Kudos

General Surgery chief residents, Kent Garber and Anaar Eastoak-Siletz, have both been accepted to west coast Trauma and Critical Care Surgery Fellowships. Kent will be at UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital, while Anaar is staying local by continuing her training with Cedars-Sinai.

General Surgery chief resident, Tara Russell, has been accepted to the Colorectal Surgery Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic.

General Surgery R4, Sudeep Banerjee, made the ASCO Post for one of his lab projects. This is the first study ever showing cost-effectiveness modeling for genomic sequencing rather than Drug A versus Drug B. Read it here: https://rb.gy/9rzhqa

Congratulations to all!

Residency News

Follow UCLA General Surgery on Twitter at @UCLASurgeryRes for updates on the latest happenings, resident achievements and surgical residency resources.

Max Schumm @MSchumm90

Thank you for the opportunity to present. Thankful for great mentors @michaelyeohmd @MashaLivhitsMD @KyleZanocco @JamesWuSurgery

Camilo Gonzalez-Velazquez @2d

Congratulations @MScumm90 on a great discussion on the @thancfoundation’s VJC. Thanks for representing all trainees that have found their passion in thyroid diseases...

UCLA General Surgery R... @11h

Pivotal work by chief resident @kent_garber, in collaboration with @WHO @UNICEF & @WorldBank, evaluating the critical need for health care access in the setting of an armed conflict.

#globalsurgery #Yemen @TheLancet

Estimating access to health care in Yemen... thelancet.com
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dr. Deanna Attai Cited in Yahoo! News

Yahoo! News cited research from Deanna Attai, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery and member of the UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center, about women ‘going flat’ after a mastectomy.

Dr. Jerzy W. Kupiec-Weglinski Receives RO1 Grant in Support of His Lab Translational Research

Dr. Jerzy W. Kupiec-Weglinski, The Paul I. Terasaki Endowed Chair in Surgery, has received a new RO1 grant (5 years; $1.95M), entitled “The Relaxin Receptor GR/RXFP1 Signaling in Liver Transplant Ischemia-reperfusion Injury and the Inflammation Resolution” from the National Institute of Health – National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIH_NIAID). Congratulations!

Farewell and Well Wishes to Dr. Donald T. Baril and Dr. Arthur H. Friedlander

Dr. Donald Baril, Associate Professor in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, announced that he is leaving UCLA. He is a past recipient of the Golden Scalpel Teaching Associate Professor Award.

Dr. Arthur Friedlander, after nearly 53 years with the Department of Veterans Affairs, has retired. Dr. Friedlander has served UCLA as a member of the UCLA DGSOM - GLA Dean’s Committee, Faculty Senate, and multiple Medical School committees. Fortunately, Dr. Friedlander will continue to serve as Senior Researcher and Clinical Educator in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. We all wish them both the very best.

The Guardian Interviews Dr. Rochelle Dicker

The Guardian interviewed Rochelle Dicker, MD, professor-in-residence in the Department of Surgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and a trauma surgeon at UCLA Health, on the uptick of Californians buying firearms due to fear. Read the article here: https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/oct/20/more-than-100000-californians-have-bought-a-gun-in-response-to-covid-19-crisis-report-finds

UCLA Alum, Dr. Julie Frieschlag, was named 2020-2021 President-Elect of the American College of Surgeons (ACS)

Dr. Freischlag performed her postgraduate training and fellowships at UCLA and was awarded the Golden Scalpel Award for Outstanding Teaching as an assistant professor at UCLA in 1990 and 1991.

The Search Concludes for Vice Chair of Clinical Practice and Strategic Planning with Appointment of Dr. Andrew Da Lio

We’re excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Andrew Da Lio as Vice Chair of Clinical Practice and Strategic Planning, Department of Surgery, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. In his new role, Dr. Da Lio will support the development, enhancement, and strategic planning activities for the department clinical practice. He will collaborate and partner with key leaders identifying areas for development and growth as well as align overall department strategic direction and business strategies. Congratulations on this new position.
Welcome to the Cuteness Corner

Charlotte (Charlie) Rain, was born on September 8, 2020. She’s making her debut here along with mom, Rivfka Shenoy.

Genia Dubrovsky’s daughter, Eloise, turns 17 months old, Happy Belated Birthday!

Dr. Donahue’s son, Declan Donahue, photo bombs his Zoom meeting. Two heads are better than one!

