Message from the Chair

While the rest of the country bakes with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, humidity close to that, windstorms, tornadoes, and torrential flooding, we in the Northwest have seen our weather reasonably consistent to form. It rained during Rose Festival week and on the parade, and the weather finally turned nice the week of July 4. Let’s hope for a warm, sunny summer stretching well into October to replenish the severely depleted vitamin D stores accumulated through our dreary spring weather.

As you look through this newsletter, one of the things you will notice is that it gets longer and longer, and better and better! While I would like to believe this is a result of all of the wonderful new things happening in the Department of Surgery, the truth is simpler. Maddie Stilley has taken on this newsletter as her own, and demonstrated her outstanding talent at putting together content, both interesting and illustrative. Many thanks Maddie!

Sometimes, I find it remarkable how the news reflects the weather. In our last newsletter, in the stormy spring, we talked about the gathering storm on the horizon in health care finance. In contrast, the news from the summer seems all sunny and warm. In particular, the Department of Surgery finished its academic year ahead of budget and in the black. Generally, this means that the department chair will not be fired. No guarantees, however. All humor aside, last summer at this time we were very concerned about a falling demand for our services, but that seems to have rebounded very nicely towards the end of the year. Additional good news includes the addition of several great faculty members, including Erin Gilbert, M.D. who will be joining the Division of General Surgery, and Mary Sorenson, M.D. who will be joining the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, & Emergency General Surgery. We have also been successful in signing a professor of surgery from the Cleveland Clinic, Mira Milas, M.D., who will bring her passion and interest in thyroid and parathyroid disease. Dr. Milas and Maisie Shindo, M.D. in Otolaryngology will form the first in the nation multidisciplinary thyroid clinic involving general surgery, endocrinology, and otolaryngology to care for patients with endocrine diseases of the neck.

More good news includes a remodel of the Department of Surgery and Plastic Surgery front offices to bring them up to modern standards, and the opening of a new pancreatic cancer...
research laboratory in Mackenzie Hall under Brett Sheppard, M.D.'s direction. While the announcement is not yet official, it appears that Bob O'Rourke, M.D. will be receiving his first RO1 research award for his work in adipose tissue, inflammation, and insulin resistance in obesity. This is a fitting reward for five years of very hard work and many unique and important observations coming out of the O'Rourke lab. We were also thrilled to announce two new appointments in cardiothoracic surgery, Howard Song, M.D., Ph.D. to become the new division chief of cardiothoracic surgery, and Matt Slater, M.D. to assume the reigns as adult cardiothoracic surgery section head. Matt & Howard make a fabulous team working together and we are thrilled they will apply their leadership talents. All six members of the Department of Surgery put up for promotion succeeded this year. Congratulations to Kevin Billingsley, M.D., Steve Guyton, M.D., Bruce Ham, M.D., Dan Herzig, M.D., Theresa Koppie, M.D., and David Scott, M.D.

I would like to finish this newsletter by inviting you to join us for our 7th Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner Auction at Royal Oaks on September 7. If you wish to play golf, I believe there are still a few slots open and if you don't wish to play golf, please come up for dinner and the auction at Royal Oaks Friday evening.

Our grand rounds schedule this fall will be very enjoyable. Earlier this year, in my presidential address to the SSAT I talked about the value of relationships in a professional career. This will be the focus of our first grand rounds of the fall, in addition to a panoply of great photos from the Department of Surgery. On September 17 Mary Klingensmith, M.D., the Mary Culver Distinguished Professor of Surgery and Vice-Chair for Education at Washington University, will deliver the Krippaehne Lecture on Surgical Education. I know you will enjoy Mary, her sense of humor and intellect are evenly balanced and at the highest level. Also, please put November 30 on your schedule to hear Wendy Moore give the Trunkey Lecture. Ms. Moore is a freelance journalist from England and her books keep receiving great acclaim. Her biography entitled The Knife Man has been read by many surgeons far and wide and is clearly the best biography of John Hunter (the real John Hunter) so far delivered.

Enough prattling on. The sun is out. Go enjoy it!

John

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**Surgical Locums**

**Chairman's Message**

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Bruce Ham, M.D., Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery, understands the needs and differences of surgical care in smaller more rural hospitals. Limited local resources, professional and social isolation, geographical constraints, and personnel issues make the delivery of optimal care challenging in a rural setting. Working for 21 years in these communities allows Dr. Ham insight and personal and professional understanding of those needs.

