

DEPARTMENT OF Surgery Newsletter

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DR. ANDREANA BÜTTER, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, PAEDIATRIC SURGERY, AND ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF SURGICAL EDUCATION, ANNOUNCES THE TEACHING AWARD WINNERS FOR 2015-16. SEE PAGE 9.

Chair's Column

One area of focus for the Department of Surgery this year will be quality and knowledge translation. Quality of care is the only variable we can control in our health care environment. It is a unifying demand from governments, hospitals, patients and physicians; particularly as we seek to reduce the risks and costs associated with complications from surgical procedures while improving the patient experience.

I am delighted that Dr. Patrick Colquhoun will be serving as Quality Champion for the Department of Surgery and the London Hospitals. He will be overseeing the implementation of the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) at London Health Sciences Centre. His role will encompass the use of NSQIP risk-adjusted data as well as unique qualitative data in order to identify, quantify, and address the most significant quality issues in the London Hospitals; with the goal of improving patient access, flow, and experience throughout the surgical system.

Plans are also underway to develop a

Surgical Quality Council in London which will include representation from each surgical specialty. Our quality leaders will drive improvement in the patient experience in London: from reviewing data to sharing best practices to managing change across the continuum of care.

The focus on quality data through NSQIP and beyond is also a unique opportunity to be at the forefront of research and knowledge translation related to quality improvement. Research is in fact central to the entire quality improvement enterprise: driving evidence-based decision making and serving as a pillar for our research strategy in the Department of Surgery.



I see the focus on quality as bridging clinical care and the academic mission, and as such I am pleased the Research Committee has selected it as the theme this year for the Dr. Robert Zhong, Department of Surgery Research Day, scheduled for June 23, 2017. This promises to be an exciting day, so please mark your calendars.

Please stay engaged: attend Dr. Colquhoun's presentation at Perioperative Grand Rounds on November 30th; participate in quality discussions with colleagues at the subspecialty or Divisional level; and bring forward ideas at the Department level for quality improvement in teaching, research, and clinical care.

Enjoy the spectacular colours this autumn.

Sincerely,

Emil H. Schemitsch, MD, FRCSC
Richard Ivey Professor
Chair/Chief, Department of Surgery
Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry
Western University

Surgery News

Cardiac Surgery program receives \$1 million gift



The Crich family donated \$1 million to help finance the da Vinci Si Surgical Systems used for robotic assisted surgeries. The gift was made through London Health Sciences Foundation. While this advanced surgical platform has provided surgeons with the option of performing complex procedures with greater precision, reduced trauma to the body, less post-operative pain, and faster recovery times, it is costly to maintain.

"I can't express my thanks enough," said Dr. Bob Kiaii, professor and Chair/Chief of Cardiac Surgery. "Without donor support like this, we would have been unable to provide care to patients with heart disease in the same way we have over the past several years. I believe that as robotic-assisted surgery continues to rapidly evolve, we will have the ability to provide even better patient care in the future."

The da Vinci Surgical System can be used for a variety of procedures. In the Cardiac Surgery program it is used for valve surgeries, septal defects, and removal of cardiac tumours. In the past year 36 robotic-assisted surgical procedures have been performed at London Health Sciences Centre.

University Hospital is known as a world-leader in robotic assisted surgery. Many surgeons from across the globe have come to the Hospital to observe Dr. Kiaii and the rest of the cardiac care team. Past visits have brought surgeons from as far as Japan and Minsk, and earlier this year surgeons from Mexico, Brazil and Chile visited LHSC. Interest in the cardiac care team's expertise continues to grow, with last month bringing a group of five surgeons from the United States to observe a coronary robotic surgery.

The team's experiences have been presented in Barcelona at the European Association For Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) 30th Annual Meeting, "Robotic-Assisted Coronary Bypass Surgery: From Exceptional Event to Routine Practice. An Eighteen Year Centre Experience" and at the International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiothoracic Surgery (ISMICS) 2016 Annual Scientific Meeting in Montreal, "Is the Future of Coronary Arterial Revascularization a Hybrid Approach? The Canadian Experience Across Three Centres."

