

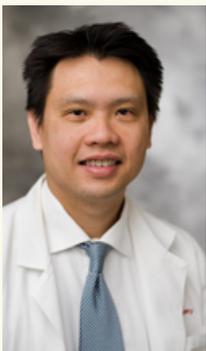
## 2013 Faculty Promotions



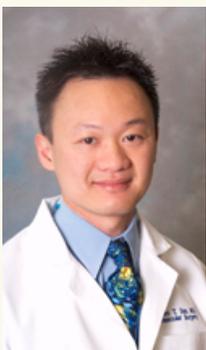
**Jeffrey Avansino, MD**  
Promoted to  
Associate Professor  
  
Division of Pediatric  
General Surgery



**Craig Birgfeld, MD**  
Promoted to  
Associate Professor  
  
Division of  
Plastic Surgery



**Tam Pham, MD**  
Promoted to  
Associate Professor  
  
Division of Trauma,  
Critical Care and Burns



**Nam Tran, MD**  
Promoted to  
Associate Professor  
  
Division of  
Vascular Surgery

## ISIS Fellow—Dr. Abebe Bekele

The Department of Surgery welcomed a special visitor earlier last month, **Dr. Abebe Bekele, MD**. Dr. Abebe, serves as Assistant Professor of Surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Addis Ababa University School of Medicine (AAU) (Addis Ababa, Ethiopia). This past June, he became the first Visiting Fellow for the Department of Surgery's [Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Studies \(ISIS\)](#).

As ISIS' inaugural Visiting Fellow, Dr. Abebe spent three weeks in Seattle meeting with various members of the Department of Surgery, UW School of Medicine Leadership, and UW Medicine faculty. The bulk of Dr. Abebe's time was spent in ISIS' simulation facility at UWMC where he observed trainings, administrative operations, and the development of new educational programs.

Expressing a strong desire to develop educational materials during his visit, Dr. Abebe worked closely with ISIS educational experts, Dr. Sara Kim and Ms. Megan Sherman, to review and innovate methods of training for Ethiopian surgical residents. Dr. Abebe developed a prolific amount of training material during his visit, eventually leaving Seattle with five new curricula to be implemented in residency training at AAU.



(Left to right) Dr. Brian Ross, Dr. Sara Kim, Megan Sherman, Dr. Abebe Bekele, Farrah Leland, Dr. Brant Oelschlager, Erin Haslam and Elizabeth Buttrick.

Dr. Abebe additionally presented on the topic of “*Surgical Training in Ethiopia – Past and Future*” during the Department of Surgery's Grand Rounds, where he described the ongoing partnership between the University of Washington and Addis Ababa University in the areas of laparoscopic surgical training, and now simulation education.

A huge thank you to those who spent time with Dr. Abebe during his visit! Led by the efforts of **Dr. Brant Oelschlager, Dr. Andrew Wright, Ms. Colleen Iwano, and Ms. Erin Haslam** – the visit was an enormous success!

