Kudos

Dennis Zheng has been selected as a Fellow for the 2021-2022 University of California Global Health Institute (UCGHI) GloCal Health Fellowship program. This program will provide him with a year of research funding and financial support. (Faculty mentor: Dr. Juillard)

Zach Weitzner has been granted an Institutional Research Training Grant (T32) for his project titled: “Characterization of Changes in Vagal Signaling and Anatomic Morphology Associated with Bariatric Surgery”. (Faculty mentors: Drs. Dutson and Shivkumar)

Joe Hadaya received an American Heart Association Post Doctoral Fellowship award for his proposal: “The Intrinsic Cardiac Nervous System and Atrial Pacemakers - Implications for Sinus Node Dysfunction”. (Faculty Mentors: Drs. Ardell, Van Arsdell, and Shivkumar)

Congratulations to all!

Welcome Laura Baybridge!
Department of Surgery, Interim CAO

Ms. Laura Baybridge was appointed as the Interim Chief Administrative Officer for the Department of Surgery, succeeding Clinton Fields. Laura brings to the Department of Surgery many years of administrative and financial leadership at UCLA and UCLA Health dating back to 1989. In 2011, Laura was appointed CAO for the Department of Urology and led their CareConnect redesign of clinical operations. In 2017, Laura was appointed Executive CAO for OBGYN and Urology combined. We welcome Laura in her new role and thank Clinton for his commitment and leadership.

Longmire Annual Scientific Day, June 9, 2021
Abstract Submission Deadline: April 26

We are accepting clinical and basic science abstracts for oral presentation from residents and fellows in the Departments of Surgery, Head and Neck Surgery, Neurosurgery, Orthopedic Surgery and Urology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Abstracts will be presented on Zoom, on June 9, 2021, 7:00 am-10:00 am. Submit by email to vybiernas@mednet.ucla.edu. The submission deadline is April 26, 2021 at 8:00 am.

Read about the abstract requirements here:

National Doctors’ Day on March 30th

“We thank our physicians for their dedication and incredible efforts to ensure UCLA Health’s leading edge in patient care, research and education”

UCLA Health Leadership
Match 2021: Welcome to Our Incoming Class of Residents!

Dominic Amara
General Surgery

Asha Ayub
Urology

Mark Bailey
General Surgery

Shivani Baisiwala
Neurosurgery

Marvin Chau
Vascular

Sophia Chen
Otolaryngology

Katherine Choi
Plastic

Varun Gudapati
Orthopedic

Nicole Hung
Orthopedic

Josh Hwang
Otolaryngology

Maliar Jafari
Neurosurgery

Aboubacar Kaba
Urology

Sumun Khetpal
Plastic

Austin Lee
Urology

Michelle Lee
Otolaryngology

Tyler McCaw
General Surgery

Andrew Melehy
General Surgery

Sohrab Mirak
Gen Surg Prelim

Amir Mohammadzadeh
Gen Surg Prelim

Jason Ni
IR

Whitney Orji
General Surgery

Ryan Ouillette
Orthopedic

Harsh Patel
Plastic

Pranati Pillutla
Otolaryngology

Brittany Robinson
General Surgery

Troy Sekimura
Orthopedic

Timothy Singer
GS Prelim

Hiro Sparks
IR

Michael Srienc
General Surgery

Lisa Su
Orthopedic

Peter Wu
Neurosurgery

Adam Xiao
Otolaryngology

Ashley Yearwood
IR

James Young
Urology

Brian Zukotynski
Orthopedic

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**Cuteness Corner**

Danielle Graham, Ian MacQueen and Baby Maddie snowshoeing in Telluride, Colorado! Chief of Cardiac Surgery, Dr. Richard Shemin, is pictured here with his 6th grandchild, Julian Levi Hanzo. According to grandpa, he’s got the hands of a future surgeon!

Rivfka Shenoy, Linda Ye, and Michael Mederos (pictured right) take a beach selfie during their weekly lab meeting lunch.

To be featured in future issues, email the cute photos that capture the moments in your life to Chi: cquach@mednet.ucla.edu.

Thank you to this month’s contributors: Danielle Graham, Dr. Ian MacQueen, Michael Mederos, Dr. Richard Shemin, Rivfka Shenoy, and Linda Ye.
announcements and upcoming events

Congratulations Miklos Sahin-Toth, MD, PhD!

Dr. Sahin-Toth has received an NIH grant for the project entitled “Chymotrypsin in Pancreatitis”. The project investigates how genetic risk factors affecting the digestive enzyme chymotrypsin cause pancreatitis and is being funded by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases.

CME Opportunity: Collaboration for Outcomes Using Social Media in Oncology (COSMO)

Registration is open for the virtual inaugural meeting, which focuses on the use of social media in oncology through a combination of didactic lectures, panel discussions, and engagement of the entire audience to cover topics relevant to this objective. Topics will include discussions on perceived risks, potential benefits, healthcare communication in the digital age, the view from patients and advocates, and the view from oncology leaders involved in clinical trials. Physicians, medical students, residents, and fellows who specialize in oncology are welcome. Dr. Deanna Attai will serve as co-chair for the 2-day virtual event. Register here: https://cme-learning.brown.edu/COSMO-21#group-tabs-node-course-default

Dr. Fady Kaldas Featured in U Magazine’s Winter 2021 Issue

In memory of her beloved daughter, Kelly Lee Tarantello (pictured above), Delphine Lee made a charitable gift to establish the Kelly Lee Tarantello Endowed Term Chair in Integrative Liver Transplantation in the UCLA Department of Surgery, with Dr. Kaldas as the inaugural Chair holder. This honor was bestowed on him for his commitment to the care of patients with combined heart and liver disease. This generous gift will advance his combined heart/liver transplantation research.