Dr. Gregor Reid elected to Royal Society of Canada

Congratulations to Dr. Gregor Reid on being elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society of Canada.

Dr. Reid, Endowed Chair in Human Microbiome and Probiotics at Lawson Health Research Institute and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology and of Surgery at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University, is a world leader in the study of beneficial microbes, having studied probiotics for more than 30 years. Dr. Reid will be inducted at the Induction and Awards Ceremony on Friday, November 18, 2016 at the Isabel Bader Centre in Kingston, Ontario.

Founded in 1882, the Royal Society of Canada comprises the Academies of Arts, Humanities and Sciences. Its mission is to recognize scholarly, research and artistic excellence, to advise governments and organizations, and to promote a culture of knowledge and innovation in Canada and with other national academies around the world.

To read more about Dr. Reid's research, please visit www.lawsonresearch.ca/news/dr-gregor-reid-elected-royal-society-canada.



Division Highlights: Vascular Surgery

Dedicated to excellence and leadership in patient care, education and research, the Division of Vascular Surgery provides care throughout Southwestern Ontario and beyond. Located at London Health Sciences Centre's Victoria Hospital campus, more than 800 major surgical procedures are performed yearly.

The Division has instituted a group practice model to improve the efficiency of evaluation and treatment of incoming consultations. "We are in the final stages of structuring an inclusive vein practice to manage patients with a range of venous disease," said Dr. Audra Duncan, professor and Chair/Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery. "Vein disease has previously been a gap in our clinical practice. This venous centre of excellence model will include clinical care, research and teaching."

The Vascular Surgery program was recently selected as a site for the 10-year follow-up for ENGAGE, a study comparing the efficacy and safety of SAVAYSA® (edoxaban) and warfarin in reducing the risk of stroke and systemic embolism (SE) in a diverse range of patients with nonvalvular atrial fibrillation (NVAf).

Dr. Luc Dubois received the Gore Research Award from the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery, for his study, "Graft explants following endovascular aneurysm repair. A national study." Dr. Dubois is also the lead author on an ICES paper published in *CMAJ*, looking at days of the week and their impact on surgical mortality in Ontario.

This past summer at the Department of Surgery Resident and MSc in Surgery Student Celebration Dinner Dr. Adam Power was voted most outstanding faculty teacher in the Division of Vascular Surgery for the 2015-16 academic year. Dr. Joel Cooper was voted most outstanding resident teacher.

Last month, Dr. Power presented an oral presentation entitled "Randomized Control Trial Of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy For High Risk Groin Wounds In Lower Extremity Revascularization" at the World Union of Wound Healing Societies 2016 Conference in Florence, Italy with Dr. Kevin Lee. Dr. Lee is the first primary entry Vascular Surgery program graduate and has been very successful in both clinical pursuits and research. After successfully passing his Royal College exams, Dr. Lee has returned to the Vancouver area to establish his clinical practice and be closer to family.



LEFT TO RIGHT:
DRS. ADAM POWER, KEVIN LEE, LUC DUBOIS, AND JOEL COOPER.

Faculty Promotions

Congratulations to all faculty who recently went forward for academic promotion.

Dr. Jonathan Izawa

Urology, Professor, Clinician Researcher

Dr. Abdel-Rahman Lawendy

Orthopaedic Surgery, Associate Professor and Granting of a Continuing Appointment, Clinician Researcher

Dr. Robert Litchfield

Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor, Clinician Researcher

Dr. Richard McCalden

Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor, Clinician Teacher

Dr. Tina Mele

General Surgery, Associate Professor and Granting of a Continuing Appointment, Clinician Teacher

Dr. Neil Merritt

General Surgery and Paediatric Surgery, Associate Professor and Granting of a Continuing Appointment, Clinician Teacher

