



Chair's Column

We are pleased to provide this latest edition of the Western University, Department of Surgery newsletter to friends and colleagues across the globe.

The strength and progress of the Department in academic medicine and clinical care are well exemplified by the many achievements highlighted in this edition of the newsletter.

This is reflected by many objective measures including national and international awards, Canadian and world firsts in clinical care, sentinel publications in peer-reviewed literature and the ability to attract the highest quality of new recruits into the Department.



We are also very proud of the achievements of our trainees who we continue to be pleased to highlight and to acknowledge former members of the Department now retired from practice.

I believe that the Department of Surgery at Western continues to achieve at the highest level and is

extremely well positioned for great success in the future.

All the best to our many friends over the holiday season and in the New Year.

Sincerely,

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SURGERY NEWS



Dr. Bob Kiaii

Dr. Bob Kiaii appointed inaugural Ray and Margaret Elliott Chair in Surgical Innovation

Dr. Bob Kiaii, associate professor and Chair/Chief, Division of Cardiac Surgery, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, began his five year term as the inaugural Ray and Margaret Elliott Chair in Surgical Innovation on July 1, 2013.

The Ray and Margaret Elliott Chair in Surgical Innovation was founded in 2011 by an extraordinary gift of \$1.5M from Mr. Ray and Mrs. Margaret Elliott which was matched with funds from Western University. Dr. Kiaii's role will include building teams in advancing technology changes in surgery; contributing to the advancement of simulation and simulation-based training at Western; participating in the establishment of the Biomedical Devices Institute in London; and in fostering relationships with the medical device industry.

Dr. Vivian McAlister is appointed as the next A.D. McLachlin Professor

Congratulations to Dr. Vivian McAlister, professor, Division of General Surgery, on being appointed as the next A.D. McLachlin Professor, effective January 1, 2014.

Dr. McAlister was appointed as Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery in 2001 and was promoted to Professor in 2003. Dr. McAlister is an exemplary transplant and general surgeon, researcher, and educator in the Department of Surgery. He has published articles in the peer-reviewed literature on a wide array of topics, including transplantation, health care delivery and the history of surgery.

He is presently the Co-editor in Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Surgery* and serves on the Governance and Audit

Committees and Council of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Dr. McAlister has previously served as the President of the Canadian Society of Transplantation; Chair of the Canadian Organ Replacement Registry, and Chair of the Research Committee of the Canadian Association of General Surgeons.

In addition to his service to the University and the London Hospitals, Dr. McAlister joined the Canadian Forces in 2008 and has served annually in Canadian deployments in Afghanistan and Haiti. His military experience, combined with teaching expertise, led him to develop and lead national symposia and mass casualty exercises for trauma surgery and disaster planning in the Canadian context for civilian surgeons.



Dr. Vivian McAlister

In recognition of Dr. McAlister's extraordinary contributions, he has received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal; a Surgeon General's Commendation, General Campaign Star, Operations Service Medal, and two General Service Medals from the Canadian Forces. The Department of Surgery is known for innovation in teaching, research and clinical care, and is delighted that Dr. McAlister will be at the forefront of surgical education as the next McLachlin Professor.



Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro. Photo from Western News.

Addressing organ shortage in Canada

With the traditional organ donation method, donation after cardiac death (DCD), organs were transplanted after the heart stopped, leaving very little time for doctors to remove the organs before the onset of organ damage. In the late 1960s, many hospitals moved toward 'donation after brain death' (DBD) as this method allowed more time for organ transplantation. "If a patient has brain death, we can consider them dead, even if the heart is beating. They are potential donors," said Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro, associate professor, Division of General Surgery, to *Western News*. "The benefit is the organs are well perfused; they have good blood supply and good oxygenation, and that's the main thing. The outcomes of organ transplantation started improving and were very good."

The need for transplants has far exceeded the availability of organs provided by DBD, however, leading Dr. Hernandez-Alejandro to reconsider DCD as an option. "If you look at the rate across Canada, the rate of donors hasn't been increasing, but those waiting continue to grow. We needed to explore other options, one being DCD," he said. "We have better surgeons, better preservation solutions, better research; so, we started looking at how much time we have between the patient's (cardiac) arrest and the moment we start flushing the organs," he added.

