic Societies for a term that begins on July 1, 2013.

Residents

The following residents successfully matched into Plastics Fellowships. Congratulations!

Dr. Justin Fox, University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Jaime Aburto, Ohio State University
Dr. Baotram Tran, Indiana University

Students

Surgical Boot Camp

The Department of Surgery held its first Surgical Boot Camp for medical students last month. The course is designed as an elective rotation for fourth year medical students that have matched into general surgery or a surgical subspecialty and is intended to help the students feel more prepared to be a surgical intern. The course focuses on practical surgical clinical knowledge and surgical skills, using a variety of teaching modalities including group discussions, patient simulations, laparoscopic trainers, and mannequins/cadavers for practice of skills. This first rotation had seven medical students enrolled and was highly successful. The Surgical Boot Camp elective will continued to be offered to the fourth year students every year in the spring prior to graduation. If you are interesting in participating, please contact Dr. Kim Hendershot in the Department of Surgery.



A special thanks goes out to all who helped with making Surgical Boot Camp such a success. Instructors included: Drs. Woods, McCarthy, Roelle, Whitmill, Tchorz, Rundell, Falls; Drs. Miller, Chaudhary, Tozzi, Fox, Dabbs, Stuever, Compton, Bourgon; Ms. Thobe and Ms. Matosky; Bill Roberts and Matt Kintz from the OR; and support staff Dan Nolan, Melissa Keller, and Chris Christmas.

If you have any information you would like to share with the other members of the department, or professional or special events happening in your life, please e-mail Kim at kimberly.paul@wright.edu by the 15th of the month. The Faculty and Staff Update will be e-mailed the first of the month.

Visiting Professor

Dr. David Wolf presented “Best practice in advanced liver disease: An evidence-based consensus approach” as the visiting professor at Grand Rounds on May 15, 2013. He is a professor of clinical medicine in the Department of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatobiliary Disease at New York Medical College in Valhalla, NY. In 1996, he established the Liver Transplant Program at Westchester Medical Center, where he continues to serve as its medical director.

Media



With actress Angelina Jolie's recent announcement regarding being a BRCA 1 carrier and her surgical choice to undergo bilateral prophylactic mastectomies, there has been an inundation of information from the media regarding this condition. Patients and health care workers alike have many questions about this testing and the implications. Here are some important pieces of information about this testing:

- BRCA1 and BRCA2 are tumor suppressor genes.
- Mutations in either of these genes have been linked to early-onset breast cancer and ovarian cancer. When a woman inherits a copy with a deleterious mutation in one of these genes, it significantly increases her chances of developing breast cancer and ovarian cancer.
- BRCA1 and BRCA2 are inherited in an autosomal dominant fashion, and they are not linked to sex chromosomes, so men can carry BRCA mutations. This has been shown to increase a man's risk of developing breast and prostate cancer, as well as other cancers, less frequently. Men can pass mutated genes to children, regardless of the sex of the child.
- The likelihood that a breast and/or ovarian cancer is associated with a harmful mutation in BRCA1 or BRCA2 is less than 10 percent. It is more likely in women who have a family history of multiple cases of breast cancer and/or ovarian cancer.
- Certain flags include (but aren't limited to):
 - Premenopausal women with breast cancer—especially “triple negative” breast cancer
 - Women with breast cancer with two or more first degree relatives with breast cancer
 - Any woman with ovarian cancer
 - Any man with breast cancer
 - Previously determined BRCA mutation in a family member
- The average woman's risk for developing breast cancer is about 12 percent in her lifetime. It is estimated that a woman's risk of developing breast cancer with a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation is increased to 50-85 percent.
- The average woman's risk for developing ovarian cancer is about 1 percent in her lifetime. With a BRCA1 or BRCA2 mutation, this risk is increased to 15-50 percent.
- Options for managing this level of breast cancer risk include:
 - Maintaining a healthy lifestyle by maintaining body weight and limiting alcohol consumption
 - Increased screening with yearly mammograms alternating with yearly MRI examinations of the breasts in addition to more frequent clinical breast examinations
 - Chemoprevention
 - Prophylactic mastectomy
- Options for managing this level of increased ovarian cancer risk include:
 - Pelvic ultrasound
 - CA-125 screening
 - Prophylactic oophorectomy
- Not every woman with mutations in BRCA1 or BRCA2 will develop breast and/or ovarian cancer.
- Genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 is currently only done by one laboratory—Myriad Genetics. The test is called BRAC-Analysis. Either blood or saliva samples can be submitted for this testing after informed consent is obtained. Genetic counseling is recommended before and after the tests to help with interpretation of the results.
- Genetic Counseling is available at the High Risk Breast Cancer Center at MVH South.
- Genetic testing can be very costly. Depending on a woman's risk for carrying a mutation, insurance may cover some (or all) of the expense of undergoing BRACAnalysis. Each insurance company is different, so women considering testing are encouraged to review their company's policy regarding payment for genetic testing.
- Myriad provides an option for a payment plan for people who will have a significant out-of-pocket expense for testing.
- Some local funds exist to help pay for the test in women who are uninsured or under-insured.

Scholarly Activity

Presentations

Mehmood M, Tchorz KM, Markert RJ, Chandra MS, McCarthy

MC. Mean pulmonary artery pressure: A novel method of estimation and association with mortality in critically ill surgical patients undergoing bedside right heart catheterization and Doppler Echocardiography. Poster session presented at the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions 2013 Scientific Sessions, May 1, 2013, Orlando, Fla.

Abstracts

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McCarthy, MC. Mean pulmonary artery pressure: A novel method of estimation and association with mortality in critically ill surgical patients undergoing bedside right heart catheterization and Doppler echocardiography. Abstract presented at the Society of Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions 2013 Scientific Sessions, May 1, 2013, Orlando, Fla.

Publications

Heyland DK, Muscedere J, Wischmeyer P, et al. A randomized trial of glutamine and antioxidants in critically ill patients. *N Engl J Med* 2013 Apr;368(16): 1489-1497.

Barney L, Jackson J, Ollapally V, Savarise M, Senkowski C. Documentation of services provided in the postoperative global period. *Bull Am Coll Surg* 2013 May;98(5): 48-51.

In Memoriam



In memory of Daniel P. Arnold, a University of Dayton student who was to begin medical school this past year, the First Annual Danny's Day benefit in his honor will be held June 22, 2013, at St. Matthew Church, Gahanna, Ohio, from 8 a.m. to noon. Danny's Day is an annual community service day established in honor of Danny Arnold and his commitment to make a difference in our world. Friends and family of Danny Arnold, and those who have been

touched by his story, are invited to join annually in his honor. Many of the members of the Trauma Team participated in Danny's care. There will be opening prayer, a morning of service, and a community potluck. For more information about this benefit, please go to <http://www.stmatthew.net> or <http://dannysday.weebly.com>.