Dr. David Sanders

Orthopaedic Surgery, Professor, Clinician Researcher

Dr. Alp Sener

Urology, Associate Professor and Granting of a Continuing Appointment, Clinician Scientist

Dr. Arjang Yazdani

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, Associate Professor and Granting of a Continuing Appointment, Clinician Researcher

Surgery News

Meet our new faculty members



Dr. Anton Skaro joined the Division of General Surgery and Multi-Organ Transplant Program, Department of Surgery, Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University in September as an Associate Professor. Dr. Skaro completed medical school at Western University followed by residency and a PhD at Dalhousie University. He completed a fellowship in Transplantation Surgery at Northwestern University in Illinois after which he joined the Northwestern Department of Surgery as an Assistant Professor. He was promoted to Associate Professor at Northwestern in 2014.

Dr. Skaro's research in liver transplantation has garnered significant grant funding from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) / National Institute on Aging/National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). He has more than 50 publications in the peer-reviewed literature and has presented his research nationally and internationally.

Dr. Hongji Yang joined the Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University this summer as an Assistant Professor with the additional research roles of microsurgeon in the Matthew Mailing Centre; Director of Microsurgery; and Director of the Non-Human Primate Transplantation Research Program of London Health Sciences Centre's Multi-Organ Transplant Program (MOTP). The MOTP is one of the leading transplant programs in Canada – with a strong history of transplant research and clinical care – which currently performs approximately 160 transplants annually.

Dr. Yang completed medical school at Harbin Medical University and an MSc at Jinan University in China, followed by research and clinical fellowships in the Multi-Organ Transplant Program at LHSC. Dr. Yang returned to China and most recently held the roles of Professor at Sichuan Medical University and Director of the Department of HBP surgery and Multi-Organ Transplant Center at Sichuan Provincial Hospital, China; a Centre he established in 2007 and which now performs volumes exceeding LHSC.

Dr. Yang's research focus will be to enhance the development of new microsurgical models in the microsurgery program as well as to develop an international training program for microsurgery fellows based on translational transplant research. He has served as an invited speaker at the International Liver Transplant Society and the World Transplant Congress. He received the Young Investigator Award from the World Transplant Congress, the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, the Transplant Society, and the American Society of Transplantation.



Dr. Waleed Kishta, Adjunct Professor/ MD, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, joined the Department of Surgery this past August as a locum replacing Dr. Cashin at Victoria Hospital until March 31, 2017.

While completing his residency in orthopaedic surgery in Egypt, Dr. Kishta also obtained his MSc degree and PhD in Perthes Disease. He pursued further residency training in Halifax, Nova Scotia, followed by fellowships in paediatric orthopaedics at Dalhousie University, spine surgery at McGill University, and orthopaedic trauma/foot and ankle surgery at Schulich Medicine & Dentistry, Western University.

Dr. Kishta received his FRCS(C) designation in orthopaedic surgery in August 2014. He served as a locum consultant paediatric orthopaedic surgeon last year at the University of Manitoba, receiving the Teacher of the Year in Orthopaedic Surgery award for the 2015-16 academic year.

Dr. Kishta's surgical specialties are in the areas of paediatric orthopaedics, paediatric spine disorders, trauma, and foot and ankle deformities and conditions. Clinical and research interests include medical teaching, simulation, paediatric foot, paediatric spine, bone growth, and osteogenesis imperfecta.

Orthopaedic Surgery program celebrates 50 years



Members of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery celebrated the Division's 50th anniversary with a Gala Dinner at the London Hunt and Country Club on June 11. Created with the appointment of Dr. J. C. Kennedy as Professor of Orthopaedics in 1948, the Division has grown substantially and has successfully graduated more than 100 qualified orthopaedic surgeons.

PICTURED CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT: DR. MARIE-EVE LEBEL, DR. CHARLES DION, DR. SUPRIYA SINGH; DR. PARHAM RASOULINEJAD AND MS. CAROL GURR; DR. STEVEN MACDONALD, CHAIR/CHIEF, ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY.

