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*Inside: We cover the last **3** months in DOS*

CHAIR'S MESSAGE

Dr. Julie Ann Sosa



On My Mind....

I hope that all of you were able to take time this summer to get away with family, friends and loved ones. It's super important to pause and separate from work to focus on personal things. I finally took some time away, and it allowed me to recharge and refocus. The last year has been a most challenging one for many of us professionally and personally; I know that for me, navigating the impenetrable challenges of eldercare at times has been seemingly impossible. The world around us and certainly American health care has been in chaos. Our local micro-climate here at UCSF is extremely kinetic, and we as a Department will need to coalesce and strategize together to chart a path forward that sustains us short and long term. Our clear focus must be on providing for our faculty, staff and

learners the most supportive community to afford our colleagues the best chances for personal and professional success. Our inaugural **Compassion and Community** grand rounds provided important insights; we need to continue to listen to inform the most strategic efforts possible. I am thankful for **Dr. Sammann's** creative leadership in her role as our Chief Experience Officer. September is **#WomenInMedicine** Month, and **September 15** marks the beginning of **#HispanicHeritageMonth**. UCSF Surgery is absolutely committed to the principles of diversity, equity and inclusion, and recently we have become more and more successful in recruiting diverse and exceptionally talented interns and faculty colleagues. It is essential going forward that we provide a supportive infrastructure with mentorship and sponsorship that are relevant and meaningful. That requires leadership and courage. Via the **Muriel Steele Society**, our Department's Diversity Committee and Surgery in Parenting program, and leaders like **Dr. Andre Campbell** and **Dr. Lucy Kornblith**, we plan to invest strategically to extend these efforts.

This fall we will be interviewing and then matching another cohort of interns while welcoming new colleagues on our faculty (**Drs. Garber, Koch, Peng, Rickert, Yamaguchi and Zhao**). We anticipate the recruitment and arrival of still more later in the academic year. We will be introducing a new funds flow model that is set to start on **October 1**, and we are actively working on behalf of the Department to navigate a path forward to afford our community the greatest opportunity for benefit and growth, especially as these clinical funds are essential for fueling our academic mission. We will have the opportunity in 2024 to expand our clinical footprint in San Francisco with discussions accelerating around **St. Francis** and **St. Mary's Hospitals**, as well as ambulatory surgery platforms set to open at **BayFront** (the former Block 34) and the **Berkeley Outpatient Center**. We will be engaging many and welcoming all to participate in these recruitments and conversations. Thanks to all for everything that you do every day on behalf of our patients and UCSF Surgery!



MEET YOUR Colleagues



David Hernandez

Administrative Supervisor II - Operations Manager Emergency/Trauma Division

As the Administrative Supervisor, my responsibilities encompass the oversight of administrative operations, procurement procedures, and facilities coordination within the Emergency/Trauma division at ZSFGH.

My role extends to providing support for the division by coordinating special projects, overseeing event management, and engaging in short- and long-term planning to both address immediate requirements and identify future needs.



Courtney Strassenburgh

Communications Director - Division: Regeneration Medicine/UCSF Broad Stem Cell Center & Center for Maternal-Fetal Precision Medicine

In my role, I have the privilege of overseeing communications for two prominent UCSF research centers dedicated to advancing regenerative medicine and maternal-fetal health.

This multifaceted role involves leading, crafting, and executing comprehensive communication strategies encompassing written, visual, and digital content delivered through various communication channels.



Shanna Grier

Surgery Administration Manager - East Bay

My commitment to fostering collaboration and connectivity has led to the development of a harmonious ecosystem where the administrative team and physicians collaborate seamlessly.

Through the cultivation of a shared vision and mutual understanding, I've empowered this unified team to leverage their respective strengths, ultimately enhancing the quality of patient care and operational efficiency to the highest standard.



Jason Powers

Web Manager - Department of Surgery Chair's Office

In my role, I play a vital part in supporting the Department of Surgery's dynamic portfolio of over 80 websites and assisting each of its Divisions/Sections in achieving their web-related objectives. My responsibilities encompass the development of websites, content management, content strategy, and project management.

This includes a wide range of tasks, such as website maintenance and the continuous updating of both internal & external pages to accurately represent the department's ongoing activities and programs.

In an effort to strengthen our team's engagement and foster camaraderie, we have initiated a new project aimed at highlighting the contributions of eight staff members representing diverse divisions within the Department of Surgery. We are enthusiastic about launching this exciting endeavor, allowing you to become better acquainted with your colleagues. If you find something intriguing about one of your fellow team members, don't hesitate to email them.

We will be maintaining this page for the time being, and as we progress, we hope to eventually feature every member of our staff. To all the staff members currently reading this message, please know that you are making a significant impact and contributing to the collaborative spirit that defines our work environment.

Thank you for being an integral part of our team.



