Message from the Chairman

Remarkably, 2016 represents the 102nd year since the establishment of the Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. It is an extraordinary honor to assume the role of the 8th chairman of the Department and to continue to expand upon its storied legacy.

I am delighted to introduce the new UTHSC Department of Surgery newsletter. We hope that it will highlight important news and activities within the Department as well as the superb accomplishments of our faculty and trainees. We certainly welcome your suggestions and feedback.

The Department continues to grow and evolve and in this inaugural issue, we are pleased to introduce a number of new faculty members as well as a new Program Director of the residency program.

Sadly, our Department has experienced some recent losses in its past leadership “family” and we also pay tribute to the passing of Dr. Louis G. Britt (Chair 1989-1998) and Mrs. Anne Pate, wife of Dr. James W. Pate (Chair 1974-1989).

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the faculty, residents, students and staff of the Department of Surgery as well as the general UTHSC community for their warm and gracious welcome. I look forward to the privilege of serving as your Chair and working with all of you to sustain and expand excellence in all aspects of the Department.

David Shibata, M.D., Scheinberg Endowed Chair of Surgery
Professor and Chair
Deputy Director, UT West Cancer Center
NEW FACULTY

Vascular Surgery

The Division of Vascular Surgery is pleased to introduce two new faculty members:

Reshma Brahmbhatt, M.D.

Dr. Brahmbhatt is a native of Texas. She attended medical school at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston where she also completed her surgical residency training. She then went on to Emory University where she completed a fellowship in Vascular Surgery. She now joins us as an Assistant Professor of Surgery.

Kelly Kempe, M.D.

Dr. Kempe is a native of Seattle. She earned her medical degree at the University of Washington. She completed her surgical residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, and was fellowship trained in Vascular Surgery at Wake Forest. She has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery.

Under the leadership of Dr. Michael Rohrer, the Division of Vascular Surgery now has five Board-Certified faculty members covering services at Methodist University, LeBonheur, and Regional One, with ongoing expansion to provide services to Methodist Germantown and Methodist South.
**Pediatric Surgery**

The Division of Pediatric Surgery recently recruited two new faculty members:

**Ankush Gosain, M.D., Ph.D.**

Dr. “Ash” Gosain received his medical degree at Eastern Virginia University. He went on to receive a Ph.D. in Cell Biology, Neurobiology, and Anatomy from Loyola University in Chicago, where he also completed his general surgery residency. He graduated from the UTHSC Pediatric Surgery training program here at UTHSC in 2010. He was a faculty member at University of Wisconsin for five years prior to returning to Memphis to join our faculty as a clinician scientist and Associate Professor. We are pleased to welcome him back.

**Ying Zhuge, M.D.**

Dr. Zhuge earned her medical degree at University of Miami. She also completed her surgical residency at Miami in 2013 before joining us here at UTHSC in Memphis for her Pediatric Surgery Fellowship. We are extremely pleased to have her stay on as an Assistant Professor of Surgery and welcome her into the fold. Under the leadership of Dr. Trey Eubanks, the Division of Pediatric Surgery now has 8 full-time Board-certified faculty members.

**Announcements**

This year, the Department of Surgery is hosting the annual Alpha Omega Alpha Distinguished Visiting Professorship featuring speaker **Barbara L. Bass, M.D.**, the John F. and Carolyn Bookout Presidential Endowed Chair of Surgery at Houston Methodist Hospital and Professor of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College.

**SAVE THE DATE:**
Combined Grand Rounds Wednesday April 13, 2016, 8:00 AM Coleman North Auditorium.
Transplant Surgery

Ryan Helmick, M.D.
Dr. Helmick is a native of Texas. He received his medical degree from Ohio State University and received his training in general surgery at The Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati. He went on to Baylor College of Medicine for a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship and then to Mayo Clinic in Rochester for a fellowship in Abdominal Transplant Surgery in Liver, Kidney, and Pancreas. He has joined the UTHSC faculty as Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery.

News Brief:
The Methodist University Hospital Transplant Institute under the leadership of Dr. James Eason, Chief, Division of Transplant Surgery, recently received an anonymous and transformative gift of $40 million. Plans are to allocate $20 million to create a new state-of-the-art transplant facility at Methodisty University Hospital with the remainder to be used to partner with UTHSC to develop a pioneering transplant research program.

Announcements

The Harwell Wilson Surgical Society 2016 Scientific Session and Graduation/Awards Banquet will be Friday, June 10, 2016. Dr. B. Mark Evers will serve as our distinguished Visiting Professor.