With the permission and support of John Hunter, M.D. and Karen Deveney, M.D., who both have a keen interest in rural surgery training and needs, Dr. Ham visited all but one of the 25 critical access hospitals and many of the isolated larger rural hospitals in Oregon while developing a feasibility study. A total of 102 weeks per year of desired coverage assistance were initially identified. Also noted was a strong preference for University directed locums over commercial locums, given cost considerations. Rural surgeons and administrators confirmed the findings of limited resources, less time for rest, and personal and professional development, including continuing medical education. For administrators, the high cost of maintaining surgical coverage after the temporary or permanent loss of a surgeon, either due to illness, or personal or family issues and the relocation to another area can significantly impact the financial stability and long term viability of the local hospital. Dr. Ham explains, “Our primary goal is to help maintain surgical services in smaller rural hospitals. Secondarily, this provides us opportunities to strengthen relationships throughout the state with surgeons and hospitals.”

Since inception, Dr. Ham, Laszlo Kiraly, M.D. and Joel Elterman, M.D. from OHSU have worked 130 days in Coos Bay, Reedsport, Hood River, Baker City, Silverton, Klamath Falls and Tillamook. Dr. Ham says of his experiences in these areas, “you have to be flexible with equipment, people and disease processes. The
surgical problems that we handle at OHSU and the way we handle them will not be found, or if found, at times the resources may not be readily available when needed. The challenge is to tailor what you know you can do given the local environment and resources that are available.”

Dr. Ham and his colleagues have been able to help Tillamook County Hospital stabilize surgical services after the loss of a surgeon in January, by taking weekend call for the remaining surgeon while the search for a replacement was completed. This has been accomplished with the help of local retired surgeon Lyle Mohr, M.D. of Tillamook and OHSU Affiliate Professor Ron Wolf, M.D. of the Oregon Clinic, both of whom have been helping with the weekend coverage. Tillamook County Hospital has recruited a new surgeon and OHSU’s work will be finished at the end of August when he is scheduled to start. Dr. Ham considers this one of many successes.

Dr. Ham’s considerations for the future include using older surgeons who want to work longer but do not want a full time practice. Also, working with University of Washington and the American College of Surgeons to enlarge the program to other regions of the Northwest is under consideration at this time. The development of simulation skills through VirtuOHSU that can be exported to small hospital environments to maintain and broaden proficiencies is also part of future plans.

Dr. Ham says, “We endeavor to be leaders in both surgical education and practice resources for our rural surgical friends. Future success depends on the cultivation of local hospital staff, local community commitment, local surgeon leadership and commitment on the part of OHSU Department of Surgery and staff.”

As a final note, Dr. Ham would like to thank all of the hospital administrators and staff, as well as those here at OHSU who have guided, directed and gently pushed forward to make this happen. He would especially like to acknowledge Drs. Hunter, Deveney, Martin Schreiber, M.D., and from Family Practice Lisa Gibson, M.D. and Joe Ichter, M.D. for their encouragement and direction, and to administrators Sherry Garrels and Kelly Kiraly who keep the process rolling and on track.

**Dr. Liem wins Contribution in Clinical Care Quality Award**

Timothy Liem, M.D. was nominated by the Professional Staff at OHSU for his outstanding contribution in clinical care. Dr. Liem, with Brett Sheppard, M.D. and Jennifer Murphy, M.D. formed the Quality Management Committee in 2010 as a tool to reach an overall goal. This goal, Dr. Liem explains, is to reduce unnecessary variability in the care of surgery patients, which will ultimately lead to overall improved care. John Hunter, M.D. appointed Dr. Liem as the Vice-Chair for Quality and since then, Dr. Liem and committee members have spent extra hours speaking with professionals, specifically other physicians and hospital administrators, to learn about healthcare quality practices at other highly regarded institutions. He also emphasizes the importance of meeting with surgical residents to learn more about what works for them because they are a critical component of the surgical team.

