

Chairman's Message

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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,

**Douglas E. Wood, MD, FACS,
FRCSEd (ad hom)**
Professor and Interim Chair,
Department of Surgery,
Endowed Chair in Lung Cancer Research



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Chair, Department
of Surgery

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