The winter season is hard upon us. We have seen nothing but sunny weather for the last two weeks. Yes, there has been some fog, and a lot of freezing temperatures, but the snow and rain we expect at this time of year seemed to stop shortly after Thanksgiving. While it seems odd to be complaining about a sunny day, I get disappointed when the season isn't bringing rain to the valley floor, and foot upon foot of snow on Mt. Hood and in the high country. We count so much on that snow pack for skiing in the winter and greenery all summer long.

Ok, so what about the Department of Surgery? Well, it is interesting. After 8-10% growth, year after year for nearly a decade, our growth has flattened out a bit. This may be a temporary phenomenon, or it may reflect the general economic gloom, including higher copays for elective procedures and fewer patients carrying commercial insurance. On the other hand, we have seen slowdowns of several months a few times over the past decade. In all instances, slow periods were followed by periods of frenetic activity. We will see what winter and spring deliver, but it already looks to be getting busier.

This has been an exciting fall for our education program, including some spectacular visiting professor lectures from Sherry Wren, Scott Helton, Mitch Cohen, Bill Schecter, and Sharon Webber. The golf tournament fundraiser was delayed two weeks, into late September, this year, but delivered a glorious day and a great return of over $100,000 (net) to support our surgical simulation program in VirtuOHSU. In partnership with the hospital, Dr. Spight and team have been putting all our junior residents in surgery, anesthesia, and ER medicine through simulated central line placement which is now required before new trainees place central lines. More and more, we will require that surgeons reach competence in a simulation lab before practicing new skills in the operating room.

Our research programs continue to achieve recognition within the institution and nationally. Highlighted in this issue of the Surgical Log, is the research (continued on page 2)
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How do you guys like that new title? I’m still a few —John Hunter, MD, FACS, FRCS(Edin)

The spring schedule looks grand, including visiting professors Peter Dillon, Hobart Harris, Lee Swanstrom, and Mark Malangoni. When Dr. Malangoni visits us on April 2, the Mackenzie Society will come together for dinner at the Arlington Club. Mackenzie members, put this on your schedule. I would like to finish this newsletter by welcoming the new President of the Mackenzie Society, Brett Sheppard, MD. At the fall meeting, Ali Khaki has served the Mackenzie Society admirably, turned the gavel over to Dr. Sheppard. I think Dr. Sheppard is well known to all of us, and serves the department as the vice-chair for clinical programs. Dane Moseson, a graduate of our program in 1980, was selected to be the President-Elect of the Mackenzie Society, and will take the reins two years from now. All alumni and faculty surgeons are invited to join the Mackenzie Society. A letter of invitation should be reaching you soon.

Happy New Year! Best wishes for health and happiness in 2012.

—John Hunter, MD, FACS, FRCS(Edin)"

*How do you guys like that new title? I’m still a few degrees shy of Steve Langley, but I’m working on it.

New Faculty: Mubeen Jafri, M.D.

We are very pleased to announce that Mubeen Jafri, MD has joined the Division of Pediatric Surgery in September. He will focus his practice at Legacy Emanuel Hospital.

Dr. Jafri obtained his medical degree in 2002 from Eastern Virginia Medical School. He completed his training in general surgery at the University of Cincinnati in 2009. Dr. Jafri served as Chief Resident and was honored as the Faculty-Selected “Most Outstanding Resident” as well as the Peer-Selected “Most Outstanding Resident.” During his surgical training, he spent two years focusing on basic science research in the area of biliary atresia at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital. Dr. Jafri continued his training at Cincinnati where he served as a Fellow in Pediatric Surgery from 2009 to 2011. His clinical interests include hepatobiliary and colorectal surgery. He plans to pursue outcomes-based research. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Jafri and his wife Julie to Portland!

