Kudos

Chris Childers has two new publications: “All-payer Spending on Common Hospital-based Services in California” in Medical Care and “Inaccuracies in Postoperative Inpatient Stays Assumed in the Valuation of Surgical RVUS” in Annals of Surgery.

Frank Lu’s manuscript entitled, “Standardized Multi-Institutional Mock Oral Examination: A Feasible and Valuable Educational Experience for General Surgery Residents” was accepted for publication in the Journal of Surgical Education.

Joe Hadaya is the first author of the JAMA article “Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation” and “National Trends In Utilization And Outcomes Of Extracorporeal Support For In- And Out-Of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest” in Resuscitation; Yas Sanaiha is a co-author in the latter.

Rivfka Shenoy has joined Danielle Graham and Alex Moore in preparing and implementing a superb six-week virtual Surgery Clerkship curriculum.

Dr. O. Joe Hines is the New Interim Surgeon-in-Chief

Dr. Hines will be Interim Chair and Executive Medical Director of the Surgery Department and Interim Surgeon-in-Chief of the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center starting July 1, 2020.

Dr. Hines is Professor and Chief of the Division of General Surgery, Vice Chair of Administration, Surgical Director for Perioperative Services, Director of the UCLA Agi Hirshberg Center for Pancreatic Disease, and Robert and Kelly Day Chair in General Surgery. A superb surgeon-scientist, Dr. Hines is the President-elect of the American Pancreatic Association and has served as President of multiple prominent national professional societies. He joined the American Board of Surgery in 2015 as a Director and will be its Vice Chair beginning in June and Chair in 2021.

This is also a time to celebrate the exceptional contributions of Dr. Ronald Busuttil who is stepping down after having served 16 years as Chair. A superb scientist, surgeon, and researcher, Dr. Busuttil founded and directed the world-renowned UCLA liver transplant program for 36 years. During his extraordinary career, he cared for thousands of patients and trained hundreds of surgeons.

Dear Colleagues:

We write to call your attention to the statement below and to stand in solidarity with the David Geffen School of Medicine. The brutal institutional injustice and racism exposed by the killing of George Floyd by Minnesota police officers should be universally condemned and reviled. It is clear that ethnic, socioeconomic and class disparities continue to exist in our country and local communities. The Department of Surgery is committed to providing outstanding care to all patients from our diverse population regardless of race, religion, culture, ideology or gender. We firmly recognize that progress can only occur by continuing to increase the diversity of our faculty and residents and creating an equitable and hospitable environment where individuals of all backgrounds are valued and mutually respected. We denounce any and all discrimination toward fellow human beings and stand together with the DGSOM community in its ongoing efforts to reverse and eliminate bias and inequality.

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To: Teaching Faculty and General Surgery Residents

Dear Friends:

Many messages have been shared about the realities laid bare by George Floyd's death. We live in a society that is fundamentally unequal; and our medical, financial, and governmental institutions have historically benefited the White and well-connected.

Our profession and our Department are not immune from this history and the inequalities that have resulted from a long history of heterogenous representation.

As doctors and surgeons, we got into this work to elevate human dignity and comfort the afflicted. We know that we all share the fundamental drive to heal. We are asking you to come together to support some important initiatives that we have been working on in the General Surgery Residency Program and will open the doors to our profession and Department. These will also be posted on our new residency program website which will launch soon.

These new initiatives are designed to promote in young people of colors’ imaginations the idea that they, too can be surgeons, that we will support them in that goal, and that they belong with us at UCLA.

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We look forward to having you as partners and allies in this work.

Regards,

Timothy Donahue, MD
Program Director

Gwendolyn Brooks

Gwendolyn Brooks was born in Topeka, Kansas, on June 7, 1917, and raised in Chicago. She was the author of more than twenty books of poetry and numerous other books. In 1968 she was named poet laureate for the state of Illinois. In 1985, she was the first black woman appointed as consultant in poetry to the Library of Congress, a post now known as Poet Laureate. She also received an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award, the Frost Medal, a National Endowment for the Arts Award, the Shelley Memorial Award, and fellowships from the Academy of American Poets and the Guggenheim Foundation. She lived in Chicago until her death on December 3, 2000.