Along with Dr. Bill Wall, Dr. Hernandez-

Alejandro completed the first DCD liver transplant at London Health Sciences Centre, a Canadian surgical first, in 2006. Since then, 50 similar liver transplants and approximately 70 DCD kidney transplants have been performed. He is hopeful continued research into the idea of DCD can cut that waiting list even more. "We know if we're careful in our selection of DCD donors, we can have very good outcomes, comparable to that of DBD," he said. "Today, the five-year follow-up with DCD patients shows an 80 per cent survival rate, the same as DBD."

Source: New look at old procedure offering hope. *Western News*. October 2, 2013. communications.uwo.ca

New heart failure support device available at LHSC

Eligible patients now have the opportunity to leave hospital and return to their homes while waiting for the availability of a donor heart, due to the HeartMate II Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD).

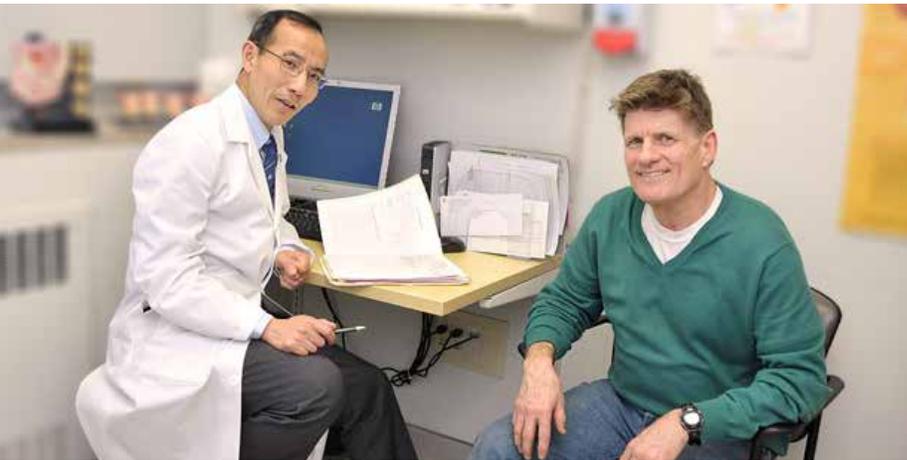


Dr. Dave Nagpal

"Because there aren't enough donor hearts to meet the need of these advanced heart failure patients, people waiting for their heart transplant have a very real risk of organ failure and death," said Dr. Dave Nagpal, assistant professor, Division of Cardiac Surgery. "To temporize the situation, we sometimes need to admit people to hospital for intravenous treatment and often, these patients would have had to wait in hospital for an indeterminate length of time until a donor organ was available."

Developed by Thoratec Corporation, the HeartMate II LVAD provides patients with years of circulatory support. "It supplies additional blood flow for those patients whose hearts are not providing enough blood flow for them. Those patients are considered to be in advanced heart failure, where medicines are no longer effective for them," said Dr. Nagpal to CTV news. Patients can regain their quality of life and due to the improved blood circulation, better prepare themselves for the demands of a heart transplant and recovery.

Source: CTV Kitchener: Meet the Heart Mate. [Internet] kitchener.ctvnews.ca/ April 18, 2013. Accessed October 2, 2013.



Dr. Joseph Chin with patient. Photo from LHSC Communications.

Dr. Joseph Chin performs world first treatment for localized prostate cancer

A new treatment option - transurethral magnetic resonance (MR) guided ultrasound ablation for prostate cancer - is available to patients with localized prostate cancer. The procedure involves a new ablation device that uses thermal ultrasound therapy with real-time MR image guidance to wipe out cancer cells in the prostate gland.

"This represents a significant advance in the management of prostate cancer," said Dr. Joseph Chin, professor, Division of Urology, and chief, surgical oncology, London Health Sciences Centre. "Magnetic resonance image guidance allows us to target prostate tissue, using ultrasound energy without harming healthy tissue outside of the prostate." Conventional treatments for localized prostate cancer bring substantial long-term complications which can affect a patient's quality of life. With this new treatment, complications are reduced.