General Surgery R1, Aly Premji, and his newlywed, Ellen Paddock, got married last month. Wishing you both love and happiness!

To be featured in future issues, email the cute photos that capture the moments in your life to Chi at cquach@mednet.ucla.edu. Thank you to this month’s contributors: Genia Dubrovsky, Rivfka Shenoy, Aly Premji and Dr. Donahue.
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Combined Medicine and Surgery Grand Rounds/Intern Patient Safety Presentations
Dr. Saleh Salehmoghaddam presented his annual lecture, “Bias at the Bedside and Beyond: A Conversation of Educators.” Special thanks to Drs. Christina Harris and Juan Carlos Jimenez, who served as moderators, and panelists: Drs. Medell Briggs-Malonson, Daniel Kozman, Vincent Rowe, and Faysal Saab. Afterwards, various residents presented during the Patient Safety Presentation, hosted by general surgery lab resident, Ivy Huang. Residents were asked to identify and assess real-life incidents involving patient safety risks.

The Society of Thoracic Surgeons Looking to the Future Scholarship Program
Applications are now being accepted for the 2021 Society of Thoracic Surgeons Looking to the Future Scholarship Program. If you are a medical student or general surgery resident who is interested in a career in cardiothoracic surgery, you should apply. Each scholarship includes complimentary registration to attend STS 2021, the Society’s Annual Meeting, being held virtually January 29-31, 2021, one-on-one virtual mentoring with a cardiothoracic surgeon mentor/STS member who can share insights and provide guidance on how to carve a path in the field, and access to an exclusive LTTF Scholarship virtual program planned for January 2021. Submit your online application here: https://sts.smapply.io. Deadline is Sunday, November 15, 2020. Notifications will be sent to applicants in December 2020.

Virtual AAS 2020 Fall Courses
Students, residents, fellows and junior faculty are encouraged to attend. To register, please visit the following website to register: https://www.aasurg.org/aas-fall-courses/. The Preparing for Practice course will occur on Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th. Speakers will offer pearls of wisdom on establishing a clinical footprint, launching a research program, being effective educators, and developing a national profile. The Preparing to Lead course takes place Friday, December 4th and Saturday, December 5th. Topics to be covered include leading diversity and inclusion efforts in organizations, recognizing unconscious bias, advancing along promotion and tenure tracks, pursuing different career trajectories in academic medicine, and bridging the gap from mentee to mentor.
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The Viola Hyde Awards: Grant Opportunity for UCLA Medical Students interested in Surgical Research

The UCLA Women in Surgery group is pleased to continue sponsoring research and travel awards in honor of Ms. Viola Hyde for this academic year. All students (MS1-4) who are interested in surgical specialties are encouraged to apply. Due to the current COVID pandemic, research and travel opportunities are clearly restricted.

Viola Hyde Surgical Research Scholars Application
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. Deadline to apply is February 1, 2021.

Viola Hyde Medical Student Travel Grant Application ($500-$1000)
A limited number of $500-$1000 medical student travel grants are available to attend any surgical meeting in the coming academic year. The applicant must be a medical student at UCLA. Preference will go to students presenting research done with a UCLA Faculty member (poster or podium). Funds will be determined based on a proposed submitted budget. The deadline to apply for both awards is February 1, 2021. Please submit your applications by email to Jessica O’Connell, MD and Avital Harari, MD (WISIG@mednet.ucla.edu).

Grey’s Anatomy Medical Communications Fellowship Opportunity
This fellowship is a 3-6 month paid position in Los Angeles that involves consulting with the writers of the show, pitching medical storylines, providing feedback on scripts and cuts, and offering medical assistance on set. This fellowship is an excellent opportunity for those who have outstanding communications skills, have at least two years of surgical residency training, and are interested in narrative medicine and the world of entertainment.

Fellows will be able to help raise awareness, increase knowledge, create favorable attitudes, and motivate millions of viewers to take socially responsible action in their own lives. There may also be some research opportunities associated with the USC Annenberg School of Communications.

The deadline to apply is March 15, 2021. For more information on this opportunity and to view an informational video: https://urldifence.com/v3/https/www.studentdoctor.net/2019/04/03/inside-the-greys-anatomy-surgical-communication-fellowship/..!!F9wkZzLA1W00o50UERhnJO9K2TgiiF1vTaUsnr4DHq9cBfL2uf5q74cGZL22zXqhv1VcgRF4vQ.$

Applications are open for 2021-22 GloCal Fellowship Opportunity in Mexico
This year, GloCal is specifically seeking candidates proposing research in Mexico, especially in Tijuana. Applications addressing COVID-19, including its intersection with HIV, mental health, environmental health are particularly encouraged.