Initiatives are now in place for all surgical care providers to have access to consistent resources and best practices. Dr. Liem highlights the work of the IT team, Ed Wolf and Sherry Hall, who have been integral in the formation of a “quality intranet.” This new website provides resources for best practices, quality plans and practice guidelines. The practice guidelines, which are still in beginning stages, will provide instructions for surgical procedures for the residents, depending on the attending’s preferences. Instead of guessing how a specific doctor likes to do a procedure, the resident will arrive prepared. Furthermore, the intranet will incorporate the Morbidity & Mortality database, which is being converted from the current paper system. “The goal is not to add more work to everyone’s plate,” says Dr. Liem. “The goal is to improve efficiency and communication and make the data we already use more usable.”

Dr. Liem is confident that the committee’s work and long hours are already paying off. He says, “It does take an investment of time and money from ourselves as well as the administration to reduce variability, but in the end, it will be cost saving and more importantly, better for patients.”
Leadership changes in Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Howard Song, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, became the new Chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery on July 1, 2012. Dr. Song has been the division’s Director of Investigational Research since 2004, and Cardiothoracic Surgery Director of the Thoracic Aorta Program since 2005. He has made significant contributions to our education mission as Fellowship Program Director for the Advanced Adult Cardiac Surgery Fellowship since 2010. These leadership positions, along with Dr. Song’s extensive clinical experience and scholarly pursuits, will serve him well in his new role.

New Faculty: Erin Gilbert, M.D.

Please join us in welcoming Erin Gilbert, M.D., to the Division of Gastrointestinal and General Surgery effective August 2012.

Erin completed medical school at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans, and general surgery residency at the University of Washington in Seattle. She then came to OHSU for a two-year Advanced MIS fellowship in general surgery, which included one year of research. As an Assistant Professor in Gastrointestinal and General Surgery, Erin will specialize in minimally invasive solid organ surgery with a focus on pancreatic disease. Erin also looks forward to continuing her clinical research at OHSU. She was the recipient of the Association of Women Surgeons Foundation and Ethicon Endo-Surgery $25,000 fellowship grant in August 2011, and also received an Oregon Clinical and Translations Research Institute Award in recognition of “most innovative research.”

Promotion & Tenure 2012

Kevin Billingsley, M.D., promotion and tenure to Professor. Surgical Oncology

Steven Guyton, M.D., M.H.A, promotion to Clinical Professor. Cardiothoracic Surgery

Bruce Ham, M.D., promotion to Associate Professor. Trauma

Daniel Herzig, M.D., promotion to Associate Professor. General Surgery

Theresa Koppie, M.D., promotion to Associate Professor. Urology

David Scott, M.D., promotion to Clinical Associate Professor. Abdominal & Organ Transplant
Dr. Kiraly: A Leader in Graduate Medical Education

At the end of their four year journey, the graduating class of the OHSU School of Medicine gathers to make an important choice. They must bestow the honor of the David W.E. Baird Award for excellence in teaching to a worthy faculty member. With such an accomplished and worthy group of faculty members at our institution, this is a difficult decision. This year, Laszlo Kiraly, M.D. received the David W.E. Baird Award for his outstanding teaching and leadership, as well as his commitment to patient care.

For the past two years, Dr. Kiraly has served as Clerkship Director for the Department of Surgery and is responsible for the surgical rotations, curriculum and coordination of faculty as lecturers and preceptors for the third and fourth year medical students. In addition to his busy schedule, every month Dr. Kiraly spends an entire day at orientation with students, leading a skills lab, teaching suturing and tying, and introducing many students to their first formal education in surgery. In reality, only a minority of medical students will become surgeons. However, Dr. Kiraly notes that, as a primary care provider, these are skills they may never encounter again. He says, “It will be their one experience to see these kinds of unique patients and it will have a lasting impact on their careers.”

Dr. Kiraly was initially interested in medicine as a child due to the influence of his father, a general surgeon who emigrated from Hungary in 1963. After Dr. Kiraly completed his surgery rotation in medical school at Northwestern and came to OHSU for his trauma rotation with Richard Mullins, M.D., he knew he would pursue a career in Trauma and Critical Care. He highlights the mentors who led him down this path and says, “The people who make good mentors make excellent teachers and I try to emulate their actions with my students.”