Successful first run for the annual Trauma Conference International meeting

Trauma Conference International is the first true shared event of its kind.

Equally represented by surgeons from Canada, the US and Latin America, the event is dedicated to cross-discipline education and offers a truly bilingual program. "All slides are in English and Spanish and all talks are translated live into either language depending on the speaker's mother tongue," said Dr. Neil Parry, associate professor, Division of General Surgery, and Medical Director of the Trauma Program for London Health Sciences Centre.

Dr. Parry is one of two Canadian board members and co-organized the symposium. Giving attendees the option to attend in person or via the internet, the event had a very successful first run. More than 50 hospitals signed up for the live simulcast, reaching an estimated audience of 1000 attendees. For program information and further details about the annual event, visit <http://traumacon.org>.



PICTURED RIGHT: TRAUMA CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL, BROADCAST TO HOSPITAL ANGELES IN CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY HOSPITAL ANGELES AND TRAUMA CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL.

Research News



Dr. Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day June 24, 2016

The Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day was a great success. The well-attended event showcased the benefits of multidisciplinary collaboration in furthering research developments. Speakers from a variety of specialties treated attendees to informative and diverse presentations.

Topics discussed ranged from simulation training in surgical education, to trampoline use and childhood injuries, to using radiostereometric analysis in assessing implant devices in orthopaedic surgery. Trainees from several divisions of the Department presented their research through poster sessions and podium sessions, with this year having received the highest number of poster submissions yet.

Invited speaker Dr. W. Marston Linehan, Chief of the Urologic Oncology Branch in the Center for Cancer Research (CCR) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and Surgeon-in-Chief, National Institutes of Health, in Bethesda, Maryland, gave a very interesting presentation on "Targeting the Genomic and Metabolic Basis of Kidney Cancer".

Dr. Linehan also talked about the benefits of precision medicine, a trend President Obama actively supports, and its

role in preventative health care, discussing many former cases where a targeted approach specific to a patient's genetic history was used in managing kidney cancer and deciding whether to operate or not.

An interactive group session concluded the events of the day. Dr. Neil Parry, associate professor and Site Chief of Surgery, Victoria Hospital, moderated a debate between Dr. Christopher Schlachta, professor, Division of General Surgery, and Dr. Brent Lanting, assistant professor, Division of Orthopaedic Surgery, on the topic "Should We Use Black Boxes in the Operating Room".

Dr. Schlachta argued for the use of black boxes and Dr. Lanting provided a counter-argument. Although both arguments were compellingly delivered, Dr. Schlachta's case won the audience's vote.

Award Winners:

Best Paper

Dr. Matthew Valdis

Cardiac Surgery PGY5
“Evaluation of Robotic Cardiac Surgery Simulation Training: A Randomized Controlled Trial”.

Best Poster, Basic Science

Dr. Matthew Lowerison

PhD Candidate
“PDXovo: Ultra-Fast In Vivo Drug Sensitivity Matrices for Renal Cell Carcinoma Patients Prior to Administration of Targeted Therapy”.

Best Poster, Clinical

Dr. Shane Smith

General Surgery PGY3
“Injury Profile of the Antipersonnel Improvised Explosive Device”.



SAVE THE DATE:

The 2017 Robert Zhong Department of Surgery Research Day will be held on Friday, June 23, 2017

The roles of WT1 in fibrosis development

Congratulations to Dr. David O’Gorman and Dr. Bing Sian Gan of the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery on their success with the spring 2016 CIHR Project Grants competition. Dr. O’Gorman and his team will receive \$397,540 over a period of five years.