Dr. Christopher Amling Receives Golden Rose Award

Congratulations to Dr. Christopher Amling for receiving the Golden Rose Award, a testament to his excellent service. Julie Zetterquist from 13K Surgical and Medical Oncology submitted the following nomination letter:

“About a year ago my father was delivered the news that his elevated PSA count had turned into prostate cancer. I still remember the morning that he told me - the only time in my life I remember seeing my Dad with tears in his eyes... My healthy, active father was followed by his family MD in Central Oregon. This doctor recommended that he have radiation to treat his cancer. He was told he shouldn’t consider surgery - radiation was really the only way to go. Coming from a surgical oncology unit I immediately wondered about that recommendation and in the wee hours of my overnight shift I sent a tearful email to a name that I picked off the OHSU website - Dr. Amling. Dr. Amling responded to my email within a day and provided some information as well as suggested that my father take the time to get another opinion. I forwarded the email to my Dad and within a few weeks my Dad, Mom and I went to see Dr. Amling in his office. During the consultation he laid down the facts and never once pressed a decision in favor of one treatment over another. I think back now to how hard it must have been for my Dad that day, having his daughter there while a stranger told him about the side effects of treatment for Prostate Cancer. I feel so privileged to have connected my Dad with a surgeon with such tact and decorum. We left that day feeling as though Dr. Amling was the epitome of professionalism. He knew the struggle that my Dad was having over this diagnosis and the need to make a decision. He was thorough and provided facts to support whichever decision was made. After a lot of research and soul searching my father elected for surgery and opted for Dr. Amling as his surgeon. Again, I was so impressed by the level of care this surgeon provided - from the morning of the procedure throughout the entire follow up process. I deal with doctors every day, and this is someone who very much stands out as an example to this profession. Thank you Doctor Amling - for caring.”
Dr. Hunter elected to Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

John Hunter, MD, Mackenzie Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, has been elected an honorary Fellow of The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh [FRCS (Edin)]. Dr. Hunter received the fellowship during a ceremony in Scotland – cementing his place in this international network of over 17,000 Fellows and Members, with a history dating back to 1505.

“For a surgeon, receiving an ad hominem membership to the oldest and most venerable College of Surgeons in the world is equivalent to a college professor receiving an honorary doctorate from Oxford,” said Dr. Hunter. “I am humbled by this honor.”

According to the College, the Fellowship ad hominem can be awarded by the Council of the College either to Fellows of sister organizations or to current or former practitioners whose status is such that they are deemed worthy of the honor. Fellows ad hominem have the full rights and privileges of ordinary Fellows.

Only half of the College’s Fellows and Members live in the British Isles. Membership is synonymous with the purpose of the College, which is to maintain and promote the highest standards of surgical practice and surgical training. Until very recently, the College had focused almost entirely on the setting of standards and the conduct of examinations designed to ensure that these standards are being maintained. Today the College is increasingly concerned with the provision of surgical education and training in addition to maintaining and enhancing its historic role.

On Saturday, October 22nd, the 2011 Cardiac Symposium was held in the OHSU Vey Conference Room. The conference was well-attended with more than 100 registrants present; the topics varied from cardiac imaging, ventricular devices, and minimally invasive cardiac surgery, to advances in the Cath Lab, and more. In addition, a former patient addressed the audience as a special guest of the symposium, discussing her experience, “100+ Days in the ICU - A Patient’s Perspective”. Speakers included cardiac surgeons Matt Slater, MD, Howard Song, MD, Fred Tibayan, MD as well as Michael Shapiro, MD and Saurabh Gupta, MD from Cardiology, Thomas Deloughery, MD from Hematology Oncology, Michael Hutchens, MD from Anesthesiology, Charles Phillips, MD from Pulmonary Critical Care and Richard Mullins, MD from the Division of Trauma.
2012 Grand Rounds Schedule

MONDAYS AT 7:00 A.M. OHSU AUDITORIUM

Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor medical education for physicians. OHSU School of Medicine, Division of CME, designates the educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ per session. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

January

Jan. 2: CANCELLED, New Year's Holiday

Jan. 9: “Radiation Issues in Diagnostic Imaging,” Steve Primack, M.D., Professor and Vice Chair to the position of Interim Chair, Department of Diagnostic Radiology, OHSU

Jan. 16: CANCELLED, Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Jan. 23: “Cancer Emergencies,” Charles Thomas, M.D., Professor and Chair, Radiation Oncology, OHSU & Mohamud Daya, M.D., Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, OHSU

Jan. 30: “Neuroendocrine Tumors,” Rodney Pommier, M.D., Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, OHSU

February

Feb. 6: Resident Research Fair, SuEllen Pommier, Ph.D., Research Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, OHSU and Bruce Wolfe, M.D., Professor and Vice Chair, Research, OHSU

Feb. 13: “Quality in Surgery—The Challenge of Balancing Costs and Outcomes,” Peter W. Dillon, M.D., MSc, John A. & Marian T. Waldhausen Professor of Surgery, Chair, Department of Surgery, Program Director, General Surgery Residency, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA

Feb. 20: CANCELLED, President’s Day Holiday

Feb. 27: “Trauma Triage: History, Research and Future Directions,” Craig Newgard, M.D., Associate Professor, Department of Emergency Medicine, OHSU

March

Mar. 5: “Aortic Aneurysms, Going Beyond Size and Surgery,” Amir Azarbal, M.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, OHSU

Mar. 12: “An Update on Thyroid Cancer: Review, Discussion of Operative Challenges and News in Basic Research,” Maisie Shindo, M.D., Professor, Otolaryngology, Director, Thyroid and Parathyroid Center, OHSU

Mar. 19: “Why Flexible Endoscopy is Important to Surgeons,” Lee Swanström, M.D., Legacy Emanuel Hospital

Mar. 26: “Post-Op Inguinodynia,” Kim J. Burchiel, M.D., F.A.C.S., Prof. and Chairman, Department of Neurological Surgery, OHSU

April

Apr. 2: LIU LECTURE, “The Path of Surgical Education: What Direction Will We Take?,” Mark Malangoni, M.D., F.A.C.S., Associate Executive Director, American Board of Surgery, Philadelphia, PA

Apr. 9: “Ethical and Legal Issues in Informed Consent,” Susan Bankowski, M.S., J.D., Chair, Institutional Review Board, OHSU, and Renee Wenger, J.D., Risk Management, OHSU

Apr. 16: “An Update on Cardiothoracic Surgery,” Jon Boyum, M.D., Fellow, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, OHSU

Apr. 23: “Patient Safety: It’s Not Rocket Science,” James P. Bagian, M.D., P.E., Joint Conference with the Department of Anesthesiology & Perioperative Medicine

Apr. 30: “Severe Acute Pancreatitis,” Hobart W. Harris, M.D., M.P.H., J. Englebert Dunphy Professor of Surgery, Chief, Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery, UCSF
Ninth Annual Trunkey Lecture

The Ninth Annual Trunkey Lecturer for the 2011-2012 academic year, William Schecter, M.D., F.A.C.S., FCCM is Professor of Clinical Surgery at the UCSF Division of General Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital. Our own Drs. Trunkey, Mullins, Deveneys and Wilson trained at UCSF. Dr. Schecter received his M.D. at Albany Medical College and completed a Rotating Internship at SFGH. He completed a residency in Anesthesiology at Massachusetts General Hospital, a residency in Surgery at UCSF and a Fellowship in Hand Surgery. Dr. Schecter served as Chief of Surgery at SFGH and as Vice-Chair of Surgery at UCSF from 1993-2008. Dr. Schecter has also served as President of the San Francisco Surgical Society, President of the Northern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, Governor of the American College of Surgeons, President of the Board of Directors of Operation Access (a non-profit corporation providing uncompensated surgical services to the uninsured) and Vice-President of the Pacific Coast Surgical Association. In 2004, he was elected as a Director of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Schecter's clinical expertise lies in the areas of critical care medicine and various kinds of surgery—burn, endocrine, general and trauma. His research interests include clinical surgical problems related to HIV infection, ethical issues with regard to the treatment of HIV-infected patients and end-of-life decisions, mass casualty events, occupational risk of blood-borne infection and clinical surgical problems related to injury and infection.

The Department of Surgery’s Annual Trunkey Lecture was created as part of an endowed fund to honor Dr. Donald Trunkey as a lasting tribute to his exceptional leadership during the 15 years he spent as Chair of the Department of Surgery. The Trunkey lecture is intended to bring an international scholar in surgical history, economics and/or humanities to OHSU.

2012 Liu Lecture: Mark Malangoni, M.D.

The 2012 Liu Lecturer will feature Mark Malangoni, M.D. The Liu Lecture will be held on April 2 in the OHSU Auditorium at 7:00 A.M.

Dr. Malangoni currently serves as the associate executive director of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) in Philadelphia. His experience with the ABS, however, is considerable, as he served as chair from 2002-2003. During this time he also served as ABS representative to the American Board of Emergency Medicine and American Board of Medical Specialties. Dr. Malangoni is also a member of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Board of Regents and the ACS Board of Governors and former president of the Ohio ACS chapter.

Before accepting his new position with ABS, Dr. Malangoni served for over two decades as the chairman of the department of surgery of MetroHealth Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He is also a professor of surgery at Case Western Reserve University.