Eleanor M. Fiege

Admin Officer 3 (HR Liaison) - Chair's Office

I am responsible for a multitude of tasks, including the intricate process of handling recruitments and new appointments for a diverse range of individuals, such as staff, faculty, visiting scholars, clinical instructors, clinical fellows, postdocs, specialists, affiliates, volunteers, non-MD students, and observers, often involving visa-related matters.

I consider myself a "go to" person (troubleshooter) for anyone in this department with a question or concern, whether professional or personal.



Simon Pan

Administrative Officer 3 - Division: Transplantation

As a team leader, my role is to provide guidance and support for my team to ensure task completion as well as inspiring individual growth.

Additionally, I oversee and manage on-site administrative operations and procedures. As challenges arise, I play an instrumental role in facilitating solutions and improvements. My role extends to providing valuable input and suggestions for addressing issues and enhancing operational efficiency while also offering support for facility-related matters.



Julie Carrasco-Walker

Project Analyst - Surgical Oncology

Working with a dynamic surgeon like Dr. Emily Finlayson, my daily routine is consistently varied and dynamic. One of the most crucial aspects of my role is meticulously managing her calendar and ensuring her schedule runs smoothly. By adeptly coordinating and organizing her commitments, I can efficiently handle my daily tasks and prioritize activities to maximize productivity.

Additionally, I am privileged to be an active member of our Staff Engagement Committee.



Heidi Crist

Curriculum Analyst - Department of Surgery and the General Surgery Residency Program

In my role, I collaborate closely with our esteemed faculty to craft structured curriculum tailored to residents at every stage of their training. This includes managing online educational materials and overseeing a wide spectrum of educational initiatives within the department, including the organization of CME accredited Surgery Grand Rounds.

Furthermore, I serve as the Fellowship Administrator Liaison for the Department of Surgery.

Plastic Surgery

THINGS TO NOTE..

Dr. **Scott Hansen**, who holds the position of **Chief of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery** at **ZSFG** and also serves as the **Co-Director of UCSF's Center for Reconstructive Microsurgery**, has been invited to deliver two lectures during this year's **National Hand Surgery** conference in Toronto. Furthermore, several students under his mentorship have had their abstracts accepted for presentation at national meetings.

Additionally, the Plastic Surgery division has initiated a program to provide **seed grants for research projects** to both residents and faculty, and there has been a substantial number of submissions for these grants, with funding set to commence this year. Our division has formulated plans to extend support to a medical student for a year-long research initiative within our division, scheduled to commence in **2024**. We will actively inform medical students interested in taking a gap year and invite applications to determine the projects we will sponsor for this one-year research opportunity. Our team has also been active in setting up the **Plastic Surgery Interest Group (PSIG)** for the medical students and we are developing a monthly lecture series given by our Plastic Surgery faculty on each area of our specialty. We are also developing an **elective** for the *medical students* at **SFGH** where they rotate in the **Outpatient Access Soft Tissue Infection Service (OASIS Clinic)**. In addition, we plan to develop a **Pediatric Plastic Surgery service** that includes both **UC Mission Bay** and **Oakland Childrens Hospital**.

Upcoming Visiting Professors...

- **Dr. Michael Klebuc, 10/10/2023 - 10/11/23 - Surgery Grand Rounds Professor 10/11**
- **Dr. Karly Ka, MD, 11/28/23 - 11/29/23 - CSPSERF Visiting Professor**
- **Dr. William Kuzon, 2/27/24 - 2/28/24 - AAPS Visiting Professor**
- **Dr. Amanda Gosman, 3/26/2024 - 3/27/2024 - CSPA Visiting Professor**
- **Dr. James Grotting, 4/16/24 - 4/17/24 - The Aesthetic Society Traveling Professor**
- **Dr. Nicholas Haddock, 5/21/24 - 5/22/24 - The Plastic Surgery Foundation Visiting Professor**



Poster Presentations

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Regional (Local) Podium Presentations

Yin R, McLaughlin MF, Soroudi D, Rosser M, Patel AU, Hansen SL. **Characteristics and Outcomes of Hand Infection Patients at an Urban Safety Net Hospital.** *University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Department of Surgery Research Symposium.* San Francisco, CA. May 3, 2023.

Education

UCSF School of Medicine ranked 2nd Nationally in Surgical Education and Training, per US News and World Report rankings

Hannah Decker (General Surgery Research Resident) and Dr. Tasce Bongiovanni received a \$75k Team Science Grant from CTSI for their study, "Using a Community Centered Approach to Assess Patient Acceptability of Screening for Intimate Partner Violence in Patients Following Trauma."



Celebrating graduating UCSF Cardiothoracic Surgery fellow, Dr. Hubert Luu.

General Surgery Chief Residents celebrated their completion of residency at the 2023 Chief Resident Dinner at the Westin St. Francis Hotel on June 9th, 2023.

