This year at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Clinical Congress we had the unique and special privilege of two of our faculty selected to give prestigious lectures at the meeting. It was special and unusual even for one senior faculty to be chosen but having two at one meeting is truly exceptional.

On Monday, October 17, 2016, Dr. Edward Verrier, Professor and Interim Chief, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, gave the John H. Gibbon, Jr. Lecture, sponsored by the Advisory Council for Cardiothoracic Surgery. Dr. Verrier presented on “The Elite Athlete...The Master Surgeon.”

On Wednesday, October 19, 2016, Dr. Carlos Pellegrini, Chief Medical Officer, UW Medicine and Vice President for Medical Affairs gave the John J. Conley Ethics and Philosophy Lecture sponsored by the Committee on Ethics. Dr. Pellegrini presented on “TRUST: The Keystone of the Physician–Patient Relationship.”

The following are presentations by our faculty, fellows and residents at the 2016 ACS Clinical Congress Annual Meeting:

Benjamin Anderson, MD, Professor, Division of General Surgery: Lobular Carcinoma In Situ Natural History: Risk Factor Lesion or Cancer Precursor?

Sam Arbabi, MD, MPH, Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery: Reversal of novel oral anticoagulants

Eileen Bulger, MD, Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery: Implementation of the NASEM report: Trauma Research and Managing the anticoagulated patient with major hemorrhage.

David Byrd, MD, Professor, Division of General Surgery: TNM cancer staging: Is it still relevant?

Patchen Dellinger, MD, Professor, Division of General Surgery: Preoperative screening for Hyperglycemia risk, preoperative Carbo loading, and perioperative glucose control.

Annie Ehlers, MD, MPH, R4, General Surgery Residency Program: #Surgtweeting: Trends in Twitter Use at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress and Factors Influencing Delayed Hospital Presentation in Patients with Appendicitis.

Heather Evans, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery: “Is this an NSTI?” PS 200: A night on emergency general surgery be call and Virtual Reality and Beyond: Future of Telementoring and Collaboration for Surgical Education.

Alessandro Fichera, MD, Professor, Division of General Surgery: ME104 – Crohn’s Disease: Basic Principles to Steer You Away From Trouble; ACS Didactic Course; and Video Session: Colon and Rectal Surgery.


Sam Mandell, MD, Assistant Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery: Soft Tissue Infections (Wound Healing Panel).

Mika Sinanan, Professor, Division of General Surgery: On-Boarding for Surgeons: Preparation for Practice Life.

Ravi Sood, MD, MS, R4, General Surgery Residency Program: Respiratory Complications Following Abdominal Wall Reconstruction.

Barclay Stewart, MD, MscPH, R4, General Surgery Residency Program: Resident Perspective on Humanitarian Surgery.

Lucas Thornblade, MD, T32 Fellow in Gastrointestinal Surgical Outcomes Research, General Surgery Residency Program: The Comparative Effectiveness of Minimally Invasive Surgery and Conventional Approaches to Major or Challenging Hepatectomy.