Dr. Malangoni began his career as assistant professor of surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He was then chief of surgery at Humana Hospital - University of Louisville and associate professor at the University of Louisville before relocating to Cleveland. Born and raised in East Chicago, Indiana, Dr. Malangoni attended Indiana University's School of Medicine where he completed medical school and his general surgery residency.

For the Liu Lecture, Dr. Malangoni will speak on the current state and future of surgical education. His surgical specialties include simple and complex hernia repair, hepatobiliary, pancreatic, gastric and reoperative surgeries, surgical infections and upper gastrointestinal malignancies. His research encompasses the area of acute care, and his research interests include DVT prophylaxis, blood clotting disorders and intestinal obstruction. We look forward to Dr. Malangoni’s lecture this spring and hope many of you are able to attend. It is sure to be illuminating.
Dr. Peter Dillon will join us February 13, 2012. Dr. Dillon is the chair of surgery and program director of general surgical residency at Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He specializes in minimally invasive pediatric surgery, newborn surgery, pediatric surgical oncology, pediatric thoracic surgery and pediatric trauma. He received his medical education at Columbia before completing his residency training at Columbia New Presbyterian Medical Center. He also completed a pediatric surgery fellowship at Columbia.

Dr. Lee Swanström will join us March 19, 2012. Dr. Swanström serves as the director of the Legacy Minimally Invasive Surgery Program. He is also the fellowship director of the Legacy MIS postgraduate fellowships. He practices gastrointestinal and minimally invasive surgery at the Oregon Clinic in Portland, Oregon with appointments at Columbia Memorial, Legacy Good Samaritan, Providence Portland and Providence Seaside. Dr. Swanström attended Creighton University for his medical school training and completed his residency at Emanuel Hospital and OHSU. His areas of focus, while vast, include gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), upper endoscopy, paraesophageal hernia repairs, laparoscopic treatment of achalasia, colon resections and adrenal resections.

Dr. Mark Malangoni will join us April 2, 2012. He is also serving as the Liu Lecturer for the upcoming Grand Rounds season: please see page five for more information on Dr. Malangoni, his research interests and the Liu Lecture.

Dr. Hobart Harris will join us April 30, 2012. Dr. Harris serves as the chief of general surgery at UCSF Medical Center. He is an expert in treating surgical infections and diseases of the pancreas and biliary system. His areas of expertise include pancreas and bile duct cancer, acute and chronic pancreatitis, gallstone disease, intra-abdominal sepsis and serious infections of the skin and soft tissue. Dr. Harris earned undergraduate, medical and public health degrees at Harvard University, then completed residency training at UCSF. He joined UCSF faculty in 1994. Dr. Harris’ research focuses on surgical infections, innate immunity and inflammatory diseases of the pancreas.

Knight Cancer Institute Holds Thoracic Cancer Symposium

The OHSU Knight Cancer Institute held the 1st Annual Advances in Multidisciplinary Treatment of Thoracic Cancer on Friday, September 23 and Saturday, September 24, 2011 at Salishan, Gleneden Beach, Oregon.

The symposium was well attended, not only by physicians of different specialties who take care of lung cancer patients, but also by mid-level provider, nurses, and clinic coordinators. Presenters included OHSU physicians and nationally-recognized experts in lung cancer: Walter J. Curran Jr. MD, Executive Director of the Winship Cancer Institute at Emory University; Lawrence W. Davis, Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology at Emory University and Group Chairman of Radiation Therapy Oncology Group (RTOG); Ramaswamy Govindan MD, Professor of Medicine in the Department of Medicine Oncology Division Medical Oncology Section at Washington University in St. Louis; and Loren Ketai MD, Professor and Chief of Thoracic Radiology in the Department of Radiology at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. Dr. Paul Schipper gave a presentation on the “New Staging System for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer” and Dr. Brandon Tieu presented his “Update on the Surgical Management of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer.” Other OHSU faculty speakers included Alan Sandler MD, Ariel Lopez-Chavez MD, and Thomas DeLoughery, MD from the Department of Hematology and Oncology and Christopher Corless MD from the Department of Pathology.