By gaining a better understanding of the disease process and identifying the events that cause normal tissue and organ repair to deviate toward fibrosis, an effective treatment for fibrosis can be designed. The gene WT1 is well known for its roles in promoting cancers. Increased activity of this gene has been recently noted in non-cancerous fibroses of the lung, liver, heart and hand. The team will be investigating if sustained WT1 activity disrupts normal tissue repair and enhances fibrosis development. Rather than testing this hypothesis in animals that do not normally develop fibrosis, Dr. O’Gorman and his colleagues will “bioengineer” the fibrotic process in their laboratory using cells derived from human tissues.

If increased WT1 activity induces fibrosis, there is real potential to target it with treatments and prevent fibrosis. Treatments that target WT1 in cancers have already been proven to be safe and clinical trials of these treatments are currently underway. This project will determine if it is feasible to cross-purpose these treatments to prevent tissue and organ fibrosis.



Research News

Funding Competition results

Congratulations to all faculty members whose research applications were approved:

LAWSON HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Dr. Chris Bailey, "Posterolateral Versus Posterior Interbody Fusion for the Management of Lumbar Degenerative Spondylolisthesis: A Pragmatic Pilot Randomized Controlled Trial." \$15,000

Dr. Alp Sener, "Imaging Inflammation to Predict Kidney Function Prior to Transplantation." \$50,000

CIHR

Dr. David Holdsworth, "Dynamic Imaging of the Musculoskeletal System: From Cells to Humans." \$3,275,314

Dr. Matthew Teeter, "Image-Based Evaluation of Orthopaedic Devices and Surgical Procedures." \$300,000

Dr. Emil Schemitsch, "The DECIPHER Study: DEterminants of Function and Clinically Important outcomes in Proximal Humerus Fractures in the Elder Population: A National Cohort." \$100,000

Dr. Muriel Brackstone and **Dr. Jeffrey Carson**, "Non-Contact 3D Photoacoustic/Ultrasonic Imaging for Detecting the Early Response to Neoadjuvant Chemotherapy in Breast Cancer Patients." \$325,780

Dr. Joy C. MacDermid, "Canadian MSK Rehab Research Network." \$600,000

WESTERN STRATEGIC SUPPORT (WSS) FOR CIHR SUCCESS

Dr. Hon Leong, "PolySialic Acid Expression on Circulating Tumor

Microparticles as a "Fluid Biopsy" for Next Generation Cancer Risk Stratification?" \$25,000

OSTEOSYNTHESIS & TRAUMA CARE (OTC) FOUNDATION

Dr. Emil Schemitsch, and Dr. Aaron Nauth, "A Randomized Controlled Trial of Locking Plate Osteosynthesis versus Retrograde Intramedullary Nailing for the Treatment of Periprosthetic Distal Femur Fractures." \$49,875

ORTHOPAEDIC TRAUMA ASSOCIATION

Dr. Emil Schemitsch, "The Effects of Locally Delivered Bone Marrow-Derived Cells on Fracture Healing in a Diabetic Rat Model." \$50,000

CANADIAN UROLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. Blayne Welk, "A Randomized Trial of Transcutaneous Nerve Stimulation for Overactive Bladder Patients" \$50,000

Dr. Blayne Welk, "Update on the Surgical Management of Stress Incontinence and the Use of Transvaginal Mesh." \$28,000

ST. JOSEPH'S HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

Dr. Muriel Brackstone, "London Tumour Biobank- Window of Opportunity Trials." \$104,000

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF TRANSPLANTATION

Dr. Alp Sener and Dr. Manujendra Saha, "Evaluating the Protective Role of Novel Mitochondria Targeted Hydrogen Sulphide Donor Molecule Against Ischemia Reperfusion Injury in a Porcine Model after Cardiac Death Renal Transplantation." \$50,000

Featured Trainee: Dr. Matthew Ingves

Vascular claudication may not immediately come to mind when thinking about physical disability. Dr. Matthew Ingves, PGY4 resident in the Division of Vascular Surgery, is hoping to change that through his national survey of all practising Canadian vascular surgeons regarding their knowledge, use, and impressions of provincial disability funding programs in vascular surgery. The focus of the study is on vascular claudication's inclusion as a physical disability, and who is eligible for funding.

