Kudos

The 2022-23 Administrative Chief Residents will be Alexandra Moore and Frank Lu. The Education Chief Resident will be Roxanne Massoumi. Congratulations!

Claire Faltermeier matched in Thoracic Surgery at University of Washington and Roxanne Massoumi in Pediatric Surgery at Columbia University. Congratulations! We are very proud of you!

Annie Mooser matched into our Vascular Surgery Fellowship training program. She received her MD degree from George Washington University and completed her general surgery residency at Saint Louis University.

Ryan Vela and Ryan Bedi matched into our Thoracic Surgery Fellowship training program. Ryan V. received his MD degree from Univ. of Toledo and completed his general surgery residency at UT Southwestern Medical Center. Ryan B. received his MD degree from Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine and completed his general surgery residency at Ochsner Clinic.

Welcome to the Bruin Family!

Inaugural Gill Cryer Lectureship in Trauma

The UCLA Department of Surgery announced the establishment of the Gill Cryer, M.D., Ph.D. Lectureship in Trauma. Dr. Cryer served as the Trauma Director at UCLA for 30 years before he began his new role as the Vice-Chair of Administration in the Department of Surgery in July 2021. During his long and distinguished career, Dr. Cryer has held many important leadership roles. He served on the LA County Trauma Advisory Committee for 30 years and was instrumental in the design and implementation of our exemplary countywide trauma system. He oversaw the establishment of multiple trauma centers in Southern California and offered his services as a consultant and mentor.

With his devotion to exceptional quality of care, he played a key role in improving patient care and outcomes nationally. This is an opportunity to celebrate the accomplishments of a towering figure in the field of trauma, acute care surgery and surgical critical care.

Congratulations Dr. Cryer!

Surgery Faculty Receive DGSOM Teaching Awards

The David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA has recently announced the winners of the 2022 Awards for Education. Two Department of Surgery faculty members were honored with prestigious teaching awards recognizing their exceptional contribution to medical education. Dr. Formosa Chen received the 2022 Kaiser-Permanente Award for Excellence in Teaching and Dr. Timothy Donahue was awarded the 2022 Serge & Yvette Dadone Clinical Teaching Award. We are extremely proud to have such exemplary role models in our department and are delighted that they have received this great honor. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Chen and Dr. Donahue on these well-deserved awards and recognition as outstanding educators!
Dr. Wu Accepted in Medical Education Fellowship

Dr. James Wu has been accepted into the 2022-2023 the Medical Education Fellowship at David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. This is a wonderful distinction and a great opportunity, which he plans to “use to focus on developing the deliberate practice framework and video based assessments”. Dr. Wu is a graduate of the UCLA surgery training program and completed his fellowship in Head and Neck Surgery at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center before joining our Endocrine Surgery faculty group. Dr. Wu has a long standing interest in medical education and currently serves as the Associate Director of Surgical Education in the Department of Surgery. Congratulations Dr. Wu!

New Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship

The UCLA Surgical Critical Care Fellowship has been approved by the ACGME! This two-year Fellowship is comprised of two components of 12-month training:

1. The 1st Surgical Critical Care year is a 12-month ACGME approved Fellowship.
2. The 2nd year is a Trauma / Acute Care Surgery 12-month non-accredited Fellowship with protected research time.

Dr. Catherine Juillard will serve as the inaugural Program Director and plans to begin recruiting our first Fellow to start training in August 2023.

Congratulations to Dr. Catherine Juillard and her team for establishing the program and preparing a successful application!
Dr. Kepal Patel gave his talk on “Radiofrequency Ablation & Interventional Thyroidology: Current Management of Thyroid Nodules” at the General Surgery Grand Rounds on April 20, 2022. Dr. Patel is the Director of the Division of Endocrine Surgery at NYU Grossman School of Medicine.

Pictured (from left to right): Dr. Michael Yeh, Dr. Kyle Zanocco, Dr. Kepal Patel, Dr. Masha Livhits, and Dr. James Wu.

On April 27, Dr. Joanna Chikwe, MD, FRCS was our Surgery Grand Rounds speaker. Dr. Chikwe is currently the Chair of Cardiac Surgery in the Smidt Heart Institute at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. She is a renowned leader in the field of mitral valve repair and coronary revascularization, with expertise in minimally invasive cardiac surgery, including the robotic approach. She was recently appointed Editor-in-Chief for the Annals of Thoracic Surgery.

(Pictured on the right with Dr. Richard Shemin)

On May 4th, 2022, we celebrated the 6th Howard A. Reber Visiting Lectureship. Dr Nipun Merchant, Professor of Surgery, Associate Director of Translational Research, Chief Surgical Officer, Vice Chair of Surgical Oncology Services, and Director of Surgical Oncology Research at University of Miami Health System was our guest lecturer. Dr. Merchant investigates how alterations in RAS and STAT3 signaling pathways affect the tumor stroma and immune microenvironment in pancreatic cancer. His presentation was titled: “New Paradigms in Cancer Treatment: from Bedside to Bench and Back Again”. The lectureship was established in honor of Dr. Howard Reber, Distinguished Professor of Surgery at UCLA, a world renowned pancreatic surgeon-scientist with major contributions to the field.