The curriculum during the students’ five week surgical rotation involves instruction in surgical problems and management, pre-op work up and care in post-op. Students indicate their preferences for the location of their rotation. Choices include OHSU, VA Medical Center, Providence St. Vincent’s, Bend, Eugene and Grant's Pass. A recent OHSU student abstract found that those who participated in the community “rural” hospital rotations were more likely to pursue a career in surgery. Dr. Kiraly attributes this trend to the extra one-on-one time with the attending physicians in these hospitals and more interaction with patient lifestyle than occurs in an urban clinic. He explains that the rural and community hospital rotation aligns with the Surgery Department’s mission to train surgeons for the entire state of Oregon. Furthermore, a suturing course with the surgery interest group for first and second year medical students, organized by Slate Wilson, M.D., has peaked the interests of students in the surgical field. When these students reach their third year rotation, they are much more comfortable with suturing and knot tying. This confidence allows them more opportunities to participate in the rotation.

Dr. Kiraly is invested in enhancing the surgical instruction at OHSU. He mentions the numerous changes in medical education and the need to adapt. Online learning and new technology allows for students to watch videos and cases presentations from their personal computers. Since the surgical clerkship only lasts five weeks, students can broaden their knowledge through these additional resources. The students rotating hundreds of miles away now join interactive lectures at OHSU. Dr. Kiraly is also interested in the possibility of creating a “Formal Faculty Curriculum,” in which new faculty engage in an orientation aimed at involving students in the OR and mastering the best practices for interacting with their pupils. Dr. Kiraly will begin a Masters in Health Professional’s Education at the University of Illinois next year and looks forward to improving upon the already highly effective education at OHSU’s School of Medicine.
Success of Multidisciplinary Approach in Treating Cancer at OHSU

OHSU Knight Cancer Institute was featured in a 30-minute documentary on KOIN 6, which discussed new advances in personalized medicine cancer research and the effectiveness of the multidisciplinary approach in treating cancer. Thoracic Surgery and Surgical Oncology are integral to this approach and take part in the Multidisciplinary Clinics, in which physicians collaborate face-to-face to decide the best way to treat individual patients based on their age, health history and personal preferences. CT surgery participates in the weekly Lung Conference while Surgical Oncology participates in Breast Conference, Colorectal Conference, Melenoma Conference, as well as the Lung Conference. Visit www.ohsu.edu/personalizedmedicine to learn more about this innovative work.

Faculty Flashback

Thomas Joyce, M.D. began serving as the Head of the Department of Surgery at University of Oregon Medical School in 1934. He trained at the Mayo Clinic under Charles Mayo, M.D. From 1934-47, Dr. Joyce was the Chief of Surgical Service at Multnomah County Hospital. He became the first true Chairman of the Department of Surgery with his appointment in 1941. He was considered an expert on abdominal and neck operations.

On October 23, 1935 at the meeting of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, Dr. Joyce was the only surgeon from the west coast and represented the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. He also served on the first examination committee of the American Board of Surgery. At his death in 1947 of fatal coronary thrombosis, Richard Dillehunt, M.D., Dean Emeritus of the University of Oregon Medical School said Dr. Joyce developed “one of the finest departments of surgery in the United States.”
Special Announcements

• Laparoscopic Surgery Fellow, Jeffrey Fronza, M.D. and his wife, Meridith welcomed twin boys, Nicolas “Cole” Graham and Henry Davis on May 26, 2012.


• A ceremony held on May 30, 2012, recognized Juliana Hansen, M.D. for 15 years of service at OHSU and John Hunter, M.D. for 10 years of service. We thank them for their contributions and commitment!

• Resident, Marcus Kret, M.D. and his wife, Dena welcomed their first son, Cooper James Kret on July 3, 2012. He weighed in at 7 lbs, 9 oz.

OHSU Department of Surgery
Seventh Annual
Hunter Cup Golf Tournament
&
Dinner Auction

Royal Oaks Country Club
September 7, 2012

Contact Elena An (bradleye@ohsu.edu or 503-494-3074) for reservations and/or Pat Southard (southarp@ohsu.edu or 503-494-6093) in regards to Silent Auction donations or sponsorship. Deadline for participation is August 24, 2012.
Visiting Lecturers

Mary Klingensmith, M.D. is the Mary Culver Distinguished Professor of Surgery and vice chair for education and program director for the General Surgery Residency at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Klingensmith received her B.A. from Wellesley College in 1988 and her medical degree from Duke University School of Medicine in 1992. She was Chief Surgical Resident at Boston’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School. After her residency, she completed a fellowship in the Division of Gastrointestinal Surgery. She specializes in hepatobiliary pancreatic surgery and minimally invasive surgery. Her clinical interests include the esophagus, stomach, gall bladder, hernia repair, and GERD treatment. Dr. Klingensmith’s research ranges from curriculum development in medical simulation to the acquisition of open and laparoscopic surgical skills.