The treatment was done as part of a clinical trial approved by Health Canada and sponsored by Profound Medical Inc., "We hope the clinical trial will show that this system can provide an effective and minimally invasive treatment for localized prostate cancer, with minimal side effects," he added. Further details are available at: lhsc.on.ca

Drs. Patrick Luke and Alp Sener make Canadian history

Dr. Patrick Luke, professor, Division of Urology, and Dr. Alp Sener, assistant professor, Division of Urology, made Canadian history by performing the first living-donor kidney removal for transplant purposes using a single incision point.

The procedure, a robotic assisted single-site nephrectomy, was performed using the da Vinci robotic surgical system. Surgeons were able to carefully extract a healthy kidney from a kidney donor through a small (4-6 cm) incision in the donor's navel.

"We are very fortunate at London Health Sciences Centre to have state-of-the-art da Vinci robotic systems which allow us to take

minimally invasive surgery to the next level," said Dr. Sener. "By using robotic assisted Lapro-Endoscopic Single Site Surgery (LESS) on living kidney donors, we are able to minimize risk, shorten recovery times, and return the donor back to their normal day-to-day activities sooner."

Traditional open stomach organ retrieval, and even the minimally invasive laparoscopic surgery involving three to four incisions, require a longer time to heal and involve more risk to the donor. "Living donors are selflessly offering a part of themselves to another human, with full knowledge that their lives will also be impacted by this gift," said Dr. Patrick Luke, co-director of LHSC's multi-organ transplant program. "If we can utilize technology and medical innovation to help reduce that impact, perhaps more individuals will consider living-donor kidney donation in the future." Further details are available at: lhsc.on.ca



Dr. Alp Sener and Dr. Patrick Luke in the operating room.

ICES@Western study published in JAMA

Dr. Chris Vinden, associate professor, Division of General Surgery, had his study, "Complications of Daytime Elective Laparoscopic Cholecystectomies Performed by Surgeons Who Operated the Night Before" published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* [JAMA. 2013;310(17):1837-1841]. JAMA has an impact factor of 30, the second highest in all of medicine, and the largest print circulation of any general medical journal. Dr. Vinden has received media coverage from several news outlets regarding this study and its implications for work hour restrictions.



Dr. Christopher Schlachta

Dr. Christopher Schlachta, first in Canada to perform single-site gallbladder removal

In a Canadian first, Dr. Christopher Schlachta, professor, Division of General Surgery, performed a da Vinci single-site cholecystectomy, or gallbladder removal, at London Health Sciences Centre.

“Traditional laparoscopic surgery is performed through four small incisions,” said Dr. Schlachta. “With a single-site robotic surgery, the gallbladder is removed through a single small incision, hidden in the belly button, and patients experience virtually scarless results.” The first patient to receive

this surgical procedure fully recovered in two days, without any scarring.

Dr. Schlachta believes this approach can be successfully applied to more complex surgeries and enhance patient care, “This technology represents an exciting evolution in robotic surgery. In 25 years, we have gone from big incisions, to a series of small incisions for each of the surgeon’s hands, to this development of just one small, hidden incision. This is a whole new world that we plan to apply to even more complex surgeries including colorectal cancer surgery, anti-reflux surgery, kidney surgery, as well as pancreatic and liver surgeries.” Read more about the procedure at: lhsc.on.ca

McLachlin Fellows Reunion

The A. D. McLachlin Professorship in the Department of Surgery was established in 1991 with generous contributions made by former trainees and colleagues of Dr. Angus McLachlin in dedication to his contributions as an esteemed teacher and clinician. A Rhodes Scholar and Mustang football team captain, Dr. McLachlin served as a surgeon in field hospitals in Europe during WWII and returned to Chair the Department of Surgery from 1945 to 1974. He was also known for his leadership in forming the Southwestern Ontario Surgical Association.

