The goal of the Department of Surgery's newsletter is to highlight our accomplishments and news, while presenting a publication that is visually consistent with OHSU printed materials. We hope you like it. Have feedback? Email szymanss@ohsu.edu – we'd love to hear from you.

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This year’s Sam Liu Lecturer is Han-Kwang YANG, M.D., M.S., Ph.D., Professor and Chief of Gastrointestinal Surgery in the Department of Surgery & Cancer Research Institute at Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea. Dr. YANG is an active researcher and is involved in several large scale RCT's for gastric cancer treatment. He is the Korean PI of REGATTA, a phase III study examining the role of gastrectomy in stage IV gastric cancer with a single incurable factor. Dr. YANG is also an investigator in the CLASSIC trial, which studies the role of adjuvant chemotherapy in Stage II and III gastric cancer patients. His role as investigator in the multicenter KLASS trial brings focus to the comparison of laparoscopic versus open surgery in Korean patients with advanced gastric cancer.

Dr. YANG received his medical degree, M.S. and Ph.D. at the Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea. In addition to an active surgical career, Dr. YANG teaches in the Seoul National University Hospital as Director of the Gastric Cancer Center, mentoring surgical residents and fellows through his surgical skills workshop. He also organizes and leads the Korean Laparoscopic Gastrointestinal Surgery Study Group, which hosts educational conferences and animal workshops at the University.

Visiting Lecturers

George C. Mejicano, M.D., M.S.

Dr. George C. Mejicano received his M.D. from the University of Illinois in 1990. After finishing his clinical training at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics, he became, and remains, board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. In 1996 Dr. Mejicano received his Master of Science degree in adult and continuing education from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases at OHSU, where he also serves as Senior Associate Dean for Education. Dr. Mejicano is the principal investigator for the OHSU proposal that was awarded $1 million by the American Medical Association to transform the school’s undergraduate medical education curriculum. His clinical interests include travel medicine, antibiotic resistance, and emerging infectious diseases.

Alessandro Fichera, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.S.C.R.S.

Dr. Alessandro Fichera is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Washington. He earned his M.D. from the Catholic University of Rome and completed a General Surgery Residency at the University of Chicago followed by a two year fellowship in laparoscopic and colorectal surgery at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York. He then returned to the University of Chicago and was the Program Director of the Colon and Rectal Surgery Training Program. In July 2012 Dr. Fichera moved to the University of Washington Medical Center as Chief of Colorectal Surgery and was appointed Chief of GI Surgery in 2014. Dr. Fichera is one of the national co-PI's for the PROSPECT (CALGB81001/N1048/ACOSOGZ6092) trial and has authored 78 peer-reviewed manuscripts and 26 book chapters. His very busy clinical practice is focused on inflammatory bowel diseases and colorectal cancer.
2014 Grand Rounds Schedule

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Grand Rounds begin at 7:30 AM, unless otherwise noted.

April

April 7: “The Rise and Fall of Cancer Mortality in the USA - Why Pancreatic Cancer Does Not Follow the Trend and the Battle to Reverse This,” Brett C. Sheppard, M.D., F.A.C.S., Professor and Vice-Chair of Surgery, Division of General Surgery, Department of Surgery, OHSU

April 14: “Creating Reliability and Value in Surgery,” Matthew Slater, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Section Chief - Adult Cardiac Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Department of Surgery, OHSU

April 21: SAM LIU LECTURE: “Redefining Gastric Cancer Surgery: Open, Laparoscopic vs. Robotic,” Han-Kwang Yang, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Surgery, Cancer Research Institute, Seoul National University College of Medicine, Seoul, Korea

April 28: “Consequences and Implications of a Competency-Based Curriculum,” George C. Mejicano, M.D., M.S., Professor of Medicine, Senior Associate Dean for Education, School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, OHSU/VAMC

May

May 5: TBD

May 12: “Multimodality Management of Rectal Cancer: The Past, the Present and the Future,” Alessandro Fichera, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.S.C.R.S., Professor of Surgery, University of Washington Medical Center, Seattle, WA

May 19: “My Life as a Surgeon,” Donald D. Trunkey, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Past-Chairman, Department of Surgery, OHSU

May 26: MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY - Grand Rounds CANCELED
OHSU includes the schools of dentistry, medicine and, nursing. OHSU Hospital and Doernbecher Children's Hospital; numerous primary care and specialty clinics; multiple research institutes; and, several outreach and community service units.

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