

Honors, Awards & Publications

Faculty



Dr. **Andre Dick**, Associate Professor, Division of Transplant Surgery at University of Washington Medical Center and Seattle Children's Hospital, has been named Surgical Director of Renal Transplantation at Seattle Children's Hospital. In that role, he will partner with Dr. Jodi Smith of Nephrology, who is the Medical Director for Renal Transplantation.

He was born in Jamaica, attended medical school at the State University New York School of Medicine, fulfilled his residency at Pennsylvania State University Hershey Medical Center, and completed his fellowship in abdominal transplant surgery at the University of Washington Medical Center.

In 2008 he joined both the University of Washington Department of Surgery and Seattle Children's Hospital as Assistant Professor of Surgery. Dr. Dick's clinical interests include liver, kidney and pancreas transplant, and hepatobiliary surgery.

His research is focused on obesity and its effects on transplant outcomes and on health care disparities in transplantation. Dr. Dick has been board certified in General Surgery by the American Board of Surgery since 2006. He has served as the Region 6 Representative to the Pediatric Transplant Committee for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS/OPTN). In 2011, he completed his Masters Degree in Public Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Dick was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor of Surgery in July 2014.

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Dr. **Nicole Gibran**, Professor and Director of the **UW Medicine Regional Burn Center at Harborview Medical Center**, has been honored by colleagues in the Alumni Association of Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) with its **Distinguished Alumna Award**. This annual award is in recognition of her outstanding and widely known achievements, and for exemplifying the standards and objectives of the Boston University School of Medicine through personal conduct, professional accomplishments, community service, as well as her significant impact to the medical field on a national and global scale.

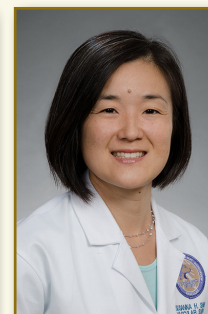


The award will be presented to Dr. Gibran at the Awards Luncheon of the BUSM Alumni Association in May 2017. In addition to the award presentation, Dr. Gibran has been invited to speak at the BUSM Alumni Grand Rounds.

Congratulations to Drs. **Sherene Shalhub**, (pictured above left) Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery and **Susanna Shin**, (pictured above right) Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, co-editors with Dr. Anahita Dua on **Hemodialysis Access: Fundamentals and Advanced Management**. From the book's backcover: "This comprehensive reference on the fundamentals of hemodialysis access creation and advanced management for maintenance is designed to meet the needs of all surgeons and physicians responsible for the treatment and care of patients undergoing dialysis. The book opens by discussing every aspect of dialysis access planning, including selection of the right access for the individual patient and access strategies. Hemodialysis access techniques, from the most basic to



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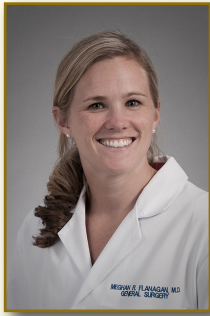
the most complex and unconventional, are then described step by step, and guidance is provided on follow-up and taking the newly created access to maturation so that it can be used for hemodialysis. Detailed attention is also devoted to the challenging management of specific complications of dialysis access surgery, including failing hemodialysis access. The closing section provides an understanding of the hemodialysis machine and the hemodialysis process itself, thus serving as a bridge between what nephrologists see and what surgeons manage. The book includes a wealth of informative, high-quality images and illustrations, and the authors are prominent, highly respected vascular surgeons, transplant surgeons, general surgeons, nephrologists, and interventional radiologists from the United States with international collaborators."

Dr. **Sherene Shalhub**, (pictured above) Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, was selected by her faculty colleagues to serve on University of Washington's Faculty Council on University Relations (FCUR) for a two-year term beginning September 2016.

FCUR is responsible for all matters of policy relating to university relations, including community affairs; government relations at the local, state, and federal levels; public service; university communications; and alumni relations.