Dr. Klingensmith has been a driving force behind changing the way surgical residents are trained and is the director of the Surgical Skills Laboratory at the School of Medicine at Washington University. She explains her philosophy for teaching in the simulation lab, “It’s all hands-on, out of the O.R. and low stress, so the students and residents can really learn.” Timothy Eberlein, M.D., the Bixby Professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery at Washington University says, “She’s a creative thinker and problem solver, and she’s really held the department’s feet to the fire in our mission to make the surgical training program the best in the country. Mary has solidified this institution’s vision of what educating residents is all about.” Dr. Klingensmith is a proponent of integrating medical ethics into surgeons’ training and is working at a national level to develop a standardized curriculum for surgical residents.

Dr. Klingensmith was named the Washington University Loeb Teaching Fellow and has received the Outstanding Teacher Award by the Association for Surgical Education and was a finalist for the Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education Parker J. Palmer “Courage to Teach” Award. She enjoys reading (especially Southern fiction), swimming, running and biking. Her husband, Bruce Hall, M.D., Ph.D. is an associate professor of surgery at Washington University. They have a son, Tucker, 10 and daughter, Tenley, 8.

Maria Doyle, M.D., F.R.C.S. is an assistant professor of surgery in the Division of General Surgery, Abdominal Transplantation Section at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. She received her medical degree and completed her residency at Royal College of Surgeons in Dublin, Ireland. She then served as a Hepatobiliary, Pancreatic and Liver Transplant Surgery Fellow at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis. Her areas of clinical interest include liver transplant, living donor transplantation, hepatobiliary, gall bladder and pancreas surgery.

Blair Jobe, M.D. is chief of surgery at Western Pennsylvania Hospital and director of the Institute for the Treatment of Esophageal and Thoracic Diseases at Allegheny Health System. Dr. Jobe received a B.S. from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles and then attended Creighton University Medical School in Omaha, Nebraska. After residency, he completed a fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at Swedish Hospital in Seattle. Prior to joining Western Pennsylvania, Dr. Jobe was the principal investigator for the Esophageal Cancer Center Research Laboratory and director of forogut research in the Digestive Health Center at OHSU. Dr. Jobe has a longstanding interest in esophageal cancer, particularly adenocarcinoma.

Wendy Moore is a writer and journalist. Her first book The Knife Man: The Extraordinary Life and Times of John Hunter, Father of Modern Surgery was published in 2005. It won the UK Medical Journalists’ Association Consumer Book Award and was short-listed for the Marsh Biography Award and the Saltire award. A television series inspired by The Knife Man is currently in planning with David Cronenberg as director and Tim Roth in the lead role. Her second book, Wedlock: How Georgian Britain’s Worst Husband Met His Match, was published in 2009. It was picked for Channel 4’s TV Book Club in 2010 and reached no. 1 in the Sunday Times bestseller list. She is currently working on her third book.

The Krippaehne Lecture
Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 AM
OHSU Auditorium (Old Library)
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**SEPTEMBER**

**September 10:** “Relationships Matter,” John Hunter, M.D., Mackenzie Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, OHSU

**September 17:** Krippaehne Lecture, “Surgical Education: Current Challenges and Future Opportunities,” Mary Klingensmith, M.D., Mary Culver Distinguished Professor of Surgery, Vice Chair for Education, Program Director, General Surgery Residency, Washington University, St. Louis, MO

**September 24:** “Meaningful Use and All That: Update in Clinical Informatics,” William Hersh, M.D., Professor and Chair, Department of Medical Informatics and Clinical Epidemiology, School of Medicine, OHSU

**OCTOBER**

**October 1:** CANCELED

**October 8:** “Moving brain dead donors out of the hospital setting - safer, cheaper and time saving,” Maria Doyle, M.D., F.R.C.S., Assistant Professor, Division of General Surgery, Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO

**October 15:** “Only the cream will rise: Novel therapies for the treatment of GERD,” Blair Jobe, M.D., Chief of Surgery, Western Pennsylvania Hospital, Director, Institute for the Treatment of Esophageal and Thoracic Diseases, Allegheny Health System, Pittsburgh, PA