(Pictured on the left: Dr. Tim Donahue, Chief of the Division of Surgical Oncology at UCLA with our Visiting Professor, Dr. Nipun Merchant)
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Vascular Surgery Interest Group Event

The UCLA Division of Vascular Surgery hosted the 2022 Vascular Surgery Interest Group Event, which was attended by more than 40 medical students! The students had the opportunity to meet the Vascular Surgery faculty and trainees, learn about the field and practice vascular surgical skills, including suturing graft material, knot tying and practicing on endovascular simulators.
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Surgical Education Week

UCLA Lab resident Ivy Huang presented at the 2022 Surgical Education Week her work on: “The Effect of Teleconferencing Variables on Faculty Impression of Mock Residency Applicants.”

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To promote the success of our faculty, the Department will provide financial support for participation in leadership and professional development activities offered by leading medical and surgical organizations. A list of available programs is attached to the email and also located in Box: https://uclahs.box.com/s/u5apdl3hln00y91o53ug9p51e7ph3779. The list and new events will be continuously updated. Please reach out with any additional leadership training and professional development opportunities that can be added.

This initiative will enhance professionalism, support current faculty with leadership roles, and develop the next generation of leaders for the Department. In addition, we hope life skills can be gained by faculty participants leading to enhanced wellness and opportunity.

To apply, please contact Paty Vidauri PFVidauri@mednet.ucla.edu.

Sincerest regards,

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On April 20, our senior surgery residents joined Dr. Vatche Agopian in the 53-129 CHS lab to practice constructing biliary anastomoses using porcine livers. A superb liver transplant surgeon and educator, Dr. Agopian is always eager to engage with learners inside and outside the operating room. The anatomy and function of the porcine biliary system is quite similar to the human. This makes it suitable for simulation training and a perfect candidate for liver xenotransplantation.

Junior residents practiced their ultrasound skills in CASIT using synthetic models under the direction of Dr. Kyle Zanocco. Residents were able to learn basic sonographic skills, including live scanning and imaging of normal and abnormal structures. We are grateful to Dr. Zanocco for his expert contributions to our teaching programs!
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Department of Surgery Residents and Fellows Wellness Event, at Mo’s House of Axe on April 30th
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ACFAS Conference

Congratulations to our Podiatry Residents Shivam Patel and Ankita Shete who presented at the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS) annual meeting!

DIVERSITY ESSAY CONTEST

FOR MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS, AND FELLOWS

Aim: To give voice to underrepresented medical students, residents, and fellows, and promote diversity within the field of acute care surgery

ESSAY CONTEST ONE
- Why I am interested in/ have chosen acute care surgery as my career
- How I want to impact the field of acute care surgery

ESSAY CONTEST TWO
- Share a story of the intersection of the COVID pandemic, structural racism, and longstanding healthcare inequities. Stories may be patient-focused or personal experiences.

Format: 1,000 words limit
Deadline: Submit to rsas@aast.org by Tuesday, July 26, 2022
Winning essays will be published in Trauma Surgery & Acute Care Open

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The 2022 Mock Oral Exams was a Huge Success!

Congratulations to Dr. Formosa Chen and her collaborators, Ivy Huang (surgery lab resident), Dr. Justin Wagner, and Dr. James Wu, for hosting an amazing virtual mock oral examination session involving 71 faculty 64 residents, and 9 administrators from 7 institutions in Southern California! Special thanks to the Surgical Education Offices for their invaluable help in administering the exam. The event brings high educational value and promotes collaboration between our training programs. All participants were impressed by the impeccable planning and organization and the team’s ability to handle the many logistical and technical problems associated with an event of such magnitude and complexity.
Welcome Kimberly Martinez to the Education Office!

Kimberly comes to UCLA with 8 years of experience in education and will help manage the Core General Surgery Residency Program. Stop by the Surgery Education Office to meet Kimberly and welcome her to the Bruin family!

Welcome Dr. Ebaid to the Department of Surgery

Dr. Samer Ebaid has recently joined the Transplant Surgery group at UCLA. Dr. Ebaid received his medical degree from Cairo University School of Medicine and trained at Brookdale Hospital Medical Center, Al-Salam International Hospital, and the National Cancer Institute. He completed his Transplant Fellowship at UCLA in 2017. He specializes in transplantation and is experienced in esophageal cancer, gastric cancer, head and neck oncology and microvascular reconstruction, surgical oncology (non-breast), and transplant surgery. Welcome back Dr. Ebaid!

Terrance (Terry) Peng, incoming UCLA Surgery Resident, and his wife Senxi Du celebrated their wedding in April, just a few weeks after their 2022 residency couples match! Terry matched in Surgery and Senxi in Internal Medicine at UCLA! Congratulations Terry and Senxi!

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“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.”

Jane Goodall (1934– )
Pigmatologist and Anthropologist

2021-2022 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)

Longmire Scientific Day - June 1st
Graduation Celebrations:
- General Surgery - June 18
- Plastics Surgery - June 30
- Vascular Surgery - June 25
- CT Surgery - July 11
- Podiatry - June 17
- Liver - TBA
- Endocrine Surgery Fellowship - TBA
- Breast Surgery Fellowship - TBA

General Surgery Mock Oral Exam: Wednesday, May 11
ATLS Course: Thursday, May 26 and Friday, May 27
ASSET Course: Tuesday, May 24

Wednesday Conferences

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