Have questions? Contact GloCal Health Fellowship Deputy Director, Kimberly Bale, Kimberly.bale@ucsf.com

The Flu Season is Here
As a reminder, DGSOM faculty, staff, trainees and students visiting any UCLA Health or DGSOM building/facility are required to receive an annual flu vaccination. Unless you received your vaccination at a UCLA, please email proof of vaccination to flu@mednet.ucla.edu. Please also remember to send a copy of your flu vaccine to your program coordinator. Results can be accessed on MyChart (https://my.uclahealth.org/MyChart/).
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Program for Advancement of Surgical Equity

Dr. Rochelle Dicker and Dr. Catherine Juillard announced the launch of website for the Program for the Advancement of Surgical Equity (PASE). This will be a program within the UCLA Department of Surgery that focuses on reducing health inequities and health disparities locally and globally. It’s comprised of a multidisciplinary group of clinicians, researchers, trainees and public health professionals and work in partnership across institutions and across borders. Through partnership their mission includes capacity building, programmatic development and evaluation and training the next generation of investigators and practitioners interested in reducing health inequities. Check out the PASE website at: http://surgery.ucla.edu/pase. Donations to Dr. Juillard’s Research Support Fund can be made here: https://giving.ucla.edu/Campaign/Donate.aspx?SiteNum=3348.

AVAS Resident Research Scholarship

The Association of VA Surgeons is pleased to announce the AVAS Resident Research Scholarship. This is a one-year award (with consideration for a possible extension to a second year) available to general surgical or surgical subspecialty residents with a faculty mentor who has at least a 5/8ths VA appointment. Research proposals in clinical outcomes, health services research, education research, basic science or translational research will be considered. The award is for $25,000 for one year and the winner will be announced at the 2021 AVAS Annual Meeting. If you have any questions, please send an email to vasurgeons@gmail.com and to the Chair of the Research Committee, Dr. Jason S. Gold, at jgold@bwh.harvard.edu.

CULTURAL NORTH STAR AWARD

Nomination deadline: November 16
$500 prize + special recognition

The annual Cultural North Star Award is designed to recognize an individual who has gone above and beyond to exemplify DGSOM’s Cultural North Star values in their work, actions or interactions. Recipients of the $500 award will be announced virtually. Fill out the nomination form here: https://uclahs.fyi/CNS-award-nomination

Eligibility: The award is open to all DGSOM staff, faculty, students and trainees. The nominee’s work, actions or interactions should demonstrate how they’ve used the Cultural North Star values to advance our mission of healing humankind through leading-edge care, research, education and community engagement. Inclusion of data, testimonials or other supporting materials are encouraged but not required.


The ABSITE is only 3 months away. Here’s the inside scoop on staying on track.

1. Download the Beneath the Knife Podcast and listen in between activities.
3. Use question banks and access practice questions. Pro Tip: Use your education fund to be reimbursed for study material, including True Learn.
4. Do attend upcoming ABSITE reviews during protected Wednesday hours.

Pictured above, Dr. Stevan Clark, general surgeon, and general surgery resident, Mariah Blegen, perform an operation at Dignity Health California Hospital.
The Huntington Library, Art, Museum, and Botanical Gardens generously gifted the Department of Surgery with tickets to visit its incredibly beautiful botanical gardens located in the city of San Marino. Tickets were made available on October 24, October 25, October 31 and November 1.
Web-Based Interviews are the New Normal, Here are Some Helpful Tips for Success

1) Download the app before the interview, practice with a friend and record yourself.
2) Find a neutral background that isn’t distracting.
3) Account for different time zones.
4) Communicate with your household to ensure privacy and quiet.
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

Resident Wellness

Free National Park Day is November 11, 2020. More than 400 parks will be available, including Death Valley, Joshua Tree, Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Parks that usually charge an entrance fee will offer free admission to everyone. Find a park to visit: https://www.nps.gov/findapark/index.htm

2020-21 Upcoming Events (dates are subject to change)
Wed, Nov 18: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
Wed, Dec 2: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
Wed, Dec 16: Virtual General Surgery Interviews
Fri, Mar 19: Match Day

Wednesday Conferences

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

“It is our attitude at the beginning of a difficult task which, more than anything else, will affect its successful outcome.”

William James