14th Annual UCLA Liver Diseases Symposium: A Live Virtual Education Conference

The 14th Annual UCLA Liver Diseases Virtual Symposium will take place on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm. The UCLA Liver Diseases Symposium will provide a state-of-the-art update on prevalent liver diseases and their complications using a multi-disciplinary approach with hepatologists and surgeons. Video recordings of the 14th Annual UCLA Liver Diseases Symposium will be available to all paid registrants for 3 weeks following the live conference. For any questions, please reach out to the UCLA CME Office at UCLACME@mednet.ucla.edu

Café Med is Now Open for Online Pre-Orders and Pick Up

For those who are required to be on campus for work or school, to create your account, view their daily menu and make pre-orders, go to: https://cafemed.catertrax.com/
Congratulations to the Recipients of the 2020-21 Viola Hyde $3000 Surgical Research Scholarships! Applications for the 2021-22 Scholarships will be announced in Late Summer.

John Deng (MS2)  Georgina Dominique (MS2)  Victoria Lee (MS2)  Carlos Maturana (MS1)
Michelle Miller (MS4)  Fiona Obiezu (MS2)  Yvonne Roca (MS2)  Joey Wertz (MS2)

Intern STOP THE BLEED Training with Priscilla Slaven
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Resident Wellness

You’re never too old for a good bedtime story. Nothing Much Happen; bedtime stories for grownups, narrated by Kathryn Nicolai, Yoga and meditation teacher, is a podcast that helps you ease your mind for bed. Each episode features a new bedtime story with a plot where...nothing really happens. You can listen on your favorite podcast platform. Find it on: Apple, Spotify, Google Podcasts.

Charles E. Young Research Library
Re-Opened on March 15

The main floor and A-level of the Charles E. Young Research Library opened on Monday, March 15 at reduced capacity. Reservations for a seat will be required and access to the building will be limited to UCLA students, faculty and staff. Starting Friday, March 12, seat reservations are available through the Library website.

Read of the Month:
“The Exile of Rudolph Nissen”


2021-2022 DGSOM Medical Education Fellowship (MEF), Now Accepting Applications

Application Requirements:
- MEF Certificate Program I:
  - Curriculum project description (500-word limit, upload a PDF via online application)
  - 1 letter of reference sent to mef@mednet.ucla.edu
- MEF Certificate Program II:
  - Educational research proposal (2-page limit, upload a PDF via online application), including:
    - Statement of Problem
    - Specific Aims
    - Research Design & Methods
    - Anticipated Outcomes
    - References

The MEF offers a choice of 2 one-year certificate programs, Innovations in Curriculum Design and Teaching Excellence and Fellowship in Medical Education Scholarship. Apply here: https://uclahs.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_428Qp9grJS4xBhs

Application Deadline: Thursday, April 15, 2021.
Questions can be addressed to mef@mednet.ucla.edu.

Abstract Due Dates

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Drs. Dutson and Chen Taught Junior Resident Conference With Live Broadcasting from the OR

We are grateful to Drs. Erik Dutson and Yi-Jun Chen for virtually inviting us to their operating room to observe a sleeve gastrectomy case from CASIT. We truly appreciate their expert and interactive teaching on the technical details and real-time demonstration of a sleeve gastrectomy step-by-step. Thank you!

Surgical Skills Lab

This highly educational lab with complicated logistics required an enormous effort by the CASIT research residents, Gabe Oland, Zach Weitzner, and Ivy Huang. Junior and senior residents received instruction by our expert surgeons Drs. George Kazanjian, Mark Sawicki, Areti Tillou, and Erik Dutson. Special thanks to Drs. Warwick Peacock, Grace Chang, and Tim Donahue for their support.

We are very grateful for everyone’s time and effort!

Dr. Brenner Presented Webinar on REBOA from CASIT

Dr. Megan Brenner, Clinical Professor of Surgery, UC Riverside (UCLA Surgery 2008 Graduate) taught a webinar on the use of the Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (REBOA). The event was a joint effort of the Nichols on Center and the UCLA CASIT.
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R1 Skills Lab: Bronchoscopy with Dr. Zarah Antongiorgi (Anesthesia)

R2/R3 Skills Lab: Intro to ECHO with Dr. Eric Yang (Cardiology)
“If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito.”
- Dalai Lama

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Virtual 2021 ACS Quality and Safety Conference

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
ACS QUALITY and SAFETY CONFERENCE
VIRTUAL July 12-16, 2021

2020-21 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

General Surgery
Fri, April 30: ABS Qualifying Examination application
Wed, May 12: Mock Orals
Wed, Jun 9: Longmire Scientific Day
Thurs-Fri, June 10-11: ATLS *registration closed*
Mon-Fri, June 21-25: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program
Tue, June 22: Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) Course
Thurs-Fri, July 8-9: ATLS *registration closed*
Mon-Fri, July 12-16: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program
Mon-Fri, August 2-6: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program

Thoracic Surgery
Wed, May 12: Match Day

Wednesday Conferences

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Zoom Link: https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558