Dr. Kathryn Stadeli, Research Resident, Division of General Surgery

The Seattle Times | January 9, 2019

Opioid deaths are preventable — don’t NIMBY treatment centers

Dr. Venu Pillarisetty, Associate Professor, Division of General Surgery

UW Medicine Newsroom | December 18, 2018

Scheduled for surgery? Time to hit the trail!

KOMO Radio

Preparing for surgery with exercise can impact outcomes

Dr. Douglas Wood, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair

Seattle King5 News | October 23, 2018

Lung cancer screenings for people who smoke

Dr. Sherene Shalhub, Associate Professor, Division of Vascular Division, has been appointed by the Patient–Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) as a member of its Advisory Panel on rare diseases. Dr. Shalhub will join other members of the panel in applying her experience and expertise to helping PCORI refine and prioritize the research it funds. She will also ensure that the research PCORI supports centers on the outcomes that matter to patients and other healthcare decision makers. PCORI is an independent, nonprofit organization authorized by Congress to fund research that will provide patients, their caregivers and clinicians with the evidence–based information needed to make better–informed healthcare decisions.

Dr. James Park, Associate Professor, Division of General Surgery, along with General Surgery Research Residents Drs. Kevin Labadie and Kevin Sullivan, published a brief update on current topics pertinent to surgical resection for hepatocellular carcinoma in his chapter, Surgical Resection in HCC Kevin Labadie, Kevin M. Sullivan and James O. Park. 2018 Nov DOI: 10.5772/intechopen.81345. It highlights patient selection, perioperative surgical and anesthetic considerations, post–operative complications, with special emphasis on minimally invasive approaches and emerging technologies to enhance pre–operative planning and intra–operative visualization.

Dr. Rebecca Petersen
Nominated to Serve
As SAGE Board of Governors’ Member

Dr. Rebecca P. Petersen, Clinical Associate Professor, Division of General Surgery

Having chaired and/or co–chaired the Research and Career Development Committee for the past six years and more recently serving on the Hernia Task Force and the Resident and Fellow Training Committee, I have seen first–hand how fulfilling it is to be an active participant of The Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES). I initially became a member of SAGES after attending a Career Development Seminar in Florida as a resident. At the time, I vividly remember being very impressed by the unique family culture, innovation, and strong leadership of SAGES. It was obvious that SAGES was a society that fostered and promoted the careers of its junior members by offering many opportunities to get involved! SAGES since its origination has broken the barriers in innovation and research, and over the years has established numerous clinical guidelines and has always provided the most valuable and cutting–edge educational resources for practicing surgeons and trainees. Currently SAGES has over 6,000 members, and I can think of no greater honor than being nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Governors. I look forward to advancing the SAGES mission of advocating for our profession, establishing standards of excellence and promoting innovation in surgery.

Dr. Eileen Bulger
Awarded Department of Defense Grant

Dr. Eileen Bulger, Professor and Trauma Division Section Chief, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery

The Department of Defense (DOD) has awarded Dr. Eileen Bulger, Professor and Trauma Division Section Chief, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery, a grant to support the development of a National Trauma Research Action plan as called for in the 2016 report of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine on a National Trauma Care system. Traumatic injury is the leading cause of death up to age 45, yet investment in trauma research ranks last in National Institutes of Health (NIH) funding

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relative to the burden of this public health problem. To address this discrepancy, the major professional trauma organizations joined forces two years ago to form the Coalition for National Trauma Research (CNTR). CNTR has been working with congress and the DOD to advocate for enhanced funding for trauma research and a coordinated approach to prioritization of project and to build research infrastructure. To that end, CNTR investigators led by Dr. Bulger put forth a proposal to develop a National Trauma Research Action plan with the following aims:

Aim 1: Perform a gap analysis of military and civilian trauma research to identify priorities across the continuum of care.

Aim 2: Define optimal metrics to assess long-term functional outcomes in injured patients following hospital discharge.

Aim 3: Identify trauma research regulatory barriers, develop best practices for investigators, and collaborate with federal entities to define optimal endpoints for clinical trauma research.

This is a multidisciplinary, multicenter project which will engage all the professional organizations that participate in trauma research across the US. From the University of Washington, Dr. Bulger will serve as the Principal Investigator and Dr. Nicole Gibran, Nancy Auth Washington Research Foundation Endowed Chair for Restorative Burn Surgery and Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery, will serve as a Co-Investigator. Per Dr. Bulger, “This is an exciting opportunity to bring the entire trauma community together and stimulate the development of new therapeutic strategies across the continuum of care.”

honors & awards (cont.)

DIVISION OF CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

Dr. Gabriel S. Aldea, Professor & Section Chief, Adult Cardiac Surgery
Dr. Kathleen Berfield, Assistant Professor
Dr. Farhood Farjah, Associate Professor
Dr. Michael S. Mulligan, Professor & Chief, Section Chief, Thoracic Surgery
Dr. Edward D. Verrier, Professor

Dr. Douglas E. Wood, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair

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Dr. Benjamin Anderson, Professor

Dr. Greta Bernier, Assistant Professor

Dr. David Byrd, Professor & Associate Chief, Section Chief, Surgical Oncology

Dr. Kristine Calhoun, Associate Professor

Dr. Judy Y. Chen, Assistant Professor

Kathryn L. Harris, MSN, ARNP, AGACNP–BC, Teaching Associate

Dr. Sara H. Javid, Associate Professor, Section Chief, Breast Surgery

Dr. Saurabh Khandelwal, Associate Professor

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