Tom Sorrentino (General Surgery Research Resident) won the Medical Device Entrepreneur's Forum competition held at the ASAIO 2023 Annual Meeting. He was also featured on the med+design by Trig podcast to discuss UCSF Surgical Innovations work in kidney transplant, usability in medtech development, and AI in medicine.

Miguel Nunez (General Surgery PGY1) presented his work on Kidney Transplantation of Undocumented Pediatric Recipients at UCSF at the American Transplant Congress 2023.

Katherine Sanders (General Surgery PGY4) presented her work on Leveling Disparities through National Quality Initiatives at the 2023 Vascular Annual Meeting.

Joe Lin (General Surgery Chief Resident Class of 2023) was a Top 10 finalist for the ACS Resident Award for Exemplary Teaching, which is awarded by the American College of Surgeons. This award is meant to recognize teaching excellence and to further emphasize teaching as an important area of a resident's daily life.

Hannah Decker (General Surgery Research Resident) published her research exploring the association of housing status, types of operations and post-op care utilization in Annals of Surgery.



Above: #SecondThursdays outing with our Surgeons in training.

Phoebe Miller (General Surgery PGY2), Fernanda Romero-Hernandez (General Surgery PGY1), Mignote Yilma (General Surgery PGY4), Patricia Conroy (General Surgery PGY5), Lucia Calthorpe (General Surgery PGY2), and Sarah Mohamedaly (General Surgery PGY5) published a study in World Journal of Surgery titled, "Hand-Assisted Versus Pure Minimally-Invasive Distal Pancreatectomy: Is There a Downside to Lending a Hand?"

Caroline Melhado (General Surgery PGY4) presented her multicenter study of cervical collar-associate HAPI at the 2023 Western Pediatric Surgery Research Consortium.

Hillary Braun (General Surgery Chief Resident class of 2023 and First Year Transplant Fellow) was a top 10 finalist for the ACS 2023 Jameson L. Chassin, MD, FACS, Award for Professionalism in General Surgery, which is presented by the American College of Surgeons (ACS) to a chief resident in general surgery who exemplifies the values of compassion, technical skill, and devotion to science and learning.



Celebrating Dr. Rym El Khoury and Dr. Camille Jackson, our 2023 graduating Vascular fellows.

Mignote Yilma (General Surgery PGY4), graduated from the UCSF NCSP program in June, after two productive years of investigating barriers to solid organ transplantation. Furthermore, Dr. Yilma was selected to receive the 2023 ASTS-Takeda Socio Economic and Racial Disparity (SERD) Grant worth \$50,000. She also published a multicenter safety net hospital study in JAMA Network Open showing that only 28% of patients with MELD >15 were referred for liver transplant evaluation.

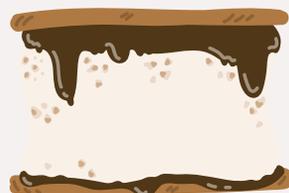
Education Part II



On the evening of **June 15th, 2023**, a spectacular bonfire illuminated the skies above **Ocean Beach**, where the **Muriel Steele Society**, under the guidance of Co-Chairs **Dr. Lucy Kornblith** and **Dr. Mika Varma**, along with the Department of Surgery, extended a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our incoming interns. The atmosphere was nothing short of enchanting, set against the backdrop of the beach, with waves rhythmically crashing in the distance and a roaring bonfire that rivaled the brilliance of the stars.



With this magical gathering, we marked the official commencement of our new interns' journey—a journey filled with growth, education, and the bonds of friendship. **To our remarkable interns**, we offer this message: brace yourselves for an exhilarating adventure, and rest assured that you have the unwavering support of an entire community standing by your side!



Research



Dr. Qizhi Tang, + co-PI's Audrey Parent, PhD & Michael McManus, PhD, have been awarded a \$3,875,149 "iSTAR Tregs" grant from the NIH National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Dr. Tang also received an **Armored SC-beta** award from JDRF worth \$499,999.

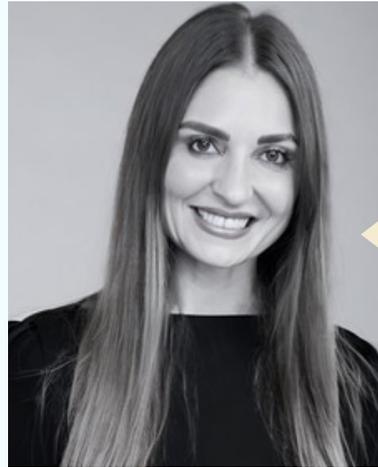
The NIH National Cancer Institute presented Dr. Laura Esserman with a **P01 The ISPY 2.2 TRIAL: Evolving to Imaging and Molecular Biomarker Response Directed Adaptive Sequential Treatment to Optimize Breast Cancer Outcomes** award worth \$2,689,478.