"We hope this will help to facilitate better knowledge of the provincial disability funding programs by vascular surgeons and lead to patients getting funding where appropriate, as well as give us information about surgeons' knowledge of the programs," added Dr. Ingves. "We are currently reaching the completion of the survey and will begin data analysis soon."

Along with the survey, Dr. Ingves and his colleagues have created a document that summarizes each province's disability funding program, application process, and necessary qualifications, which was provided to participants in the study.

Dr. Ingves is also working on a randomized trial of intra-operative topical antibiotic application for the prevention of groin wound infections after lower limb revascularization. "Overall, vascular surgery patients are at high risk for groin infections after surgery, and there is a lack of data on successful wound infection prevention strategies in the literature for vascular surgery, specifically for topical antibiotic use. By applying high concentrations of the antibiotic locally in the wound, the risks of toxicity that occur with systemic treatment can hopefully be avoided, along with decreasing the risk of antibiotic resistance."

Groin wound infections after lower limb revascularization can be quite devastating for patients, and if Dr. Ingves and his team are successful, their study will hopefully lead the way to further strategies for reducing wound infection rates.

Resident and MSc in Surgery Student Celebration Dinner

Held in honour of residents and MSc in Surgery students of the graduating class, this year's Resident and MSc in Surgery Celebration dinner was held at Sunningdale Golf & Country Club, on June 24.

The event also recognizes faculty and residents' efforts in undergraduate teaching. Clinical clerks vote for the most outstanding faculty and resident teacher in each division of the Department of Surgery.

The Murray Girotti Teaching Award for Best Resident Teacher was established to honour the late Dr. Murray Girotti who was a member of the Division of General Surgery until his passing in 2010. Passionate about medicine, Dr. Girotti was very dedicated to the teaching of medical students. At the end of each rotation, medical students are asked to submit the name of a resident who has most influenced them during their surgical rotation and provided them with exceptional teaching.



DR. ANDREANA BÜTTER, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE SURGICAL EDUCATION, ANNOUNCES THE FACULTY AND RESIDENT UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING AWARD WINNERS FOR 2015-16.

Dr. Murray Girotti Teaching Award for Best Resident Teacher

Dr. Roderick Clark

London Surgery Clerkship Faculty Teaching Award

Dr. Steven Latosinsky

Cardiac Surgery

Resident: Dr. Jonathan Blankenstein

Faculty: Dr. Michael Chu

General Surgery

Resident: Dr. Morgan McWilliam

Faculty: Dr. Steven Latosinsky

Orthopaedic Surgery

Resident: Dr. Stephen Petis

Faculty: Dr. Debra Bartley

Paediatric Surgery

Faculty: Dr. Sarah Jones

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Resident: Dr. Olubukunola (Buki) Ayeni

Faculty: Dr. Aaron Grant

Urology

Resident: Dr. Roderick Clark

Faculty: Dr. Patrick Luke

Thoracic Surgery

Faculty: Dr. Richard Malthaner

Vascular Surgery

Resident: Dr. Joel Cooper

Faculty: Dr. Adam Power

Overall Windsor Program Award Winner

Dr. Raj Goel

MSc in Surgery Winning Resident Paper

Dr. Sohrab Naushad Ali

Education News



LEFT TO RIGHT: PATRICK MURPHY, SARANTIS ABATZOGLOU, JACOB MATZ, ASHISH GUPTA, DAMIAN DYLKOWSKI, DANIEL OLVERA-POSADA, SOHRAB ALI AND MAURO TUN ABRAHAM.

Class of 2016: MSc in Surgery

Now heading into its fourth year, enrollment in the MSc in Surgery program has steadily increased. Tailored to the unique needs of surgical trainees, the MSc in Surgery program provides an intensive research experience and a solid foundation for success as an academic surgeon.