The 2nd Annual Advances in Multidisciplinary Treatment of Thoracic Cancer symposium is scheduled at Salishan on Friday, September 14, 2012.
Drs. O’Rourke and Marks: An Unusual and Mutually Beneficial Collaboration

You’d be hard-pressed to find an odder coupling than a pediatric endocrinologist and an adult bariatric surgeon, two medical professions without a naturally overlapping Venn diagram. One physician sees the early development of diabetes in a child, the other treats adult patients already suffering from advanced disease. One such partnership exists at the School of Medicine: the investigative team of Daniel Marks, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Pediatrics, and Robert O’Rourke, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery.

“It’s an unusual and mutually beneficial collaboration,” said Dr. Marks. “My expertise is in cachexia, in addition to obesity and its attendant complications such as diabetes, while Bob, aside from being a bariatric surgeon, is an immunologist.” The two have very little scientific and clinical overlap, except for the conceptual idea that they both understand obesity, and share a belief that obesity is not bad because of cosmetic reasons, but rather because of the pathology that it generates. So how is it that these two OHSU investigators came together?

It began when Dr. O’Rourke arrived on campus nine years ago. “I was interested in investigating how inflammation translated to metabolic disease in obesity,” he said. “Dan was among the many scientists I met as I made my initial rounds through the scientific community at OHSU. Many people helped me in one way or another get my research started, but the relationship with Dan has blossomed.”

It initially seemed like an odd fit. Dr. Marks’ interests lie in how the hypothalamus, a part of the brain that controls appetite, regulates body weight in the context of cachexia, a state which is characterized by a lack of adipose tissue and is associated with chronic diseases like cancer. Dr. O’Rourke’s interests, in contrast, focus not on the brain, but rather on adipose tissue, and how dysfunctional adipose tissue leads to metabolic disease in the context of obesity.

“We were coming at this from different tissues and different disease states,” said Dr. O’Rourke. “But we both had an interest in how inflammation regulates these processes, and that common interest kept us working together. Over the years, we have both learned how similar cachexia and obesity are, despite being at opposite ends of the body weight spectrum.”

An important driving force behind their collaboration was the need for mentorship. To support the development of his research, Dr. O’Rourke, at the time considered a “young scientist” in the field, applied for a Mentored Clinical Scientist Development Award (K08) with the NIH. Securing a K08 required that a senior-scientist with experience in metabolic disease research serve as his mentor. He turned to Dr. Marks to fill this role.

“Dan is a talented educator with a strong sense of responsibility about scientific mentorship,” said Dr. O’Rourke. “Scientific mentorship is critical for the success of young scientists, especially clinician-scientists like myself, and I could not have achieved NIH funding without Dan’s help.” As it turned out, the NIH liked the idea of collaboration between two investigators coming at it from opposite ends of the disease spectrum, and funded the research.

Eight years later, their “unusual” scientific partnership is as strong as ever, having produced multiple papers, including a recent F1000 paper titled, “Hypoxia-induced inflammatory cytokine secretion in human adipose tissue stromovascular cells,” which is a study of the response of human adipose tissue to hypoxia in human obesity. “As clinician-scientists, we realized early on that we shared an interest in discovering how fatness translated into disease,” said Dr. Marks. “Bob’s access to a variety of subcutaneous and visceral human fat, taken from the operating room, has laid the foundation for our investigation.”

Dr. Marks, in contrast, has significant experience in murine models of obesity, and has helped Dr. O’Rourke translate findings from his human cell culture system into in vivo murine models of obesity. This work has guided them down the path of studying the effect of adipose tissue oxygen deprivation on inflammation in adipose tissue, and identifying the molecules that regulate oxygen stress responses in adipose tissue and lead to inflammation and metabolic disease.

While one scientist investigates from the perspective of cachexia and neuroscience, and studies primarily mouse models, and the other from the perspective of obesity and adipose tissue and studies human tissue models of disease, each has zeroed in on a common mechanism that appears to effect how weight contributes to metabolic diseases: inflammation.

“Surprisingly the molecules that regulate inflammation in the brain and in adipose tissue in both cachexia and obesity are similar,” said Dr. O’Rourke. “The hope is someday we will find the molecule that we can manipulate in our human in vitro or murine in vivo model systems and dramatically regulate metabolism. Once we achieve that goal, then we have made the first steps towards developing therapy for use in primates and humans.”