(adapted from poets.org https://poets.org/poet/gwendolyn-brooks)

Many thanks to Sean O’Neal, our outgoing Education Chief Resident, for sharing this poem with me and for all the wit, creativity, and fervor he poured into our education programs all year long. We are forever grateful!
**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

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**2020 Kaiser-Permanente Award Recipients**

Dr. Yue Ming Huang (Interim Directory of the UCLA Simulation Center, Department of Anesthesiology,) and Dr. Warwick J. Peacock (Director of of the Surgical Science Laboratory, Department of Surgery) have been awarded the 2020 Kaiser Permanente Excellence in Teaching. These peer-reviewed awards recognize outstanding dedication and innovation to clinical and classroom teaching. We celebrate their unsurpassed contributions to our education programs and offer our most heartfelt congratulations and gratitude! The special awards ceremony to recognize the awardees is postponed in light of the health crisis.

**Follow us on Twitter at @UCLASurgery**

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**Boosting Spirits during COVID-19**

On May 4, 2020, the Columbia University Department of Surgery hosted a “Healing Concert” which was broadcasted throughout the hospital. It was a tribute to Dr. Tomoaki Koto, Chief of Abdominal Organ Transplant, who was ill with COVID-19 and spent weeks on a ventilator. Watch the moving video here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cc6OqyMtN1c.

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**What is Trauma?**

Qualitatively assessing stakeholder perceptions in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia

- Conducted interviews & focus groups:
  - 6 with physicians
  - 7 with first responders
  - 14 with laypersons
- Used photos of six WHO injury mechanisms to discuss trauma
- Does this photo depict trauma? Yes:
  - 93%
  - 81%
  - 87%
  - 85%
  - 52%
  - 41%
- 64% of laypersons described trauma as Psychological
- Misinterpretation of 'Trauma' may affect:
  - Data collection
  - Public's use of trauma system
  - Prevention activities
  - Should we consider a terminology change?

We're stronger together. #UCLAStrong
Thank you! COVID-19 Procedure Team

Dear surgery colleagues,

We wanted to extend our utmost thanks to you and especially KJ Blair, Catherine Zhu, Michael Mederos, and Gabe Oland for donating their time to rotate on the RR procedure team and help us fully staff the service during COVID-19. Their professionalism and procedural skills made us comfortable with them representing us. They were excellent teachers to our interns and provided high quality patient care. Next week will be the last week that they are with us as we transition to a different scheduling structure, but we wanted to extend our appreciation.

Thank you!
Alex Glaeser & Gary Feigenbaum

The Cancer Letter: UCLA Highlights
This international journal provides a space for original and relevant contributions in cancer research. It is a part of Elsevier’s Oncology Journal Network.

Timothy Donahue, MD, Chief of Surgical Oncology, co-wrote an op-ed about how cancer doesn’t wait during a pandemic. https://bit.ly/2XjhJWT

Vatche Agopian, MD, Associate Professor of Surgery, Liver and Pancreas Transplantation, was featured for his recent NCI grant to help improve liver transplant selection for patients with liver cancer. https://bit.ly/3bMvUsM

Welcome Back, Lab Residents!
We’re excited to have Amy Copeland, Roxanne Massoumi, Alexandra Moore, Catherine Zhu and Frank Lu return to clinical work and join Claire Faltermeier and Dennis Zeng in the incoming R3 class.

David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Department of Surgery

Please join us in celebrating
2020 Graduating Chief Residents

Stephanie Anne Kingman Angarita, MD
Colin MacDonald Court, MD, PhD
Irmina Anna Elliott, MD
Yen-Yi Juo, MD, MPH
Sean Michael O’Neill, MD, PhD
Aditya Sanjay Shirali, MD
Shonan Sho, MD

Saturday, June 13, 2020
6:00 PM
Meeting Link: https://uclahs.zoom.us/j/92357334863?pwd=MjY2MVgtNzczT2l5ZEdFa1ZvSF90UT09
Password: 123456
Meeting ID: 923 5733 4863

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Dear Graduating Chief Resident Class of 2020:

I would like to take just a moment to congratulate you on all you have accomplished during your surgical residency. It has been my absolute pleasure and honor to be your Program Director for the last five years. You are all so impressive and poised to make impactful contributions to our profession. You have developed the skills and knowledge to provide the best, state-of-the-art, and utmost compassionate care of your patients. I’m so very proud to consider each one of you a close colleague and hope to stay in touch during the next phase of your career. I have the highest level of confidence that you will carry on the legacy of excellence of this Department and General Surgery Residency Program.