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Residents and Fellows



Flanagan



O'Brien

The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) recently honored general surgery residents Drs. **Meghan Flanagan** and **Katy Flynn O'Brien**, as well as anesthesia providers and nursing collaborators at the University of Washington School of Medicine with the annual **David C. Leach Award**. This award is given to housestaff who have made significant contributions to Graduate Medical Education. The University of Washington group was nominated for their multi-disciplinary work on a project that aimed to improve the post-operative handoff process at Harborview Medical Center. Prior to implementation of the post-anesthesia care unit checklist there was no formalized process through which critical patient information was transmitted among providers. Our residents and their collaborators identified this handoff process as being highly prone to error and sought to improve information exchange and handoff safety. They recruited stakeholders, created rigorous metrics and survey instruments to measure both primary outcomes and unintended negative consequences, and worked alongside nursing and other anesthesia providers to produce a truly multi-disciplinary checklist product. After the checklist was implemented there was a significant increase in surgeon participation in the handoff process, as well as appropriate reporting of key intra-operative and post-operative care elements. The improvements seen in the quantity and quality of critical information transfer with the implementation of a standardized handoff process are noteworthy. The process, facilitated by checklists, is easily adoptable by other programs and institutions as it is a well-accepted paradigm for quality improvement in surgery and anesthesia. The development and inclusion of an electronic checklist that will be stored in the EMR for future reference aligns this project with Meaningful Use, and will allow for a documented record of the handoff encounter for care providers not directly involved.

Other project team members: **Aalap Shah**, MD; Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine, **Andrew Herstein**, MD, Department of Anesthesia & Pain Medicine, **Barbara DeWitt**, RN, Harborview Medical Center, and **Elizabeth Visco**, CRNA, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine.

Dr. **Barclay Stewart**, received the **American College of Surgeons (ACS) Resident Surgical Volunteerism Award**. The Board of Governors Surgical Volunteerism and Humanitarian Awards Workgroup announced the recipients of the 2016 ACS/Pfizer Surgical Humanitarian Award and Surgical Volunteerism Awards. Dr. Stewart, a general surgery resident from Beaufort, SC, will receive the Surgical Resident Volunteerism Award for his myriad volunteer efforts to provide care to underserved domestic and international populations through clinical services, research, and advocacy.



The extraordinary contributions of the award recipients were formally recognized during the annual Board of Governors reception at the ACS Clinical Congress in October 2016 in Washington, DC.



Dr. **Kevin Sullivan** was honored as one of the first Cancer Research Institute/Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation Postdoctoral Fellows.

Dr. Sullivan, third-year general surgery resident, was awarded a postdoctoral training fellowship which begins July 2017 from the **Cancer Research Institute** in collaboration with the **Fibrolamellar Cancer Foundation** for his project "T Cell Immunology in Fibrolamellar Cancer."

Dr. Sullivan's sponsoring scientist is Dr. **Venu Pillarisetty**, Associate Professor in General Surgery.

Fibrolamellar hepatocellular carcinoma (FL-HCC) is an uncommon form of hepatocellular carcinoma that affects young patients without underlying liver disease, and after surgery the risk of recurrence is high with unfavorable 5-year over all survival. Our goal is to investigate immunotherapy as a potential systemic therapy in FL-HCC. We will begin with the characterization the T cell population to understand the immune landscape of FL-HCC. Next steps will include the isolation and expansion of a type of immune cells implicated in killing tumor cells called tumor infiltrating lymphocytes (TIL), followed by assessment of their therapeutic efficacy in 3D slice cultures of FL-HCC.

Dr. **Roderick Yang**, R1, Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program, received the 2016 UW Medicine/HMC Cares Award. The UW Medicine Cares Award is a means of honoring Harborview Medical Center staff, providers, and teams that consistently exemplify the UW Medicine Service Culture Guidelines. The award is presented biannually, in the Spring and Fall, to four providers, four healthcare professionals, and two HMC teams at each of UW Medicine's entities.

