Kudos

Ivy Huang and Joe Hadaya are the 2022 SoCal Resident Jeopardy Champions! They represented UCLA at the Resident Jeopardy Competition during the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (SCC ACS), which took place January 14-16 in Santa Barbara.

Congratulations to all UCLA residents, faculty members, and students (listed below) who presented their work at the SCC ACS meeting in Santa Barbara!

- Impact of Venous Thromboembolism on Readmissions and Resource Use Following Emergency General Surgery Vishal Dobaria, BS
- The Association of Frailty with Outcomes for Older Adults Undergoing Appendectomy Garett A. Salzman, MD
- Factors and Outcomes Associated with Venous Thromboembolism following Bariatric Surgery: Insights from the Nationwide Readmissions Database Russyan Mabeza, BS
- Utilization of Palliative Care for Geriatric Patients Requiring Trauma Surgery Bailey Mooney, BS
- Outcome of Bariatric Operations in Geriatric Patients: A Nationwide Analysis Russyan Mabeza, BS
- Pre-clinical Medical Student Perceptions of the Culture of Surgery Ivy Huang, MD
- Outcomes of Fascial vs Sutureless Modalities for the Repair of Uncomplicated Gastroschisis: A National Perspective Catherine Williamson, BS
- Role of VATS Sympathectomy as a Treatment for Ventricular Tachycardia Jane Yanagawa, MD
- Center-level Variation in Hospitalization Costs following Emergency General Surgery Arjun Verma
- Association of Body Mass Index with Outcomes following Inguinal Hernia Repair Cory Lee, DO
- Hospital Safety Net Status and Outcomes of Surgical Management for Small Bowel Obstruction Mina Park, MD
- REBOA in CPR – Not Just for the Hypotensive Megan Brenner, MD

Residency News

Save the Date:
Dr. Ronald W. Busuttil Celebration, 7/29

On Friday, July 29, 2022, we are hoping to gather on the UCLA campus to honor and celebrate Dr. Busuttil’s life and career and to tell Dr. B how much his work has meant to each of us, to his patients, to the fields of academic surgery and solid organ transplantation, to the world of medicine, and to the world. The day’s activities will include a scientific program and an evening banquet. More information will be coming soon, but we are asking everyone to hold the date for this great event! To help us in our planning, we would be grateful if you can reply to the questions following the QR code below. We are sending this invitation widely, but please feel free to share it with anyone we may have missed.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope to see you in Los Angeles in July!

Sincerely,
O. Joe Hines, MD
Douglas G. Farmer, MD
Jonathan R. Hiatt, MD

To RSVP for the event:

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Dr. Lipshutz Receives New NIH Grant

Dr. Gerald Lipshutz has been awarded a new NIH grant!! This is a unique 3-year grant, a R61/R33, with $750,000 in direct funds, which will be used to complete the development of a clinical candidate gene therapy approach for treating a rare lethal disorder of the liver that primarily affects children. Congratulations Dr. Lipshutz!
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SCC-ACS in Santa Barbara

Dr. Peyman Benharash and his amazing research team, Russyan Mabeza, Catherine Williamson, Cory Lee, and Vishal Dobaria (left) are joined by general surgery residents Ivy Huang, Yas Sanaiha, Joe Hadaya, and undergraduate student Arjun Verma (below) during the 2022 SCC-ACS annual meeting. Congratulations to all!

The Viola Hyde Awards

A limited number of $3000 medical student awards are available for the coming academic year to support a research project. The applicant must be a medical student at UCLA and conducting research with a UCLA faculty member from any surgical department or division. These are limited to one award per student during medical school, although students may apply multiple times.

The Awards are made possible by a generous bequeathal from Ms. Hyde and the support of Dr. Andrea Cracchiolo, Emeritus Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery.

Please email applications by February 1, 2022 to WISIG@mednet.ucla.edu.

Cell Reports

Reprogramming of nucleotide metabolism by interferon confers dependence on the replication stress response pathway in pancreatic cancer cells

A new study by Dr. Tim Donahue and his research team at the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center was featured at the UCLA Health Newsroom. The paper, which was published in Cell Reports, focuses on pancreatic cancer cells communication pathways and could help identify therapeutic targets.

“Results suggest that new small-molecule drugs that inhibit a protein called ATR, which plays an important role in the signaling pathway, and are being studied for the treatment of several cancers, could be used in combination with interferon “amplification” to thwart the tumor cells’ ability to escape”.

Read the full press release in UCLA Newsroom: Signaling mechanisms in pancreatic cancer cells could provide new target for treatment | UCLA

The Society of Black Academic Surgeons

The SBAS Faculty Research Award program is accepting applications for 2022-2023. The grants will support URM early career faculty members to help them transition to a mentored career award or independent funding.

Applicants may apply for grant funding total costs up to $50,000 per year over two years (US) per project. Proposals that fall into one or more of the following areas are encouraged: Clinical or Health Services Research, Basic or Translational Research, Global Surgery, Education, Surgical Ethics.

For more information please visit: https://www.sbas.net/The deadline for submitting a full grant application is March 1, 2022.
The Entire Trauma Team Donates Blood after Night Shift!

There is a critical blood shortage that could potentially impact surgical procedures in southern California.

If anyone is interested in donating blood, could make an appointment by:

1. Calling (310) 825-0888 extension 2
2. Emailing gotblood@mednet.ucla.edu
3. Visiting the website at www.uclahealth.org/gotblood
4. Walk-ins are welcome at the hospital drives

Information regarding the eligibility to donate is available on the website (www.uclahealth.org/gotblood).

Congratulations to Surgery resident KJ Blair on his recent publication in BMJ Global Health https://gh.bmj.com/content/7/1/e007220. The work was done with PASE (Program for the Advancement of Surgical Equity) under the mentorship of Dr. Juillard and Dr. Dicker.
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY
Residents and Fellows Holiday Event

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Department of Surgery Residents and Fellows Holiday Event (Continued from previous page)

Residents and Fellows enjoyed a fabulous evening with great good and wonderful company. Many thanks to the Surgery Education office for organizing this successful event in early December 2021. It was a unique opportunity to celebrate the genuine camaraderie and friendship among our trainees!

Vascular Surgery

The Vascular Surgery team celebrated the Holiday season with a small gathering. The residents had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the great company and delicious food!

Regenerative Musculoskeletal Medicine Training Program

The RMMTP training program is open to any UCLA post-doctoral/clinical fellow/resident who is a US citizen or permanent resident with a research focus on musculoskeletal biology. Funding will be for one year with an opportunity to renew for an additional year upon satisfactory progress. Funded investigators will receive training in methodology and conduct of basic and clinical research to investigate the mechanisms of musculoskeletal disease drug actions in humans. Emphasis is placed on conducting research in special populations, including women, children, geriatric persons, and members of ethnic minority groups. The recruitment, retention, and training of scholars who are members of underrepresented groups and diverse specialties and with disabilities is encouraged.

Email applications to Gloria Kiel - gskiel@mednet.ucla.edu by February 7th, 2022. https://www.uclahealth.org/ortho/application

APDS and ASE Collaborative Program

The Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) and the Association for Surgical Education (ASE) have announced the continuation of a collaborative program intended to increase innovative educational research and developmental activities between the organizations. The proposal must include members of both societies, lead to a product presented at SEW in 2023, and involve novel research or program development that is clearly of merit to the surgical education community. The winning proposal will be awarded $5,000. Submission deadline: February 11, 2022. Information: info@surgicaleducation.com

UCLA Academic Senate

Two research grants are available to UCLA Senate faculty: the Research Enabling Grant (REG) Program provides funds up to $2,000 and the Faculty Research Grant (FRG) up to $10,000. REG and FRG funding is merit-based and dependent on available funds.

Application deadline: February 15, 2022. https://www.senate.ucla.edu/committee/cor/fgp?utm_source=BP06231+Two+Internal+Funding+ Opportunities+for+Academic+Senate+Faculty&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=&utm_content=C OR+Faculty+Grants+Program%3a+Research+Gran ts+web+page
Cuteness Corner

Meet Reece Canyon Schumaker, born on Dec 23, 2021, 6 lbs 5 oz. Dr. Jennifer Baker and Reece came home on Christmas Eve, just in time to celebrate with the rest of the family!

Thor Erickson Dutson arrived a little before midnight on Sunday, December 19th.

Congratulations to our Surgery faculty members, Drs. Jennifer Baker, Kyle Zanocco, and Erik Dutson who welcomed their new babies last month! We are all excited to meet them! They bring hope, peace, and smiles during a challenging year for everyone. Many thanks to all the proud parents for sharing these adorable pictures.
“No greater opportunity, responsibility or obligation can fall to the lot of a human being than to become a physician. In the care of suffering he needs technical skill, scientific knowledge and human understanding. He who uses these with courage, with humility and with wisdom will provide a unique service for his fellow man, and will build an enduring edifice of character within himself. The physician should ask of his destiny no more than this; he should be content with no less.”

T.R. Harrison (1900-1978)
(Thank you Brendan Cronin for sharing this quote with us)

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

Research shows that sharing your personal story, by writing or talking about it, can lead to improvements in physical and emotional health.

What is your story?

From the Office of Surgical Education Department of Surgery UCLA School of Medicine 10833 Le Conte Ave, 72-235 CHS Los Angeles, CA 90095 310-825-6643 http://surgery.ucla.edu/general-surgery-residency

Wednesday Conferences

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

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