

SURGERY Synopsis

Chairman’s Message



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2016 was a great year for the Department of Surgery and 2017 holds promise of change in delivery of care at UW Medicine, and in many of the things we have planned in the department. Healthcare has substantially changed over the course of the last several years and it appears more change is on the horizon.

Recently, Dr. Ramsey sent out an important message to all of UW Medicine that reflects his appreciation of how we work together to accomplish our mission of improving the health of the public. I found Dr. Ramsey’s statement of “Our Mission is my Professional Compass” (in his open letter to the UW Medicine Community) to reflect my own thoughts. The Department of Surgery has a strong and bold mission:

“The Department of Surgery will provide compassionate and high quality patient-centered care, train future generations of surgical leaders and conduct research in a collegial environment which embraces diversity and promotes inclusiveness.”

The last part of this mission statement, “embraces diversity and promotes inclusiveness” is particularly important to me and even more relevant now than when it was written. I am proud that as a Department we have adopted this mission statement and it is my intention to help this Department, at all times and in all ways, achieve this mission.

This issue focuses on the Division of Trauma, Burn and Critical Care Surgery. Instead of writing a “lead story” giving the facts and figures about the program – which are impressive – we chose to query the surgeons in the Division to tell us about what drew them to this specialty, what is changing about the specialty and what makes them proud to be a member of the team. I know you will enjoy reading the first-person responses.

And, I couldn’t help but notice that our Mission Statement is represented throughout their responses. Harborview is our Mission Statement come to life. In particular, two themes were apparent: First, Harborview is unique and wonderful because it takes care of everybody. Every

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situation, every circumstance, every patient is met with the same care and concern and full resources of our amazing team. Second, everyone who responded said that the TEAM at Harborview makes them love their jobs, makes the place “work” and is what makes our Trauma, Burn and Critical Care Surgery Division among the best in the country. It is not a singular effort and it has taken many people over a long time to make it the powerhouse it is today.

And, it is a powerhouse. It is strong clinically; the place for people in over a quarter of the US landmass to come with life-threatening conditions. Educationally, it is strong also: our surgeons are gifted educators, training some of the finest surgical leaders of tomorrow. Research is robust, spanning the range of scientific investigation – from bench research to clinical trials, outcomes, and translational research that lead to changes in society, to safer behavior and products.

Under the leadership of Dr. Bulger and Dr. Gibran, the Level 1 Trauma Center and the Regional Burn Center are at the forefront of patient care, education and research. And Dr. Ron Maier, our peerless Chief of Surgery at HMC and the Division Chief, has nurtured, grown and steered the whole program into the force for good that it is today.

In keeping with the focus on HMC, we introduce Dr. Sam Mandell's prolific research portfolio and and we talked with Dr. Nicole Gibran for our “Getting to Know DoS” feature. I think you will enjoy learning more about this Division and our amazing people.

You will also learn of all the honors and awards and media “mentions” of our faculty and residents, read short bios of our newest faculty, enjoy learning about our “Doctor for a Day” program, and find out

what The Harkins Society (our alumni association) has been up to. I invite you to enjoy this issue of Surgery Synopsis.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Edward Verrier Selected Interim Chief Cardiothoracic Surgery Division



Upon his selection as Chair of the Department of Surgery, Dr. **Douglas Wood**, stepped out of his role as Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He appointed a search committee, chaired by Dr. **Ron Maier**, to review internal candidates and make recommendations for a new permanent chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery. In the interim, Dr. **Ed Verrier** was asked by Dr. Wood to assume the role of interim chief. He has accepted this responsibility. Dr. Wood, the Department and the Division are very grateful for his service in this role.

Douglas Wood, MD—Tapped As New Department of Surgery Chair



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After one year, the UW Medicine Chair Search Committee concluded its nationwide search for the new Department of Surgery Chair. **Paul G. Ramsey, MD, CEO, UW Medicine, Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of the School of Medicine, University of Washington** announced on December 5, 2016, that he received a recommendation from the Chair Search Committee and has initiated discussions with Dr. Doug Wood to serve as chair of the Department of Surgery. Dr. Ramsey thanked all committee members for the careful, comprehensive national search they conducted. “I believe Dr. Wood is exceptionally well-qualified for this position, and I hope my discussions with him will result in his appointment as chair of the department.”

Dr. Ramsey also thanked all members of the Department of Surgery for their commitment to excellence in patient care, scholarship and teaching and expressed his appreciation for all the Department of Surgery does to advance the UW Medicine mission of improving the health of the public.

Excerpt from letter by Paul G. Ramsey, CEO, UW Medicine and Dean of the School of Medicine, Dean of Medicine, Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine