Kudos

UCLA’s ECMO Program Recognized as Gold Level Center of Excellence

UCLA’s ECMO Program has once again been recognized by the Extracorporeal Life Support Organization (ELSO) as a Gold Level Center of Excellence. This level of recognition is granted to those centers who have achieved qualifying scores on the Excellence in Life Support Application. Congrats to Drs. Peyman Benharash, Vadim Gudzenko, and the entire ECMO team!

A Warm Welcome to our New Fellows!

Stephanie Talutis, MD
Vascular Surgery

Rahul Handa, MD and Greg Haro, MD
Thoracic Surgery

Residency News

The first 2021-22 conference featured an introduction to the academic year, which included presentations by all Division Surgeon-in-Chiefs.

Join us every Wednesday morning, 7:00-10:00 AM!
Junior Faculty Funding Opportunities

Rita Allen Foundation 2022 Scholars Program (Limited Submission Opportunity)
The Rita Allen Foundation Scholars program funds basic biomedical research in the fields of cancer, immunology and neuroscience. UCLA’s internal application deadline is Monday, August 9, 2021. [https://ritaallen.org/scholars/](https://ritaallen.org/scholars/)

Burroughs Wellcome Fund: Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS)
Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) is a highly competitive program that provides $700,000 in support over five years for physician scientists, who are committed to an academic career, to bridge postdoctoral/fellowship training and the early years of faculty service. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2021. [https://www.bwfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BWF_CAMS_RFP_2022.pdf](https://www.bwfund.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/BWF_CAMS_RFP_2022.pdf)

Virtual ASCRS Resident Reception at ACS
Residents interested in Colorectal Surgery are invited to attend the virtual American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons Residents Reception during ACS Clinical Congress. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 26th, 2021 from 8:00 pm – 9:15 pm EST. Advance registration is required: [https://register.fascrs.org/events/registration.aspx?event=RECEP_1021](https://register.fascrs.org/events/registration.aspx?event=RECEP_1021)

Welcome to our New Faculty

Jonathon C. Rollo, MD
Assistant Professor
Division of Vascular Surgery

Ming-Sing Si, MD
Associate Professor, Cardiac Surgery
Surgical Director,
Pediatric Heart Transplantation
Surgical Director, Pediatric Mechanical Circulatory Support
Surgical Director,
Adult Congenital Heart Disease
UCLA Medical Center Voted #1 in California, #3 in the Nation!

Many Department of Surgery programs received recognition:
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery ranked #9
- Cancer rose in ranking to #8
- Diabetes & Endocrinology rose to #3
- Gastroenterology/GI Surgery rose to #4
- Pulmonology and Lung Surgery rose to #4

Congratulations to all for this truly extraordinary achievement!

Save the Date:
New and Junior Faculty Conference

The UCLA annual Conference for New and Junior Faculty will be held on Friday, September 17, 2021 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Geffen Hall. All new faculty members, and any junior faculty members who have missed the Conference in prior years, are encouraged to attend. Additional details will follow.

Email: jmadrenas@mednet.ucla.edu

Welcome to the Podiatry 2021-2022 Class!

The Podiatric Medicine and Surgery Residency with a credential in Reconstructive Rearfoot/Ankle Surgery, previously based at the West LA Veterans Hospital, has joined the Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, effective July 1, 2021! Under the leadership of Aksone Nouvong, DPM, and David Aungst, DPM, Program Director, the residency program trains future leaders in clinical and academic podiatric surgery. We extend a warm welcome to all our colleagues!
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday Hands On Skills Labs

Under the direction of Dr. Catherine Lewis, the 2021-22 Surgeons as Teachers and Mentors Program (STAMP) launched on July 28. The program gives an opportunity to our senior residents to serve as mentors and teachers for our interns and work with them one-on-one. We use the standardized ACS Core Surgical Skills curriculum including direct observation and assessment. The full curriculum includes five sessions:

1. Intro to STAMP and teaching knot tying
2. Test knot tying/ teach suturing
3. Test suturing/ teach bowel anastomosis
4. Test bowel anastomosis / teach vascular anastomosis
5. Test vascular anastomosis / extra practice and make up missed sessions

Dr. Masha Livhits led the first suturing workshop for the intern class in CASIT (pictures below). They used our new suturing boards, which were constructed in Dr. Peyman Benharash’s lab. Many thanks to all our amazing instructors!
You are cordially invited to attend the Gold Humanism Honor Society 2021 Medical Student Induction Ceremony of the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Monday, August 9, 2021
5:30 pm
Irma and Norman Switzer Plaza
Reception following ceremony

Click to RSVP by July 22nd

UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine

For appointments, call 310.794.0245 Office hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday - Friday. Evening and early morning appointments available upon request. www.chr.ucla.edu/employee-counseling

Cuteness Corner

General Surgery lab resident, Amanda Labora, and her husband, Zain Aslam tied the knot on 07/03/21. Congrats to the newlyweds!

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

Thank you to this month’s contributor: Amanda Labora
Resident Wellness

The annual night market food festival, located in the San Gabriel Valley, is back for its third weekend of the summer, August 27 – 29th. 626 Night Market is inspired by the famous open-air nighttime bazaars of Asia, where people come together to eat, drink, socialize, and be entertained. The iconic Californian festival features 250+ food stands, merchandise, crafts, artists, games, live concerts, and entertainment attractions that appeal to all ages. 626 Night Market aims to unite and empower the community by serving as a platform for highlighting local talent including performers, chefs, and entrepreneurs.

2021-22 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

General Surgery
Mon-Fri, August 2-6: CASIT Pre-Med High School Summer Scholar Program

Thoracic Surgery
Sun, August 1: First Day of Clinical Service for Incoming Residents

Wednesday Conferences

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Zoom Link: [https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558](https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/571420558)

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Constructed by Andrea Mclean

“There is no end to education. It is not that you read a book, pass an examination, and finish with education. The whole of life, from the moment you are born to the moment you die, is a process of learning.”

- Jiddu Krishnamurti