

## Researcher Profile: Jason Ko, MD

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Orthopedic-related injuries and major limb amputations make up a large portion of the devastating casualties resulting from conflicts overseas, and many of our wounded US Warfighters will suffer from chronic pain due to symptomatic neuromas that do not respond to currently accepted treatment modalities. Harborview Medical Center is a unique civilian medical center that treats a high volume of extremity amputees, and Dr. Ko hopes that UW's involvement with this DoD clinical trial will help define TMR as the new standard of care for the treatment of neuromas in amputees.

## 2014 New Faculty



Muhammad Nuri, MD

[Dr. Muhammad Nuri](#), Assistant Professor joins the Department of Surgery in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He is a member of the section of pediatric cardiothoracic surgery and will serve as the site director of the regional pediatric cardiothoracic surgery program at Mary Bridge Children's Hospital & Health Center. His clinical interests focus on neonatal, pediatric cardiac surgery and international outreach.

A native of Pakistan, he received his undergraduate and medical school training in Pakistan. He proceeded to the United States to complete his general surgery and thoracic surgery residency training at West Virginia University and Penn State University respectively. He was then sponsored by the Royal College of Surgeons of England to complete a fellowship in congenital cardiac surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children. He returned to Pakistan for four years to participate in a voluntary medical mission. The mission focused on establishing adult and pediatric cardiac surgical services in the rural setting for the first time in Pakistan.

To focus on neonatal surgery, he returned to the United States to complete a post doctoral fellowship in congenital cardiac surgery at Columbia University and an ACGME accredited fellowship at Emory University. His research interests include health services research and healthcare resource utilization, with a specific focus on the delivery of cardiac services in the pediatric population.

"The University of Washington and Seattle Children's Hospital afforded the privilege to work with an extremely talented core of individuals. The ability to impact life and productivity of an individual from an extremely early age is fulfilling and rewarding. My goal is to establish a trusting relationship with our patients and deliver safe and effective care."

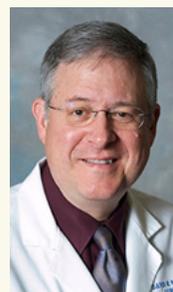
## Honors and Awards

### Faculty



Bulger

[Eileen Bulger, MD](#), Professor, Trauma & Burn Division, is Co-Principal Investigator with [Dr. Catherine Hough, MD](#), Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine, Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care, on a 7-year grant from the [National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) for the establishment of the Pacific Northwest Clinical Center. This Center will serve as one of 12 Clinical Centers in the new [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute \(NHLBI\)](#) Clinical Trials Network for the [Prevention and Early Treatment of Acute Lung Injury \(PETAL Network\)](#). Coordinated by Massachusetts General Hospital, the PETAL Network will develop and conduct high-quality randomized, controlled clinical trials using a multidisciplinary and collaborative approach in order to prevent, treat and improve outcomes of patients with, or at risk for, acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). The Center will also collect biologic samples and clinical data necessary to determine the molecular phenotype of disease pathogenesis, response to therapy, and recovery. Drs. Bulger and Hough are joined on this project by [Erik Van Eaton, MD](#), Assistant Professor, Trauma & Burn Division, who will serve as Co-Investigator, and [Ronald Maier, MD](#), Professor and Jane and Donald D. Trunkey Chair in Trauma Surgery, who will serve as Contributor.



Byrd

[David Byrd, MD](#), Professor, General Surgery Division, has been selected as one of the healthcare provider recipients for the Spring 2014 [UW Medicine Cares Award](#) at the UW Medical Center.

UW Medicine established the UW Medicine Cares Award in 2013, a program to formally recognize and celebrate the accomplishments and excellence of those in the UW Medicine community who consistently exemplify the UW Medicine Service Culture Guidelines. The guidelines are professional standards that ensure that anyone who encounters UW Medicine receives the same great care and service throughout the system.

Each UW Medicine entity - Harborview Medical Center, Northwest Medical Center,

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Valley Medical Center, UW Medical Center, UW Neighborhood Clinics, UW Physicians and Airlift Northwest – participates in the UW Medicine Cares Award program.

[Read the nomination and comments >>](#)



Evans

**Heather Evans, MD**, Assistant Professor, Trauma & Burn Division, was awarded the [Surgical Infection Society's Junior Faculty Fellowship Award](#) which will assist funding her [mPOWER](#) project.

The purpose of this fellowship is to provide the opportunity for a junior faculty member to undertake a meaningful research project in an area relevant to surgical infectious diseases, and foster interest in surgical infections and academic surgery as a career focus.



Farjah

**Farhood Farjah, MD**, Assistant Professor, Cardiothoracic Division was elected to the Editorial Board of the [Annals of Thoracic Surgery](#), the official journal of the [Society of Thoracic Surgeons](#).



Gibran

**Nicole Gibran, MD**, Professor, Trauma & Burn Division, received the Harvey Stuart Allen Distinguished Service Award at the [American Burn Association](#) Annual Meeting on March 26, 2014 in Boston, MA.

This award is presented to an outstanding North American scientist for their contribution in the burn field. The first award was presented in 1969 at the suggestion of Dr. Curtis P. Artz. Dr. Allen was born in Livingston, Montana and died at the early age of 48 of a myocardial infarct. Following his surgical training at King's County Hospital in Brooklyn and in Chicago, he became associated with the Department of Surgery at Northwestern University. He served during World War II in the North African and Mediterranean Theaters of War. After the War, he became involved with the Burn Unit at Cook County Hospital. He was among the pioneers in developing aggressive coverage of the burn

wound, introduced several dressings in burn therapy, and focused his attention on meticulous care of the burn wound. The present day care of burns owes much to the teachings of Harvey Stuart Allen.



Van Eaton

**Erik Van Eaton, MD**, Assistant Professor, Trauma & Burn Division, was named the 2014 recipient of the [UW School of Medicine Alumni Early Achievement Award](#).

The Alumni Early Achievement Award honors an individual from the last 20 years who has excelled in his or her career in medicine, or made significant contributions or remarkable achievements in clinical care, medical science, humanitarianism or administrative activities.

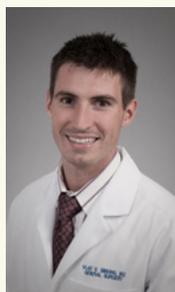
### Residents



Montenovo

**Martin Montenovo, MD**, transplant surgery resident, was selected to receive a Young Innovator Award from the [American Society of Transplant Surgeons \(ASTS\)](#) for his abstract submission entitled "*The Clinical Impact of Hepatitis C-Positive Donors in Liver Transplantation: Patient Protection or Lost Opportunities?*"

[Read the abstract on page 89 >>](#)



Simianu

**Vlad Simianu, MD**, general surgery resident, presented at the [American Surgical Society \(ASA\)](#) 134th Annual Meeting that Washington has seen a dramatic threefold increase in elective colectomy for diverticulitis over the past 13 years, despite evolving recommendations.

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