**October 22:** “Empyema,” Paul Schipper, M.D., Associate Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, OHSU

**October 29:** “Resident Handoffs,” Amy Starmer, M.D., M.P.H., Associate Professor of Pediatrics, OHSU

**NOVEMBER**

**November 5:** “Forensic Pathology & Protection of Evidence,” Karen Gunson, M.D., Chief Medical Examiner, State of Oregon

**November 12:** “Endocrine Oncology,” Mira Milas, M.D., Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology, Department of Surgery, OHSU

**November 19:** “Gastrointestinal Endotherapy,” Gene Bakis, M.D., Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Gastroenterology, OHSU

**November 26:** CANCELED

Resident and Fellow Graduation Banquet

This year’s Awards Banquet took place at the Cascade Crest Banquet Center at the Oregon Zoo on June 2, 2012. Faculty, residents, fellows, affiliate faculty and guests dressed to the nines and enjoyed a night of celebration.

From left: Dr. Hunter, Kevin Billingsley, M.D., and Brett Sheppard, M.D. with “Team Vascular” Gregory Landry, M.D., Erica Mitchell, M.D. and Gregory Moneta, M.D. who received the Clinical Excellence Award for their commitment to service.

Graduating Trauma/Critical Care Fellows, Nick Spoerke, M.D. and Peter Fischer, M.D. are recognized by Susan Rowell, M.D.

John Hunter, M.D. awards Waleed Lutifiyya, M.D. with the Clinical Faculty Teaching Award.

From left: Resident, Katelyn Clark, M.D. and guest, Tyler Clark before the program.

From left: Christopher Amling, M.D. and Barbara Amling with John Barry, M.D. and Toni Eigner-Barry, D.M.D.

From left: Patrick Worth, M.D. with guest, Ross Martini.
Residents and their guests enjoy drinks before dinner.

From left: Resident Nicole Weighard, M.D., Karen Kwong, M.D. and Karen Deveney, M.D.

From left: Ali Khaki, M.D. awards Chief Resident, Brian Jones, M.D. with the J. Englebert Dunphy Award for Outstanding Leadership.

Krippaehne Award winner, Lori Cardwell, M.D. and husband, Phil Cardwell.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Deveney recognize the first year interns.

Dr. Amling gives a speech after receiving the Distinguished Faculty Award.

Dr. Hunter and Dr. Deveney award Chief Resident, Arun Raman, M.D. with the Student Teaching Award.

From left: Martin Schreiber, M.D., Jerome Differding, and Dr. Kwong.
Good Luck to our Graduates!

The Department of Surgery wishes graduating Residents and Fellows the best of luck in their future endeavors.

John Boyum, M.D. (Cardiothoracic Fellow) plans to join Surgical Specialists of Spokane in Washington.

Ute Gawlick, M.D. Ph.D. (Colorectal Fellow) will join the Intermountain Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah as a colon and rectal surgeon.

Jeffrey Fronza, M.D. (Laparoscopic Surgery Fellow) will join a private practice group, Northwestern Surgical Associates at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Erin Gilbert, M.D. (Laparoscopic Surgery Fellow) joined the OHSU faculty as a Blue Surgery attending in July 2012.

Molly Cone, M.D. will begin a Colorectal Fellowship at The Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Birat Dhungel, M.D. will be working as a general surgeon in a community hospital in Maryland.

Michelle Ellis, M.D. will begin a two year Cardiothoracic Fellowship at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Esther Han, M.D. will begin a Surgical Oncology Fellowship at Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Yin-Kan Hwee, M.D. will complete a Plastic and Reconstructive fellowship at Cleveland Clinic Florida.

Brian Jones, M.D. will begin a two year Pediatric Surgery Fellowship at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Marc Orlando, M.D. will be participating in Summa Akron City and St. Thomas Hospitals Plastic Surgery Residency in Akron, Ohio.

Arun Raman, M.B.B.S. will start work at the Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital on the Oregon Coast.

Jennifer Rea, M.D. will begin a residency in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the Oschner Clinic in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Philbert Van, M.D. will be a Surgical Critical Care fellow at OHSU for the next year.

Sharon Wright, M.D. will join a surgical practice with several OHSU graduates in Reno, Nevada as a general surgeon.