Timothy Donahue, MD
General Surgery Program Director

Stephanie Anne Kingman Angarita, MD

Where I’m Headed:
Breast Oncology Fellowship, Cedars-Sinai

“You treat a disease: you win, you lose. You treat a person, I guarantee you win—no matter the outcome.” - Patch Adams

Colin MacDonald Court, MD, PHD

Where I’m Headed:
Surgical Oncology Fellowship, Memorial Sloan Kettering

“Every surgeon carries within himself a small cemetery, where from time to time he goes to pray – a place of bitterness and regret, where he must look for an explanation for his failures.” - René Leriche

Irmina Anna Elliott, MD

Where I’m Headed:
Cardiothoracic Surgery, Stanford

“Give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed. Courage to change the things which should be changed, and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.” - Reinhold Niebuhr
Yen-Yi Juo, MD, MPH

Where I’m Headed:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Duke

“I made an egg salad sandwich and took a bite of it over the open silverware drawer. A piece of egg salad fell in among the forks. I swore softly with my mouth full. Another piece of egg salad fell in.” – Nicholson Baker

Sean Michael O’Neill, MD, PhD

Where I’m Headed:
Minimally Invasive Surgery, Ohio State

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” - Matthew 6:25

Aditya Sanjay Shirali, MD

Where I’m Headed:
Surgical Endocrinology, MD Anderson

“Science may provide the most useful way to organize empirical, reproducible data, but its power to do so is predicated on its inability to grasp the most central aspects of human life: hope, fear, love, hate, beauty, envy, honor, weakness, striving, suffering, virtue.”
- Paul Kalanithi

Shonan Sho, MD

Where I’m Headed:
Colorectal Surgery, University of Minnesota

“In surgery, when you are given a choice, the correct choice is usually the harder one.”
- Anonymous
The Cuteness Corner

Joe Pantoja and his wife, Gladis, welcomed their baby boy, Moses, on April 21. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Michael W. Robinson and his fiancé, Dr. Elizabeth Fisseha on their engagement. After 3 years of dating, he popped the question and she said yes!

Welcome to the world, baby Evelina! Razmik Ghukasyan’s daughter was born on May 8.

Anaar Siletz’s children, Sayena and Ronan, are ready for summer!

To be featured in future issues, email the cute photos that capture the moments in your life to Chi at cquach@mednet.ucla.edu.
“The world is full of magic things, patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.”
- W.B Yeats

In Memoriam
Dr. Frank William Blaisdell
Aug 30,1927 – Apr 18, 2020

Dr. Blaisdell was a celebrated vascular and trauma surgeon who served as the president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma in 1991. He completed his undergraduate and medical studies at Stanford and his surgical training in Philadelphia and Boston before his fellowship with Dr. DeBakey. During residency, he served in the Korean War as a medical officer. As Chief of surgery and Chief of Emergency Services at San Francisco General Hospital he created one of the first trauma centers in the country. He subsequently became the chair of the department of surgery at U.C. Davis, where the medical library is named after him. A prominent surgeon and researcher “well known for his energy, wit and activity”, he was also fun-loving and enthusiastically partook of his hobbies, which over the decades, included magic, model airplanes, slot-car racing, and tennis with his equally energetic wife.” You can read his full obituary in the Chronicle here: https://bit.ly/36jAWfj

Counseling & Consultation
The UCLA Staff and Faculty Counseling Center provides free counseling assessment, and referral services to faculty, staff, and their immediate family Members. During this time, all appointments will be telehealth appointments.

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

Wed, Jun 3: Mock Orals
Sat, June 13: Virtual General Surgery Graduation
Tue, Jun 23: ACLS/BLS Life Support Skills
Wed, Jun 24: First Day of Clinical Service for incoming interns
Wed, Jul 8: First Grand Rounds of the new academic year
Thu, Jul 16: General Surgery QE exam

Wednesday Conferences

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Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Division of Pediatric Surgery  
Mattel Children’s Hospital at UCLA  
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA |
| June 17 7am Zoom | Combined Grand Rounds  
Anesthesia-Medicine-Surgery  
“COVID-19: Challenges and Management in Italy and Lessons Learned” | Maurizio Cecconi, MD  
Head of the Anesthesia and Intensive Care Department at Humanitas Hospital  
Milan, Italy  
President-elect, European Society of Intensive Care Medicine (ESICM)  
Chair, Division of Scientific Affairs at ESICM |
| June 24 7am | No Conference | No Conference |