Kudos

Dr. Sean O’Neill and Dr. Roxanne Massoumi presented at this year’s Southern California ACS Chapter Scientific Meeting in Santa Barbara. Dr. O’Neill’s poem, “Make a Good Choice, Get Your Life Right, and Never Bring Pills to a Knife Fight” is available on page 3.

Dr. Dennis Zheng has been selected as a Fellow for the GloCal Health Fellowship program on behalf of the University of California Global Health Institute. This award will fund his upcoming year of research in Cameroon. Dr. Zheng is the first surgical trainee to receive this type of funding and we are very happy for him.

Residency News

Our Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) 2020 Presenters

“RNAseq analysis of human pancreatic cancer cells exposed to lipopolysaccharide”
When: Feb 5th, 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM
Room: Sabal B

“Demographic Differences in Knowledge and Attitudes towards Colorectal Cancer Screening in Armenia”
When: Feb 6th, 1:40 PM - 3:40 PM
Room: Pindo A

“Race Participation Effects on Off-road Vehicle Injuries”
When: Feb 5th, 2:45 PM - 4:45 PM
Room: Sago 1

“Interferon Signaling Triggers NAD Consumption with Therapeutic Implications in Human Pancreas Cancer”
When: Feb 6th, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Room: Sabal A

Save the Date

General Surgery Applicant Rank is scheduled for Monday, February 10 from 4-6 PM. All applicant files are available for review in the Surgery Education office. We look forward to hearing your feedback.

“Patient Perceptions of Communication Performance in the Treatment of Thyroid Nodules and Cancer”
When: Feb 6th, 7:30 AM - 9:30 AM
Room: Pindo B

“Budget Impact Analysis of Short- vs Long-Stay Protocols for Nonoperative Treatment of Appendicitis”
When: Feb 6th, 1:40 PM - 3:40 PM
Room: Sabal G
Resident Wellness

Upside Down is a new coffee-fueled, donation-based arts space located in Westwood Village. Customers dictate how much they want to pay.

Located at 10962 Le Conte Ave. A full service coffee bar is combined with an art gallery that highlights local, emerging artists and their exhibitions.

The Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS)

The course is scheduled for June 10th and 11th, 2020. This is mandatory for Surgery Board Certification.

Call for Nominations:
Surgical Volunteerism and Humanitarian Awards

The ACS/Pfizer Surgical Volunteerism Award recognizes surgeons who are committed to giving back to society by making significant contributions to surgical care through organized volunteer activities. The ACS/Pfizer Surgical Humanitarian Award recognizes an ACS Fellow whose career has been dedicated to ensuring the provision of surgical care to underserved populations without expectation of commensurate reimbursement.

Submissions will be accepted through February 15th, 2020. Visit [https://www.facs.org/ogb/award-winners/nominations](https://www.facs.org/ogb/award-winners/nominations) for more information.

2020 FIT Testing Opening Sessions

An Annual FIT testing is required for all residents rotating to Olive View and Harbor.

**Westwood**

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**Make a Good Choice, Get Your Life Right, and Never Bring Pills to a Knife Fight: A Poem by Dr. Sean O’Neill**

If the answer is: physiologic detritus,  
Then the question is, “What is appendicitis?”

Take luminal obstruction, and leave it alone  
You get abdominal destruction, and a horrible moan.

So in this situation, who’s the true villain?  
Quit your fascination, you can’t use penicillin.

For something like that, you need a knife,  
But it’s the modern age, so do it right.

Grab a few simple tools, my friend,  
A thin long stick with a pointy end.

Just give me laparoscopy  
Don’t treat antibiotically

Sitting in the hospital, day after day  
And a one in four chance I’m getting cut anyway?

That’s a crap deal and you totally know it  
You’ve made the wrong choice, you’ll totally blow it.

I don’t even know what to say  
When you’re just hoping this goes away.

Cefox on this? Preposterous.  
You’re boastin bout Zosyn but the window is closin’

To treat this disease  
And we know the papers overseas

But we’re in America, please.  
It’s a land of abundance and wealth

But this is an operation that can be done on yourself!