As NIH funding becomes increasingly sparse, OHSU faculty members are growing more creative, often reaching across the spectrum in the way Drs. Marks and O’Rourke have, in order to organize for success and create partnerships that haven’t existed in the past.
The Mackenzie Society

Named for founding chair Kenneth A.J. Mackenzie, M.D., the Mackenzie Society is comprised of alumni and faculty who provide the backbone of annual giving for the Department of Surgery. Funds raised benefit the surgical residents, allowing travel, loupes and other educational activities. Members receive special benefits and are invited to the annual society dinner at the ACS fall meeting and the dinner honoring our eponymous lecturers. Interested in joining the Mackenzie Society? If so, please contact Pamela Sidis at 503-494-4937 or sidisp@ohsu.edu.

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Did you know? The Annual Mackenzie Society dinner was held during the American College of Surgeons’ Clinical Congress meeting on Tuesday, October 25 at North Beach Restaurant in San Francisco. Sixty-four Mackenzie Society members (including guests) from across the U.S. attended. Everyone enjoyed renewing friendships and making new ones, and everyone had a great time.
Focus on Alumni: Brandon Tieu, M.D.

After immigrating to the U.S. from Vietnam in the late 1970s, my family settled in the “hotbed” of Asian American culture. No, no, not southern California but Stillwater, Oklahoma. Kidding of course, but this Midwestern town that’s best known for Eskimo Joe’s, Barry Sanders, and T. Boone Pickens provided the perfect environment for our family to work and get an education while acclimating to Western culture.

After attending the University of Oklahoma for college and medical school, I was fortunate enough to match at OHSU for general surgery residency. During my training at OHSU, I’ve worked with some great mentors that have not only shaped my career path but also helped me be a better person, husband, and father. As any resident at OHSU can tell you, we have a large and diverse faculty who take great pride in our education and training. I personally owe many thanks to Dr. Martin Schreiber, Chief of Trauma and Critical care, Dr. Mithran Sukumar, Section Chief of General Thoracic Surgery, and Dr. Paul Schipper, CT residency program director, who are all exceptional physicians, educators and friends.

While conducting general surgery interviews this year, applicants have asked me why I decided to stay at OHSU for residency, fellowship and as a faculty member. I think most importantly it has to do with the success and the direction both the Department of Surgery and Section of General Thoracic Surgery is headed. It is a testament to the strength of the general surgery residency program when this year we had over 1000 applicants for our 12 categorical positions. We have national and international leaders throughout Portland and Oregon that are part of the teaching faculty, and OHSU is on the cutting edge of surgical simulation with VirtuOHSU.

The Section of General Thoracic Surgery has had sustainable growth since its inception a decade ago and through its association with and the generosity of the Knight Cancer Institute, I was able to join the faculty earlier this year. One of our recent achievements is the development of the robotic thoracic surgery program and we completed our first cases this past November. Another reason I chose to stay at OHSU had to do with the attractiveness of the city itself and the Pacific Northwest. A city with great outdoor activities, restaurants, vineyards, a beautiful coastline and mountains all within driving distance is hard to find in other parts of the country. In addition, I found the camaraderie of the physicians in Portland and the friendships I’ve developed over the last 9 years training made the choice of starting my career at OHSU an easy one.

Lastly, none of this would possible without the support of my wife, Danica. She has gotten me through my senior years of residency, fellowship and allowed me to start my career here in Portland (she’s from Hawaii – tough to argue which is the better location with her). She was always supportive of my work even as we struggled to start a family during the first several years of our marriage. Anyone who has been through a similar situation knows the emotional toll that it can have on a relationship. Yet she was able to carry us through all of it, at times without me being as available as I needed to be, and in May of 2010 we were blessed with the birth of our twins, Bryce and Bailey. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to stay at OHSU and I look forward to working with the residents and faculty for years to come.
Sixth Annual Department of Surgery Golf Tournament & Dinner Auction

The OHSU Department of Surgery’s Sixth Annual Golf Tournament and Dinner/Auction was held at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver on Friday, September 23rd. It was an amazing day for golf with temperatures in the middle 80’s for the last part of September in Oregon. We had a full field of golfers with several OHSU residents and physicians playing in the tournament. We grossed almost $170,000 from this year’s event. All of the proceeds benefit VirtuOHSU, the surgical skills and simulation laboratory.

The major sponsors this year included Andersen Construction, Hoffman Hart & Wagner, Jim and Kym Martin, Salem Healthcare, OHSU Healthcare, Ken and Cheri Hick, Umpqua Private Bank, Peterson Kolberg & Associates and NuBoom by CompView Medical. This year we introduced the Hunter Cup that will reside at Royal Oaks Country Club with the names of each year’s first place teams inscribed on the base of the Cup. The sculpture for the Hunter Cup was generously donated by Ken and Cheri Hick. Don Southard, owner of Take Us for Granite, placed the cup on a beautiful base and had the plates put in place for the inscriptions.