A meeting of the McLachlin Fellows was held recently, where the fellows enjoyed an informative presentation on “cross-generational teaching” by Dr. Brian Taylor, current McLachlin Professor. Previous holders of the McLachlin Professorship include Dr. Bill Jamieson, Dr. Ed Meads, Dr. Robert Bourne, Dr. Robert Litchfield, and Dr. Doug Ross.

McLachlin Fellows (FRONT ROW, SEATED LEFT TO RIGHT): Drs. Tom McLarty, Jack Sales, Howie Cameron, Michael Grace
(BACK ROW, STANDING LEFT TO RIGHT): Drs. Richard Wylie, Ed Meads, Bob Farley, Tom Jory, Brian Taylor, John Denstedt, John Duff, Waldo Stavrakys, Ed Carroll, Eric Shepherd





LEFT TO RIGHT:
Dr. James Roth and
Dr. Robert McFarlane.
Photo from St. Joseph's
Communications and Public
Affairs.

Honouring two of London's most widely-acclaimed surgeons

In honour of its two founders, the late Drs. James Roth (1951-2013) and Robert McFarlane (1927-2006), the Hand and Upper Limb Centre was renamed the Roth McFarlane Hand and Upper Limb Centre. The dedication ceremony took place at St. Joseph's Health Care London on Friday, September 27, 2013. Dr. Graham King, professor, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, and medical director of the Roth McFarlane Centre, said the expert multidisciplinary team "works every day to ensure the legacy of Drs. Roth and McFarlane lives on." The renaming, he added, "is a well-deserved tribute to two exceptional physicians whose brilliance and mentorship gave us a centre of excellence that continues to thrive." Gillian Kernaghan, president and CEO of St. Joseph's Health Care London, said, "The expertise, foresight, leadership and hard work of the two surgeons were the building blocks of the centre, which opened in 1992 and quickly became recognized internationally as a leader in surgical innovation, patient care, and teaching excellence." A tribute video is available on the St. Joseph's Health Care London website at: sjhc.london.on.ca

Celebrate Innovation reception honours Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry donors and visionary leaders

On May 15, 2013 at the Sunningdale Golf & Country Club, Schulich Medicine & Dentistry donors were recognized for their generous support. Dr. John Denstedt, Chair/Chief, Department of Surgery and Special Advisor to the Dean on Globalization, Internationalization, and Simulation, was recognized for his distinguished leadership. As Special Advisor to the Dean on Globalization, Internationalization, and Simulation, Dr. Denstedt has focused on establishing partnerships between Western University and academic institutions across the globe, while advancing the School's vision for simulation education and training with the founding of a new Biomedical Devices Institute.

CJS ventures into social media

As Co-editor in Chief of the *Canadian Journal of Surgery*, Dr. Vivian McAlister brings the journal into the modern publishing era. The CJS can be found on Twitter at twitter.com/canjsurg and free email alerts can be set up at cma.ca/emailalerts

Department of Surgery members selected for Future Leaders of Western program

Congratulations to Drs. Alp Sener, Alan Getgood, and Sayra Cristancho, on being admitted to the Future Leaders of Western (FLOW) program. The program aims to support faculty at Western in becoming leaders in research, education or advocacy in Canada.

Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to the following faculty members who were promoted this past year:

Dr. Sumit Dave, Divisions of Urology and Paediatric Surgery, promoted to Associate Professor & granting of a Continuing Appointment, Provost Stream;

Dr. Dalilah Fortin, Division of Thoracic Surgery, promoted to Associate Professor & granting of a Continuing Appointment, Provost Stream;

Dr. Ruby Grewal, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, promoted to Associate Professor & granting of a Continuing Appointment, Senate Stream;

Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro, Division of General Surgery, promoted to Associate Professor & granting of a Continuing Appointment, Provost Stream;

Dr. Marie-Eve LeBel, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, promoted to Associate Professor & granting of a Continuing Appointment, Provost Stream.

