Kudos:

Shonan Sho matched into Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Congratulations Shonan!

Josef Madrigal (second year medical student) under the mentorship of Dr. Peyman Benharash has received the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Looking to the Future Scholarship. The scholarship provides funds for the students to travel to the annual STS meeting. Congratulations Josef!

Residency News

Please welcome Andrea Mclean as a new member of the Surgery Education Office! She is super excited to be part of our team and is diligently working to learn and remember the names of all the faculty members and residents in the Department! Here are a few fun facts about Andrea: she once read 120 books in one year, she has attended 44 concerts in her lifetime, she is an active movie theatergoer and is obsessed with Yelping! Stop by to say hello and welcome her to our group!

Women in Surgery Annual Fall Panel

The UCLA Women in Surgery group is once again organizing an annual special panel to feature prominent female surgeons in different surgical subspecialties, in academic and private practice. This panel will be a Q&A session for medical students interested in surgery.

December 4, 2019 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Location: Geffen Hall Student Lounge (2nd floor: 885 Tiverton Drive; Los Angeles, CA 90095-1720) Room GH 205
Dinner will be provided.
For more information: aharari@mednet.ucla.edu

Congratulations the Recipients of the 2019-2020 Viola Hyde Surgical Research Scholarships and Travel Awards!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

"Preparing for the American Board of Surgery In-Training Examination (ABSITE)-Part 1" Webinar on Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 4:00-6:00PM

Due to popular demand, two sessions will be offered this year. "ABSITE Preparation - Part 2" will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the same time.

The session is offered in partnership with the Surgical Council on Resident Education (SCORE).

Program Outline:
7:00-7:05PM | Welcome and Overview | Michael M. Awad, MD, PhD
7:05-7:30PM | Esophagus, Stomach, Obesity | Michael M. Awad, MD, PhD
7:30-8:00PM | General Abdomen, Hernia, Spleen | Jeffrey Blatnik, MD
8:00-8:30PM | Colorectal & Anal Disease | Amber Traugott, MD
8:30-9:00PM | Small Intestine, Biliary Disease, Flexible Endoscopy | Timothy Vreeland, MD

You're invited to the Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine and the Division of General Surgery's Holiday Social hosted by Dr. Barbara Van de Wiele and Dr. Joe Hines Friday, December 13, 2019 | 6pm-8pm kindly RSVP by November 26, 2019

UC Irvine Eleventh Annual Minimally Invasive Surgery Educational Summit at UC Irvine Medical Center on Friday, December 6, 2019 from 7:00 am-4:00 pm. This advanced minimally invasive surgery course provides comprehensive instruction on the techniques and common pitfalls of the routine and not-so-routine laparoscopic procedures. Offerings include didactic and hands-on laparoscopic and endoscopic lab sessions. Registration is free. For more information: jmrockwe@hs.uci.edu

The Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern CA Chapter of the American College of Surgeons will take place in Santa Barbara, California, January 10-12, 2020. Reminder: December 9th is the last day for discounted registration! For more info: socalsurgeons@gmail.com

The American College of Surgeons has issued a call for abstracts to be presented at the 2020 Quality and Safety Conference, July 24-27, at the Minneapolis Convention Center, in Minneapolis, MN. The deadline for submitting abstracts is February 2, 2020. Previous presentation of a paper does not prohibit the presentation or publication of the material at the Quality and Safety Conference.

Categories include:
- ACS NSQIP
- ACS Children’s Surgery Verification, as well as NSQIP Pediatric
- Cancer Programs, including CoC and NAPBC
- Geriatric Surgery
- MBSAQIP
- Trauma Quality Programs

More info at: acsqscconference@facs.org or 312-202-5319.
Our Special Grand Rounds Speaker Guest  
**Sister Mary Margaret Ajiko, MMed, MBCHB**  
Professor of Surgery, Soroti Regional Referral Hospital, Uganda, Africa

Sister Mary Margaret Ajiko visited UCLA and spoke at Surgery Grand Rounds on November 6, 2019. Dr. Ajiko received her MBCHB and Master of Medicine in Surgery from Makerere University and is a surgeon at the Soroti Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda.

Sister Margaret shared with us her wealth of experience and insightful perspective on the current state of global surgery. The Soroti Regional Referral Hospital, where she has been expertly and selflessly serving for multiple years as the only surgeon, is located in Soroti District, in Eastern Uganda. Despite being extremely underequipped, understaffed and underfunded, it is the referral hospital for the districts of Amuria, Bukeeda, Kakereromaido, Katakwi, Kumi, Ngora, Serere and Soroti serving a population of approximately 2 million.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

General Surgery Interviews
November 4, 2019


**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

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<td>Dec 18</td>
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<td>73-105 CHS</td>
<td>“Instrumental: A tale of the tools of our trade told in verse”</td>
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| Dec 25     |       |          | Winter Holiday                           | No Conferences                                  |

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Wed, Dec 4:** General Surgery Interviews
- **Wed, Jan 15:** General Surgery interviews
- **Fri, Jan 24:** ABSITE (GS Residents)
- **Tues, Jan 28:** ABSITE (GS Residents)
- **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.
- **Friday, May 15:** GS QE late application deadline
- **Thursday, July 16:** General Surgery QE exam

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*“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart. Wishing you happiness”*

Helen Adams Keller (1880-1968)

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**Happy Holidays**

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