Dr. Dae Lee, winner of the putting contest, with his wife. ©Loran McCall

Dr. Dae Lee, OHSU Vascular Fellow, won the $10,000 cash prize in the putting contest. Of course, having someone win one of the major contests made the day even more special. We did not have a Hole in One winner this year, but Kuni BMW again generously provided the BMW cars that were placed on each of the Par 3 holes as an incentive to make a hole in one!

I want to acknowledge the Golf Tournament Committee who works tirelessly for the nine months prior to the tournament to assure that it will be a success. Also, the Committee wants to make certain that everyone will leave the tournament feeling as though they have participated in the best golf day of their life. The members of the Committee are Dick Southard, Marty Richmond, Don Southard, Rhea Jacobson, Kathy Gull, Chris Mackert, Sheila Guernsey, George Spada, Elena An and Pat Southard.

Finally, I want to send a special thanks to the Board and staff of Royal Oaks Country Club. They go above and beyond every year to assure that this golf tournament is memorable to every participant. They are an amazing group of people who stop at nothing in an effort to make the OHSU tournament so successful. The service and the food are amazing – we could not do it without the dedication of Royal Oaks Country Club Board and staff.

For those interested in playing in the tournament and/or attending the dinner auction, please contact Elena An at 503-494-3074.

Please mark your calendars for September 7, 2012 when we will have the Seventh Annual Department of Surgery Golf Tournament at Royal Oaks Country Club in Vancouver, WA.

Article by Pat Southard, MN, JD, Administrative Director, VirtuOHSU
VirtuOHSU has been bustling this season with events, skills training and new equipment. As part of a multidisciplinary effort to standardize the insertion of central lines at OHSU, CVC training began in October with the Surgical Interns piloting a brand new curriculum. Drs. Watters, Kret, Dargon, and Gordy have been instrumental in training and testing in this first phase and the feedback has been rewarding. The CVC training was implemented in VirtuOHSU this past summer with the goal of having all interns in Surgery, Anesthesiology, Internal Medicine, and Emergency Medicine complete the course by July 2012.

In November the Simulation Lab hosted Med Stars Jr’s 43 junior-high students from the rural parts of Oregon to experience surgical skills training and learn about different medical programs at OHSU. The “Surgery 101” simulation experience is an activity that is hosted on average four times a year for high-school kids and twice a year for junior-high students. The hands-on portion of the visit is always highly rated and everyone has a good time. We are very appreciative of the great volunteers from the medical student Surgical Interest Group as well as from our Research Residents. The tremendous support of volunteers at all levels makes this event a great success.

The students had disparate, at-times humorous reactions to the simulation experience: “I liked learning how doctor’s use [the cautery], it doesn’t smell good though,” noted one student. “Moving those pegs back and forth was hard, but it was neat to do the same thing that residents have to,” offered another. Finally, a student added, “I liked using the ultrasound to find the wire with the doctor.”

If you happen to visit VirtuOHSU, you may notice a large empty space in the minimally invasive surgical simulation area in the back of the lab. We are very excited to be making space for the da Vinci System currently located in the South OR multipurpose room. This fully functioning surgical robot will be moved into VirtuOHSU by the end of December 2011 for the purpose of training. Drs. Spight, Amling and Denman along with the Robotics User Group are actively working on the development of a multidisciplinary robotics training curriculum that will be used in conjunction with the recently acquired computer based simulator for the da Vinci Si robot. We are very excited about this acquisition and are very thankful for the support to the OHSU hospital for making this educational opportunity available.

In January 2012, Drs. Spight and Ham will launch a new surgical skills curriculum for Laparoscopic Common Bile Duct Exploration. This much anticipated addition to the resident skills program will provide didactic and technical training for this critical yet seldom seen procedure. We are very excited about the partnership with Cook Medical and Karl Storz who have provided CBDE kits and a choledochoscope which are both critical to making this program a success. A pilot for this course was first unveiled to the chief residents by Dr. Hunter and Dr. Spight in August 2011. The course will review laparoscopic transcystic CBDE, CBDE via choledochotomy as well as open CBDE using a commercially available model from SIMULAB. Stay tuned for further VirtuOHSU developments.
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