Fellows serving in Afghanistan thank Royal College with special gift

Crafted by the Udin brothers of Kabul, a flag box engraved with the Royal College crest, Canadian and Afghani national flags, was presented to the Royal College in recognition for its support of Fellows serving in Afghanistan. The gift will be on display in the Royal College's library, the Roddick Room.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Surgeon General Brigadier General J.R. Bernier, Dr. Francescutti, Major Vivian McAlister, MD, FRCSC, and Deputy Surgeon General Colonel Colin Mackay.
Source: Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. *Dialogue*. 2013 Jun;13(6):18-9

MSc in Surgery program

The MSc in Surgery program is tailored to the unique needs of surgical trainees; providing an intensive research experience and a solid foundation for success as an academic surgeon.

Applications are considered at any time of year; however to ensure consideration for Summer term admission (May 1 start), applications must be received by January 15; or to ensure consideration for Fall term admission (September 1 start), applications must be received by April 15.

For further details regarding program requirements and links to applications forms, please visit www.schulich.uwo.ca/surgery/graduate-education/prospective-students/

Students applying to the MSc in Surgery program are encouraged to apply for the scholarships noted below:

Canada Graduate Scholarship - Master's (CGSM)

http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/student_finances/cgsm.html (Deadline to apply is December 1, 2013)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship

http://grad.uwo.ca/current_students/student_finances/ogs.html (Deadline to apply is January 31, 2014)

In the news: Dr. Stephen Pautler

Dr. Stephen Pautler, associate professor, Division of Urology, was interviewed by journalist Kerry Grens, for *Reuters*, on the topic of prostate cancer treatment and its relation to hernia risk. Read the interview at reuters.com.

WELCOME NEW FACULTY

Welcome to Dr. Luc Dubois

Dr. Luc Dubois, assistant professor, joined the Division of Vascular Surgery this past October.

Dr. Dubois received his MD from the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University in 2005, followed by a general surgery residency and a vascular surgery fellowship also at Western.

While at Western, he received a Master of Clinical Epidemiology and was part of the Clinical Investigators Program. He also completed an

endovascular fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic.

Having received many research awards during his residency, Dr. Dubois' research focus is on developing novel, patient-directed, outcome measures. He is also interested in studying patient expectations surrounding surgical therapy, and patient-based decision making.

When not working, Dr. Dubois enjoys spending time with his family and rock-climbing.



RESEARCH NEWS

Dr. Joy MacDermid receives 2013 Lifetime Scientific Award in Hand Therapy

Congratulations to Joy MacDermid, PhD, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, on being selected by the American Society of Hand Therapy as the 2013 recipient of the Lifetime Scientific Award in Hand Therapy.

The award is in recognition of Dr. MacDermid's exemplary research leading to advancements in the field of hand therapy.

Dr. MacDermid is Co-Director of the Roth McFarlane Hand and Upper Limb Centre Clinical Research Laboratory. Having authored over



250 publications, she serves as Associate Editor of the *Journal of Hand Therapy* and the *Journal of Orthopaedic and Sports Physical Therapy*. To date, Dr. MacDermid has received the most CIHR funding as a principal investigator and has been granted a total of \$25 million in research funding. Dr. MacDermid's many accomplishments have led her to be the third highest ranked Physical Therapy scientist in Canadian Physical Therapy schools.

2013 JC Luke Award

Congratulations to Dr. Sanjay Patel who received the 2013 J.C. Luke Award from the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery at its annual meeting in Edmonton, Alberta. The Award is given annually to the author of the best podium presentation. Dr. Patel is a third-year General Surgery resident at Western and was honored for his paper entitled, "Relationship between popliteal artery aneurysm size and symptomatic status." This is the second consecutive year that Western has taken home this prestigious award. Schulich Medicine & Dentistry was well represented at this meeting with three other presentations by Vascular Surgery residents Drs. Joel Cooper, Kevin Lee and Ricardo Ruz.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Joel Cooper (PGY2, Vascular Surgery), Sanjay Patel (PGY3, General Surgery), CSVS Guest Lecturer Dr. Ron Dalman (Stanford University), Kevin Lee (PGY3, Vascular Surgery), Niroshan Sothilingam (PGY6, Vascular Surgery)

Dr. David White's research group receives the National Centre of Excellence designation

Dr. David White and the Sernova research group received the National Centre of Excellence designation by Networks of Centres of Excellence (NCE) of Canada. The initial results from the clinical trials completed by the group on a new technique for islet transplantation were presented at the International Pancreas and Islet

Transplant Association (IPITA) conference in California. Dr. David White, emeritus professor of pathology and surgery, and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board at Sernova Corp., is conducting research on Sernova's diabetes product at the Robarts Research Institute at Western University.