Douglas York, M.D. will join the Westside Surgical Division of The Oregon Clinic.

Adam Perry, M.D. (Hand Fellow) will join a private practice in Princeton, New Jersey.

Ilia Gur, M.D. (Surgical Oncology Fellow) will continue his research for another year in the Division of Surgical Oncology at OHSU.

John Horton, M.D. (Pediatric Surgery Fellow) will practice pediatric surgery at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, Washington.

Peter Fischer, M.D. (Trauma/Critical Care Fellow) will be employed at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina in the Division of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care.

Mary Sorensen, M.D. (Trauma/Critical Care Fellow) will be staying at OHSU for an additional year of fellowship in Trauma, Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery.

Nick Spoerke, M.D. (Trauma/Critical Care Fellow) will practice general surgery, trauma and critical care in Reno, Nevada.

Dae Lee, M.D. (Vascular Fellow) will join Kadlec Clinic as a vascular surgeon for Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington.

Ravi Dhanisetty, M.D. (Vascular Fellow) will join the Division of Vascular Surgery at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2012 Award Winners

Winners were recognized at the Resident and Fellow Graduation Banquet on June 2, 2012.

Best Intern on the Abdominal Organ Transplant Service - Patrick Worth, M.D.
Best Resident on the Abdominal Organ Transplant Service - Gordon Riha, M.D.
Best Resident on Emanuel Trauma - Libby Windell, M.D.
Outstanding Resident on OHSU Cardiothoracic Service - Gordon Riha, M.D.
Outstanding Resident on VA Cardiothoracic Service - Amanda Graff-Baker, M.D., Kelly Fair, M.D.
Martin Howard Resident Award - Mansher Singh, M.D., Victor Wong, M.D.
Golden Scalpel Award - St. Vincent Teaching Award - David Cook, M.D.
St. Vincent Chief Resident of the Year - Brian Jones, M.D.
St. Vincent Senior Resident of the Year - Rachel Danczyk, M.D.
Robert Alberty Award for Outstanding Teaching - Jason Jundt, M.D., Sharon Wright, M.D.
J. Engelbert Dunphy Award for Outstanding Leadership - Brian Jones, M.D.
Department of Surgery Award for Outstanding Intern - Jeffrey Crawford, M.D.
Donald D. Trunkey Award for Ethics and Professionalism - Molly Cone, M.D.
Department of Surgery Award for Outstanding Resident - Philbert Van, M.D.
Student Teaching Award - Arun Raman, M.B.B.S.
Krippaehne Award - Lori Cardwell, M.D.
Clinical Faculty Teaching Award - Waled Lutifiyya, M.D.
Marquam Hill Teaching Award - Brett Sheppard, M.D.
Distinguished Faculty Award - Christopher Amling, M.D.
Distinguished Alumnus Award - Steve Bickler, M.D.
Distinguished Service Award - Dan Herzig, M.D.
Mackenzie Society President Award - Ali Khaki, M.D.
Clinical Excellence Award - Team Vascular
Chief Resident's Award - James Bisio, M.D.

Welcome New Interns to the Department of Surgery!

Faisal Ahmad
Jennifer Burg
Lori Cardwell
John Cox
Louise Corle
Edward El Rassi
Heather Farley
Emily Groves
Kelly Haisley
Sheena Harris
Mae Hyre
Ryland Kagan
Shanjean Lee
Tyler Mittelstaedt
University of North Carolina
University of Pennsylvania
Oregon Health & Science University
University of New Mexico
Louisiana State University
University of Oklahoma
East Tennessee University
Marshall University
University of Washington
Texas A&M
Oregon Health & Science University
Albany Medical College
Duke University
Oregon Health & Science University
Daniel Sackman
Darryl Schuitevoerder
Lindsay Stone
Sarah Walcott-Sapp
Ryan Wallenberg
Justin Watson
Dale Wilson
J Salvador de la Cruz
Igor Dykan
Christopher Meier
Luis Sauced-Cerda
Madhvi Wanchu
Ryan Werntz
Ross Wopat
Luai Zarour
St. Louis University
University of Queensland
University of Texas Med Branch - Galveston
Tulane University
Creighton University
University of Washington
University of Washington
Oregon Health & Science University
Oregon Health & Science University
University of Iowa
Oregon Health & Science University
Pt. B.D.S. Postgraduate Institute
Indiana University
Keck University/USC
Oregon Health & Science University
Spring in the skills lab of VirtuOHSU is a season that all 3rd and 4th year residents look forward to with anticipation. For the past two years VirtuOHSU has been the recipient of a very generous grant from Ethicon EndoSurgery Inc. that supports high fidelity surgical simulation labs. The Johnson & Johnson based company has a global focus on surgical education and since our inception, has granted our general surgical program over $750,000 in funds and in-kind supplies total. This opportunity has not only benefited the General Surgery residents, but also afforded Plastic Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery the chance to include complex surgical procedures on fresh tissue as part of their residents’ simulation curriculum.