The program is intended to fully prepare individuals specifically seeking future positions in Academic Health Science Centres for the demands of a research career in relation to the CanMeds roles of Medical Expert and Scholar.

Applications for 2017-18 are now being accepted. Forms, guidelines, and further details about the program are available on the program website at:

https://www.schulich.uwo.ca/surgery/education/msc_in_surgery/index.html

Congratulations to the students of the MSc in Surgery graduating class of 2016 on successfully defending their theses.

MSc in Surgery'16

Dr. Sarantis Abatzoglou

Dr. Bijad Alharbi

Dr. Sohrab Ali

Dr. Abdulaziz Aljurayyan

Dr. Damian Dylkowski

Dr. Mohamed Elshatoury

Dr. Ashish Gupta

Dr. Mohammed Malak

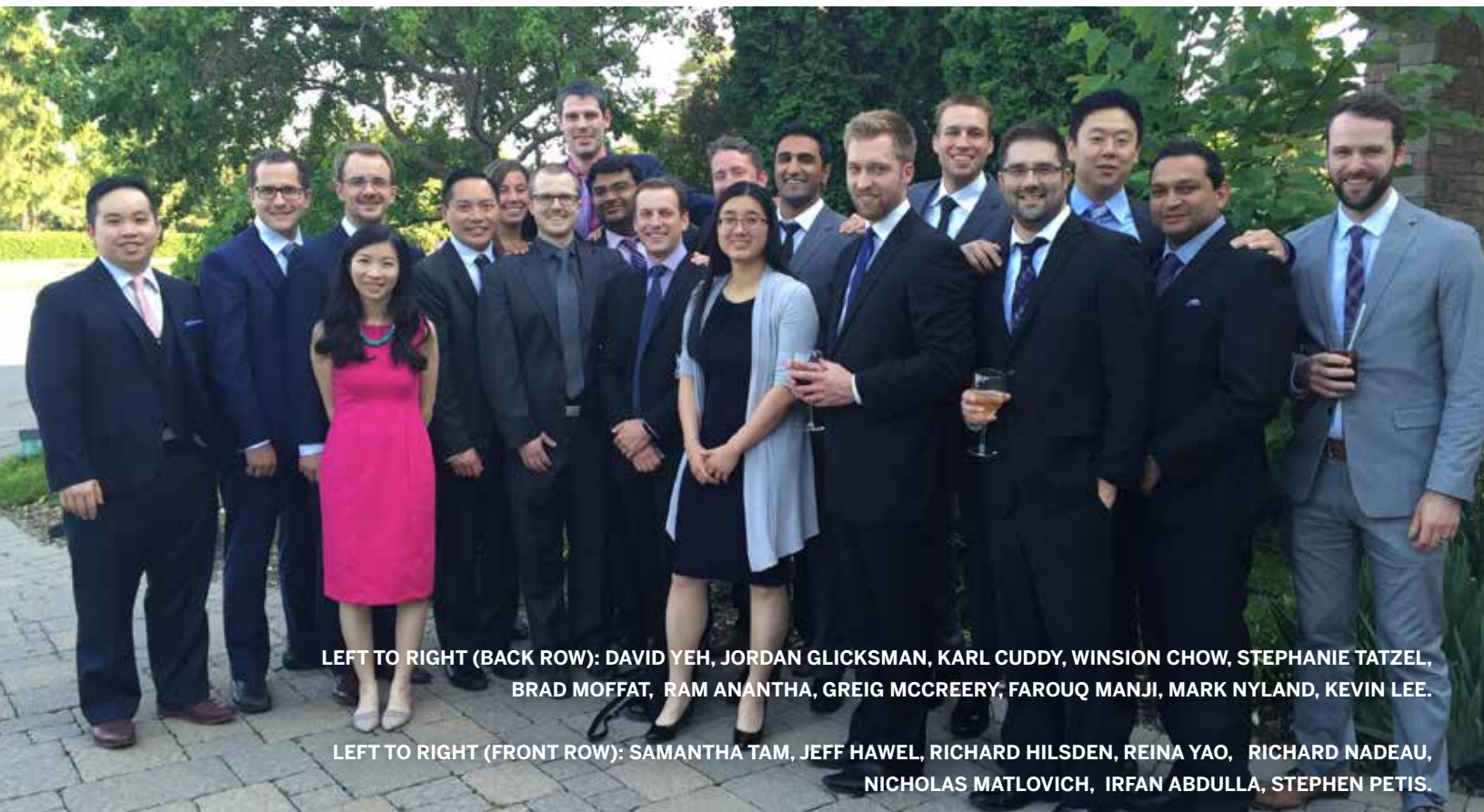
Dr. Jacob Matz

Dr. Patrick Murphy

Dr. Daniel Olvera-Posada

Dr. Joel Phillips

Dr. Mauro Tun Abraham



LEFT TO RIGHT (BACK ROW): DAVID YEH, JORDAN GLICKSMAN, KARL CUDDY, WINSION CHOW, STEPHANIE TATZEL, BRAD MOFFAT, RAM ANANTHA, GREIG MCCREERY, FAROUQ MANJI, MARK NYLAND, KEVIN LEE.

LEFT TO RIGHT (FRONT ROW): SAMANTHA TAM, JEFF HAWEL, RICHARD HILSDEN, REINA YAO, RICHARD NADEAU, NICHOLAS MATLOVICH, IRFAN ABDULLA, STEPHEN PETIS.

Class of 2016: Surgery Residents

Congratulations to residents of the class of 2016 on this outstanding achievement. The Department of Surgery wishes you great success on your future endeavours.

General Surgery

Dr. Ram Anantha
Dr. Jeffrey Hawel
Dr. Richard Hilsden
Dr. Farouq Manji
Dr. Greig McCreery
Dr. Bradley Moffat

Orthopaedic Surgery

Dr. Irfan Abdulla
Dr. Nicholas Matlovich
Dr. Richard Nadeau
Dr. Mark Nyland
Dr. Stephen Petis
Dr. Reina Yao

Oral Maxillofacial Surgery

Dr. Karl Cuddy

Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery

Dr. Winsion Chow
Dr. Jordan Glicksman
Dr. Samantha Tam