Research Day

The 2013 Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day was held on Friday, June 21 at the Sumner Auditorium, London Health Sciences Centre - Victoria Hospital. The event started off with opening remarks by Dr. Denise Figlewicz, Vice Dean, Research & Innovation, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry.

A range of topics were covered throughout the day from new developments in cardiac surgery to innovative surgical and chemo/radio therapeutic methods in treating malignancies. Attendees learned about the role of surgical metabonomics on patient care and disease outcomes, and the impact of modulating ischemia in orthopaedic injury recovery. Novel mechanisms behind the progression of connective tissue diseases, the patient-specific impact of a centralized treatment model of vascular surgery, and novel modulators of ischemia reperfusion injury in



Professor Jeremy Nicholson and Dr. Alp Sener, Research Committee Chair.

transplantation were also explored.

Jeremy K. Nicholson, professor of biochemistry, Head of the Department of Surgery & Cancer, Director of the MRC-NIHR National Phenome Center, Faculty of Medicine, Imperial College of London, was this year's keynote speaker.

The winner for the Best Resident Paper was Orthopaedic Surgery resident Dr. Ryan Degen, for his paper, "A Biomechanical Comparison of Bristow & Latarjet Coracoid Transfers for Recurrent Anterior Shoulder Instability." The winner for Best Resident Poster Presentation was Urology fellow, Dr. Khurram Siddiqui for his poster, "Prostate Cancer Microparticles as a Next Generation Screening Tool for Prostate Cancer."

Save the date for next year's Department of Surgery Research Day, which will be held on **June 13, 2014** in the Shuttleworth Auditorium at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Funding Competition Results

Congratulations to all faculty members and residents whose research applications were approved and funded:

PSI Foundation

Dr. Stephen Petis, **Dr. Edward Vasarhelyi**, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, "A randomized trial comparing the direct lateral, anterior, and posterior approach: Imaging and clinical outcomes in total hip arthroplasty."

Heart and Stroke Foundation

Dr. Wei-Ping Min, Division of General Surgery, "The role of mTOR and TLR signaling networks on alloimmune modulation in heart transplantation."

J.P. Bickell Foundation

Dr. Louis Ferreira, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, "Development of Robot-Assisted Glenoid Bone Bed Preparation for Minimally Invasive Total Shoulder Arthroplasty."

Lawson Internal Research Fund Spring 2013

Dr. Sayra Cristancho, Education Research, Department of Surgery, "A Simulation-based Mastery Learning Approach for Robotic Surgery."

PSI Foundation Resident Research Prize

Dr. Sunil Patel, "The Use of 'Spin' in Laparoscopic Lower GI Surgical Trials with Non-Significant Results: An Assessment of Reporting and Interpretation of the Primary Outcomes."

Dr. Biniam Kidane, "Local Resection Compared to Radical Resection in the Treatment of T1N0M0 Rectal Adenocarcinoma: A Systematic Review & Meta-analysis."

Dr. Sami Chadi, "The Establishment of a Rodent Model of Abdominal Compartment Syndrome using Carbon Dioxide Pneumoperitoneum."

CSCI/CIHR Award

Dr. Ram Anantha, "Th2-polarized invariant natural killer T cells reduce disease severity in acute intra-abdominal sepsis."

American Osler Society

Congratulations to Alexandra Istl, Class of 2015, on receiving the prestigious Bean Award from the American Osler Society for her research on Dr. Edwin Seaborn, Western's Chief of Surgery during the First World War, and his time in France leading the No. 10 Canadian Stationary Hospital from 1916 to 1918. Istl is invited to present her findings at the Society's 2014 Annual Meeting in Oxford, England.

