Other News in the Department of Surgery...

The Seattle Surgical Society annual meeting was held on January 11, 2013 at Seattle's Westin Hotel. The Society was founded 103 years ago to promote professional relationships among surgeons and to create a forum for sharing knowledge within the greater Seattle surgical community. The Society promotes connections, community and intellectual rigor.

Lily Chang, MD, Department of Surgery alumnus, was the program chair for this year’s meeting. She reported that the meeting was very well attended. Several of the Department of Surgery’s faculty gave well-received presentations, including: Rebecca Peterson, MD, Assistant Professor, General Surgery who discussed ventral hernia repair; David Byrd, MD, Professor, General Surgery, Section Chief of Surgical Oncology, who presented on melanoma surgery; and Eileen Bulger, MD, Professor, Trauma & Critical Care, Chief of Trauma, gave a presentation on “Injury Patterns Following Motor Vehicle Collisions.”

The meeting ended with the Annual Dinner. At the dinner, Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, Henry N. Harkins Professor & Chair, Department of Surgery was inducted as President of the Seattle Surgical Society for the upcoming term. In his remarks, he reviewed the culture and traditions of the Seattle Surgical Society. He emphasized that the Society helps build the bonds between the academic and community surgeons and pledged to continue this important tradition.

The study’s first author, Awori J. Hayanga, MD, MPH, of the University of Washington, Seattle, (who was the Department of Surgery’s Cardiothoracic Fellow in 2012) and colleagues examined the relationship between race and lung cancer mortality and the association with residential segregation by using data obtained from the 2009 Area Resource File and Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results program to conduct a population-based study. To read the entire article, the JAMA citation is: JAMA Surg. Published online January 16, 2013. 2013;148(1):37-. In addition, the NY Times published an article about this study. Please follow this link to read the NY Times article: http://nyti.ms/WeMYeg

Jeffrey B. Friedrich, MD, Associate Professor, Plastic Surgery, was selected as a 2013 visiting professor by the American Society for Surgery of the Hand (ASSH).

ASSH established the Plastic Surgery Visiting Professorship Program in 2004 to encourage plastic surgery residents to pursue a career in hand surgery and to increase involvement with the ASSH. Each year, six to eight plastic surgery programs are selected to host an ASSH visiting professor—an accomplished plastic hand surgeon who may serve as a “role model” for trainees and students.

John Waldhausen, MD, Professor, Department of Surgery and Section Chief of Pediatric General Surgery, Seattle Children’s Hospital, was elected to the pediatric surgery board of the American Board of Surgery (ABS) as the American Pediatric Surgical Association’s (APSA) representative. His term of office is June 2013 through 2019.

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