Benjamin O. Anderson, MD, Professor, is the recipient of American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) 2011 Partners in Progress Award for his commitment to women throughout the world and his dedicated efforts to improve their quality of care. He has devoted his clinical practice to the care of patients with breast cancer and breast health issues and for the past decade, Dr. Anderson has been a leading voice in the international breast cancer clinical improvement and best practices movement through establishment of the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI), a global alliance of organizations and individuals dedicated to medically underserved women.

Dr. Anderson successfully led the effort to establish a partnership between the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) of which he is the co-founder, Chair and Director, with the International Atomic Energy Association’s Program of Action for Cancer (IAEA-PACT) to fight cancer in the developing world.

Eileen M. Bulger, MD, Professor, is the immediate past president of the Washington State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

David R. Byrd, MD, Professor, was recognized by the Committee on Cancer by bestowing upon him the Cancer Liaison Physician Award. This award program is designed to recognize outstanding clinical champions who go above and beyond to impact positively on their cancer program and/or the community.

Heather L. Evans, MD, Assistant Professor, has received the distinguished 2011 New Member Award from the Surgical Infection Society (SIS) announced at their 2011 annual meeting.

The SIS Education and Awards Committee (which includes the President, Past president, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and Recorder) select the top 4-8 abstracts which were submitted within 1 month of the annual meeting and the top 3 presenters are then named as finalists for their New Member Award.

Dr. Evans’ work, entitled “Prehospital Intubation Factors and Pneumonia in Trauma Patients” is co-authored with Keir Warner, Eileen Bulger, Sam Sharar, Ronald Maier, and Joseph Cuschieri and appears in the October issue of the SIS’s journal Surgical Infections.

David R. Flum, MD, Professor, has been selected as the 2011 recipient of the American College of Surgeons/American Surgical Association Health Policy Scholarship. The scholarship will be used for Dr. Flum to attend the “Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management” at Brandeis University’s Heller School. Since 2004, the Heller School has offered an annual Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management for 30 to 35 physician and surgeon leaders. The program is partially sponsored by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE). This intensive one-week program equips health leaders with the knowledge and skills essential for creating innovative and sustainable solutions to improve the quality, cost-effectiveness, and efficiency of healthcare service delivery as well as participating in healthcare policy and reform.

Dr. Flum was appointed to the Methodology Committee of the Patient-Centered Outcome Research Institute (PCORI). The 15-member committee is tasked with helping the PCORI, which was created through the Affordable Care Act, to develop and update methodological standards and guidance for comparative effectiveness research.

As Director of Surgical Outcomes Resource Center (SORCE), Dr. Flum received a $2.26 million grant funded by the Life Sciences Discovery Fund (LSDF). The grant’s title is “SCOAP Comparative Effectiveness Research Translation Network (CERTN)” and its focus is to analyze the quality of surgical care by expanding and leveraging data-sets as well as collection and analysis of new patient outcomes data.

Joseph S. Gruss, MD, Professor, received the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award.
Karen D. Horvath, MD, Professor, has been named the 2011 Distinguished Educator by the Association for Surgical Education (ASE). The award, one of the highest honors in surgical education, recognizes Horvath’s excellence as a teacher and her significant contributions in educational leadership, research and curriculum development.

Lorrie A. Langdale, MD, Professor was re-elected for second term as Washington state American College of Surgeons (ACS) Governor. Dr. Langdale also remains on the ACS executive committee.

Saurabh Khandelwal, MD, Assistant Professor was named medical director for the UW Medicine Bariatric Surgery Program.

Nahush A. Mokadam, MD, Assistant Professor was appointed as holder of the Lester and Connie LeRoss Professorship in Cardiovascular Surgery.

Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chairman was elected President of the Seattle Surgical Society.

David G. Rabkin, MD, Assistant Professor, the American Surgical Association Foundation Board of Trustees awarded Dr. Rabkin their $75,000 per year Fellowship Award for his research proposal entitled “Cytokine removal by hemoadsorption after brain death; effect on ventricular function before and after orthotopic transplantation in a porcine model.” Funding for this Fellowship will commence on July 1, 2011, and continue for a second year commencing July 1, 2012.

Gale L. Tang, MD, Assistant Professor was selected as the 2011 Vascular Cures’ Wylie Scholar Program Award recipient for “demonstrating aptitude and interest in vascular research, skill and promise in vascular surgery, teaching ability, and leadership qualities.”

Erik G. Van Eaton, MD, FACS, Assistant Professor was nominated to the American College of Surgeons’ Committee on Informatics.

Thomas K. Varghese, MD, Assistant Professor was awarded with the physician’s “Care Award” at Northwest Hospital for outstanding patient care.

John H. Waldhausen, MD, Professor was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Association of Pediatric Surgery Training Program Directors (APSTPD).

Douglas Wood, MD, Professor was elected to serve a three year term as Councilor for the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery (EACTS) Board of Directors. Every three years the EACTS nominating committee proposes one non-European cardiothoracic surgeon to serve as an international member of its Board. This nomination is then voted on at the General Assembly during the national meeting. This is the first time that EACTS has chosen a general thoracic surgeon for this position and the first time an American has been chosen outside of the eastern seaboard medical schools. This election is considered a significant honor among European CT surgeons and represents the positive impact Dr. Wood has had within the CT community at large, and his leadership role in cardiothoracic surgery internationally.

Dr. Wood was also elected Chair of the Thoracic Residency Review Committee (RRC) Section of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) and Chair for the newly created National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN) which is a lung cancer screening panel responsible for developing screening guidelines.