AWARDS & ACCOLADES



Dr. Hassan Razvi, Division of Urology

Congratulations to Dr. Hassan Ravi, professor and Chair/Chief, Division of Urology, on being selected as the recipient of the 2013 St. Joseph's Medical Advisory Committee Award. The award recognizes professional staff who go "above and

beyond the call of duty". Persons who are nominated for this award have recently demonstrated qualities of leadership and made outstanding contributions to the success of initiatives aligning with the strategic direction of St. Joseph's Health Care London.



Dr. Vivian McAlister, Division of General Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. Vivian McAlister, professor, on being elected to the American Surgical Association. Dr. McAlister joins Drs. John Duff and William Wall as members from London. The ASA was

founded in 1880 and is considered to be the most prestigious surgical society in North America.

Liver Transplant Team, Division of General Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Alejandro, associate professor, (far right), and Dr. Kris Croome, transplant fellow, (immediate right), on receiving the Rising Star Award at the 19th Annual

International Congress of the International Liver Transplantation Society. Dr. Hernandez-Alejandro received the Rising Star Award in 2008 as a young investigator and in 2013 as a mentor to Dr. Croome, a first in the history of the ILTS.



Dr. William Wall, Division of General Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. William Wall, professor, on receiving the Medical Achievement Award from the David Foster Foundation. The award recognizes Dr. Wall's many outstanding contributions to organ donation and transplantation in Canada.





Dr. Graham King, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. Graham King, professor and director of the Roth McFarlane Hand and Upper Limb Centre, on receiving the Award of Merit from the Canadian Orthopaedic Association. The Award of

Merit is the highest honour presented by the COA and recognizes excellence in service and contributions to advancing care, research, and education in the field of orthopaedic surgery.

Dr. George Athwal, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. George Athwal, associate professor, on being named one of the top 28 shoulder surgeons in North America in the September 24 issue of *Orthopedics This Week*. Dr. Athwal was noted as a well-respected surgeon doing innovative research in shoulder instability and elbow replacement. Also on the list is former Western Orthopaedics Resident and HULC fellow, Dr. April Armstrong.



GRADUATION 2012-2013



Congratulations 2012-2013 Graduates

Graduating Class (LEFT TO RIGHT): Maxwell McCabe, R. Andrew Glennie, Joseph Assini, Douglas Angel, Jason Beyea, Josee Paradis, Justin Poirier, Corey Adams, Stephanie Power, Luc Dubois, Aaron Grant, Rebecca Greer-Bayramoglu, Lisa VanHouwelingen, Ana Igric,

Smita Chackungal, Kathryn Martin, Jennifer Racz, Shaun Coughlin, Shawna Boyle, Daniel Yanko, Francisco Garcia, Paul Martin, Chris Steyn
Not pictured: Ryaz Chagpar, Sagar Desai, Navjot Chaudhary, Godefroy Hardy-St. Pierre, Craig Pinkoski

Department of Surgery 2012-2013 Surgery Clerkship Teaching Awards

Congratulations to the following faculty members and residents who were voted most outstanding faculty teacher by the clinical clerks.

Cardiac Surgery	Resident: Dr. Corey Adams Faculty: Dr. Michael Chu	Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Resident: Dr. Aaron Grant Faculty: Dr. Brian Evans
General Surgery	Resident: Dr. Ana Igric Faculty: Dr. Bill Wall	Thoracic Surgery	Faculty: Dr. Richard Malthaner
Orthopaedic Surgery	Resident: Dr. Raghav Rajgopal Faculty: Dr. Debra Bartley	Urology:	Resident: Dr. Adiel Mamut Faculty: Dr. Nicholas Power
Paediatric Surgery	Faculty: Dr. Neil Merritt	Vascular Surgery	Faculty: Dr. Jeremy Harris

Class of Meds '49 Award for Excellence in Teaching by Residents

Past Senior Recipients:
2011 - Maritza Swart

Past Junior Recipients:
2011 - Dr. Farouq Manji
2010 - Dr. Adam Maruscak

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All members of the Department are invited to submit story ideas, articles, photos, or comments for the spring issue. Please send them to: **Dinah.Frank@lhsc.on.ca**, or call ext. **32361**

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