Dr. Evers is the Director of the Lucille P. Markey Cancer Center and Vice-Dean for Academic Development at the University of Kentucky College of Medicine. He is also Professor and Vice-Chair for Research in the Department of Surgery.
The Scientific Session will be held in the Student Activities Center. The Black-tie Awards Banquet will be at the University Club. For more information, please contact Nancy Stuart at 901-581-0521 or email her at ngstuart@uthsc.edu

On a separate note: Nancy has retired. Please join us in thanking her for her many years of service!

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING TO THE HWSS RESIDENT EDUCATION FUND.

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In Other News:

Dr. Martin Croce, Chief, Division of Trauma Surgery, received special commendations for 2nd place overall and winner of the Longest Ball competition at the Southern Surgical Association’s Annual Golf Tournament.

Congratulations to Dr. Jig Deneve on his recent marriage to Sarah Corrigan. He also completed the Ironman Triathlon in Chattanooga, TN.

A team of faculty, residents and staff of the Department of Surgery led by Dr. Martin Fleming, Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology, cycled either 45 or 62 miles to raise money for cancer research in the UT West Cancer Center’s Annual Ride to Fight On fundraising event.

Grants Awarded:

David Shibata, MD, Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology NIH R21 Research Grant: “Epigenomic Signatures of Radiation Sensitivity in HPV-Associated Cancers” $400,000.

Thomas Schroeppe1, MD, Associate Professor, Division of Trauma Surgery UTHSC iRISE PTCS: “Beta Adrenergic Blockade for Suppression of Catecholamine Surge Following Traumatic Brain Injury: A Randomized Trial” $50,000.

Andrew Fleming, M1, UTHSC College of Medicine West Clinic Student Summer Cancer Research Program: “Examining the Role of GRIA4, a Potential Novel Tumor Suppressor in HPV-Associated Malignancies” $4,000. (Mentor: David Shibata, MD)
Kudos to:

* Eunice Huang -- Elected to membership in the of Southern Surgical Association
* Ash Gosain – Appointed as Inaugural Chair of the Association for Academic Surgery’s Basic Translational Science Committee
* Max Langham – Elected to membership in the American Pediatric Society
* Tim Fabian – Named Editor-in-Chief of the new open access journal *Trauma Surgery and Acute Care Open* (TSACO)
* Martin Fleming – Named to the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Melanoma / Sarcoma Disease-Specific Working Group Committee
* David Shibata – Named Vice Chair of the SSO Colorectal Cancer Disease-Specific Working Group Committee and Vice Chair of the SSO Quality of Care Committee. Also named to Editorial Board of Annals of Surgical Oncology.

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Education: General Surgery Residency News

This year we interviewed over 100 highly qualified applicants to our training program. The Match results have been released and we are pleased to announce our outstanding class of new Categorical Surgery Residents for 2016 – 2021:

• Marcos Alvarez, Indiana University
• Keither Champlin, University of Oklahoma
• Margaret Ferguson, UTHSC
• Kathleen Hayes, George Washington University
• Jorie Jones, Meharry Medical College
• John Shell, UTHSC
• Denise Yeung, Loma Linda University
• Xu “Steve” Zhao, China Medical University

Please join us in extending our gratitude to Dr. Frances E. (Liz) Pritchard, Associate Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology as she steps down from her role as Program Director of the General Surgery residency following 9 years of extraordinary service. Under her leadership, the program has seen consistent enhancement of it’s first-class curriculum as evidenced by the superb quality of our graduating residents. Dr. Pritchard will continue to lend her expertise in an advisory capacity during the transition period.

Congratulations to Dr. Shaun Stickley, Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, who will assume the role of Program Director of the General Surgery residency effective July 1st, 2016. Dr. Stickley has a strong record as an outstanding educator and has served as Associate Program Director for the past year.
In Memoriam

Dr. Louis G. Britt was the 6th Chair of the Department of Surgery serving from 1989 to 1998. He completed his residency here at UT Memphis. His contributions to transplantation are remarkable in that he performed some of the first renal transplants and was instrumental in making Memphis the 2nd in the nation to perform liver transplantation. He is also known for his contributions to general surgery in the areas of pancreatitis, abdominal trauma, and pulmonary embolism. Dr. Britt passed away August 22, 2015. He will be remembered for his vision, leadership, and excellent sense of humor.

Mrs. Anne Stephenson Pate was the First Lady of the Department of Surgery for many years during her husband's Chairmanship. Dr. James Wynford Pate was our 5th Chair serving from 1974 – 1989 and continues to contribute to our educational mission to this day. Mrs. Pate was a mother, adventurer, nurse, community leader, and dear friend to all of us. She was also a devoted and beloved wife for 68 years. She passed away on March 2, 2016 and the world is surely a lesser place without her.