During the months of March through June, residents engage in protected sessions lasting three and a half hours which focus on a specific surgical procedure set. These procedures range from vascular exposures, open thoracic, open abdominal, open GI, and laparoscopic skills. Each third and fourth year resident rotates through a scheduled activity each month. This lab series is extremely popular among residents and faculty alike.

We are very grateful for the generous faculty support this past spring. Each lab session pulls eight faculty members away from their clinical and academic activities on campus to engage in direct surgical teaching. Our core faculty of: Karen Deveney, M.D., Donn Spight, M.D., Slate Wilson, M.D., Donald McConnell, M.D., and Roger Alberty, M.D., all were terrific. We were excited to welcome new faces to the teaching group this year, including Laszlo Kiraly, M.D., Clifford Deveney, M.D., Daniel Herzig, M.D., and Brett Sheppard, M.D., who took time out of their busy clinical practices to offer instruction in open abdominal surgical procedures. Brandon Tieu, M.D. was a hit instructing open thoracic procedures. Kevin Reavis, M.D. and Jim Dolan, M.D. were excellent instructors of laparoscopic procedures.

Everyone knows how busy faculty can be and we are all grateful for the demonstration of their dedication to the educational mission of the Department of Surgery. Thank you; truly you are the village that is facilitating the excellence of our surgical program.
Focus on Alumni

Freida Hulka, M.D.

When asked to give an alumni perspective regarding the OHSU Department of Surgery, one person always comes to mind first... Don Trunkey, M.D. Little did I know, 21 years ago when I came to OHSU for a one month fourth year rotation, that he would have such an influence on me, not only as a resident and fellow but as a practicing surgeon.

Our first encounter occurred my first day when he asked who the hell I was and I said a fourth year med student from Nevada. He then said, “Does Nevada even have a med school?” I responded “they did when I started paying them tuition four years ago” and so began our witty repartee that has lasted all these years.

After six years of surgery training and another as the Critical Care Fellow, I felt I could do anything. I could do an endarterectomy, whipple and take out your gallbladder (open or laparoscopic) without a sweat. I moved back to Reno, Nevada and joined a group that had the same work ethic I had been trained under: “You are a physician first and a surgeon second. Work hard... Play hard!”

Granted, I may have taken this a bit far. I am probably the only surgeon who has a full time pediatric surgery and adult surgery practice. I find both fulfilling and quite frankly, I can’t decide what I would give up. I offset this craziness with a lot of travel. For example, in 2010, we went to the winter Olympics in Whistler, attended the Kentucky Derby for the fifth time (saw none other than Trunkey there) and attended the World’s Fair in Shainghai, China.

It should come as no surprise that of the eleven surgeons in our group, Trunkey trained seven of us. Our practice covers all aspects of surgical care from bariatric to vascular. This fall, we are increasing that number with the addition of three more OHSU graduates, and expanding our colorectal, trauma and general surgery coverage.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to OHSU for our excellent training, the tough but fun atmosphere to train in and lastly to the camaraderie that we have seen in Trunkey, Karen and Cliff Deveney and Rich Crass, M.D. who trained residents and stayed together. We Renoites will continue the tradition.

“You are a physician first and a surgeon second.”

Freida on stage at Western Surgical’s annual labor day themed party, dressed as the Carol Burnett version of Scarlett O’Hara.

Freida, after returning from her pediatric fellowship in Louisville, Kentucky, brought her surgical associates Louisville Slugger bats.

Performing pediatric surgery in the operating room.

A day of skiing in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.
The Surgical Log

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Change can't happen if we see things just one way. That's why diversity is so important to OHSU. 0812 (8)