Despite your literary perusal,  
Your attitude seems to be refusal

Of the true evidence that clearly says  
The only cure is appendiceal removal!

Pills and needles can’t do the trick,  
your lack of action makes me sick.

My friends, Riverside, you’ve got nothing to hide,  
I feel for you deeply, but you picked the wrong side.

To the voters! listen up, listen clear  
Repeat after me ---

Surgery number one – antibiotics number two.

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Number Five:  
This American rational analysis1  
Can really help our national paralysis

Four thirty six times ten to the third  
Is the number of patients in this massive herd

Those with the pill got three days in house  
But only two for the ones who got that thing out

Number Four:  
Please stop your vituperations,  
‘cause it’s time to talk about complications.

Twenty seven percent! With antibiotics1  
Versus seven percent! That’s just psychotic

The choice is clear, the time is near,  
I think we’re making some progress here.

Number Three: You can’t just let it be,  
What gets left behind still bothers me.

Wait one year, and it just comes back  
For twenty percent, a recurrent attack.

Four years out, it’s even worse,  
For four out of ten call the nurse.

Tragically, for some there’s no humor,  
If you treat with pills and miss a tumor.

Number Two: Please just think of you  
If you’re the patient, what would you do?

Look deep in your soul and get the procedure  
Get it done on yourself, you’ll become a believer

See why these parents are really happy?  
Eighty five percent picked the lap appy.3

Number One! Surgery just gets the job done.  
A few minutes under the knife, and appendicitis is gone for life

Ninety-nine point four percent effective  
In this meta analytic retrospective.4  
Any hospital in the world—there should be no doubt!

Wenn sie in Heidelberg, have Doktor Buchler take it out.

For an easy appy, surgery is top  
It’s really time for this debate to stop.

What’s that? You’re not persuaded?  
Are you hopelessly cantankerated?

Two hundred surgeons in this place  
Concede your loss, and save some face.

Your position couldn’t be any wronger  
I will tolerate this debate no longer

I’m about to sit down, but before I do  
Repeat after me ---

surgery number one – antibiotics number two.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Share Your Story**

Gold Humanism Honor Society UCLA Chapter is looking for people to come and share their stories at “Night of Storytelling: Humanism in Medicine.” All story tellers are welcome to attend. The theme of the evening will be Humanism in Medicine. Stories can be told via any format (dance, spoken word, pictures, etc.). If you are interested in participating by completing the brief Google form at [https://forms.gle/tQJjVy4tvZeRiR2A](https://forms.gle/tQJjVy4tvZeRiR2A) by February 10, 2020.

This event will take place Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Geffen Hall Student Lounge.

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**The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern CA Chapter of the American College of Surgeons**

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern CA Chapter of the American College of Surgeons took place January 10th - 12th in Santa Barbara. Next year's meeting is already scheduled for January 22-24th, 2021.

Colleen E. Clancy, MD, PhD joined us for a Medicine and Surgery Grand Round to speak on “Striving for Diversity in Medicine: Lessons and Successes at the University of California” on Wednesday January 29th, 2020.
The last round of General Surgery applicant interviews concluded on January 15. We greatly appreciate your help this 2019-2020 interview season.
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"I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination”

- Jimmy Dean

Counseling & Consultation
The UCLA Staff and Faculty Counseling Center provides free counseling assessment, and referral services to faculty, staff, and their immediate family Members.

Contact: 310-794-0245

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

**Fri, Mar 20:** Match Day
**Fri, Apr 22:** QE Application deadline
**Sat, June 13:** General Surgery Graduation
**Wednesday, April 15:** GS QE application due to the ABS Office.
**Wednesday, April 29:** 2020 Longmire Scientific Day
**Friday, May 15:** GS QE late application deadline
**Thursday, July 16:** General Surgery QE exam
**Thursday June 10th - 11th:** Advanced Life Support Trauma (ATLS) Course
**Sunday, October 4-8:** ACS Clinical Congress - Chicago, IL

### Wednesday Conferences

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Please visit our website (http://surgery.ucla.edu/academic-calendar)

Happy Valentine’s Day

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