Dr. David Yeh

Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Dr. Buki Ayeni
Dr. Rasha Baaqeel
Dr. Jacqueline Piggott

Thoracic Surgery

Dr. Ali Albargawi

Urology

Dr. Adiel Mamut
Dr. Stephanie Tatzel

Vascular Surgery

Dr. Kevin Lee

In Brief

CDP Teaching Certificate recipients

Congratulations to Dr. Tina Mele, associate professor, Division of General Surgery, and Dr. Elizabeth Saettler, assistant professor, Division of General Surgery on completing the Faculty Development Teaching Certificate. Offered by Schulich Medicine & Dentistry's Continuing Professional Development office, the program was designed as a forum for educators to increase or enhance their skills, effectiveness and enjoyment of teaching.

Graduate Program Committee Update

The Department of Surgery Graduate Program oversees the MSc in Surgery program at Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry, Western University. It is responsible for making all decisions on admitting students, establishing advisory committees, and assessing the progress of the students in the program. In addition the committee reviews all course feedback and advises on the curriculum for the program.

The MSc in Surgery Graduate Program is chaired by Dr. Abdel-Rahman Lawendy and the Associate Graduate Program Chair is Sayra Cristancho, PhD. The committee is comprised of one clinical faculty member from each Division, the Chair of the Department of Surgery Research Committee, and two basic science representatives.

The MSc in Surgery program currently has 70 members who are involved in the teaching and supervision of Graduate students. If you are interested in supervising a graduate student or being involved in the program please contact Dr. Lawendy or Ms. Sutherland in the Department of Surgery office.

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