She also took home \$100,000 for the **WISDOM 2.0 Personalized Breast Screening Communication Initiative** sponsored by the **Bright Pink NFP**.



Dr. Shahram Aarabi has been awarded \$1.25 million as the Principal Investigator (PI) for his project, submitted to the Department of Defense, titled "Development of a machine-learning ultrasound resuscitation monitoring system."

This Phase 2 STTR award will enable him to advance the study of a novel ultrasound technique aimed at early identification of hemorrhage and resuscitation.



Dr. Lucy Kornblith received a **R35** grant, totaling \$2,018,750 in funding, from the **National Institute of General Medical Sciences**, part of the NIH.

This grant supports her research project titled "The Platelet Transcriptome and Organ Failure After Injury: Discovering Molecular Biomarkers and Preventative Targets through Interrogating Novel RNA Modifications."



Dr. Amrita Basu has been granted a **R01** award of \$1,847,155 from the NIH National Cancer Institute, for her research project titled "Analyzing Patient-Level Data in a Breast Cancer Clinical Trial."

Dr. Sandy Feng received a \$228K **R34** grant from NIAID, a planning grant that supports the development of all essential elements for a future investigator-initiated clinical trial.

The grant, entitled "Early signals of the transition from immune quiescence to activation in the liver allograft microenvironment and in the circulation" (iSYNAPSE) will hopefully lead to a trial of immunosuppression dose minimization for children with liver transplants who have excellent graft function on stable immunosuppression.



Dr. Elizabeth Wick along with UMN Surgery, UC Irvine Surgery & UCSF Geriatrics has received a 5-year grant of \$7 million from the NIH National Institute on Aging to help with her "I CAN DO Surgical ACP Trial" project.

In addition, PHS Agency for Healthcare Res & Quality awarded Dr. Wick \$2 million for her "REST-PSLL: Re-engineering Surgical Recovery and Transitions Using Technology Patient Safety Learning Laboratory" study.



Dr. Kyle Cromer has been recognized with two research grants:

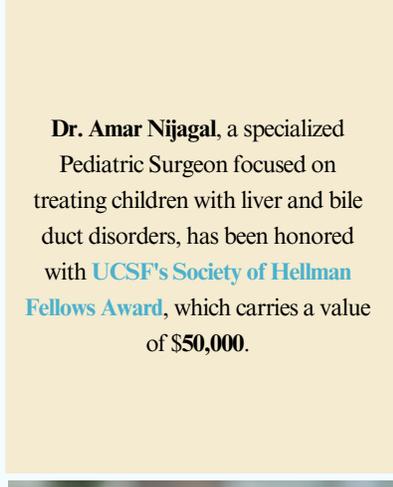
A \$150,000 **PBBR New Frontiers Research** grant for his project titled "Development of inducible signaling receptors to increase production of clinically relevant cell types."

An additional \$150,000 grant from **The American Society of Hematology**, supporting his work on the "Enrichment of Erythroid Cells using Truncated EPO Receptor."

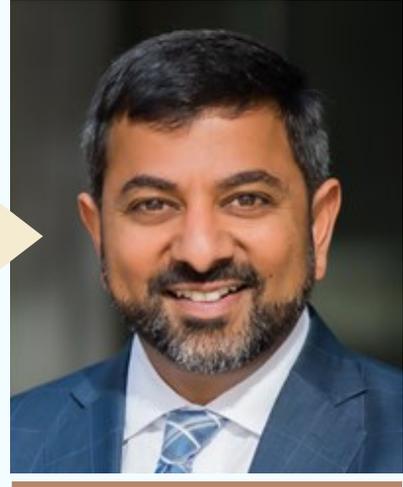
Research II



Dr. Tase Bongiovanni has been honored with a grant of \$75,000 from the **Clinical & Translational Science Institute (CTSI) Pilots Award Program**. This funding supports her study, “**Using a Community Centered Approach to Assess Patient Acceptability of Screening for Intimate Partner Violence in Patients Following Trauma**”.



Dr. Amar Nijagal, a specialized Pediatric Surgeon focused on treating children with liver and bile duct disorders, has been honored with **UCSF's Society of Hellman Fellows Award**, which carries a value of \$50,000.



Dr. Michael Conte, Professor and Chief of the UCSF Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery, has been granted a **U01** award by the **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)** totaling \$3,673,318. This award is designated for the **UCSF Diabetic Foot Clinical Research Unit**.

Dr. Adam Oskowitz has secured research support from multiple sources at UCSF. He has been sponsored by the **UCSF Academic Senate** through the **Beatty Fund** and has been awarded a \$33,000 **Academic Senate RAP (Research Allocation Program) Grant** for the Spring of 2023.

Furthermore, Dr. Oskowitz has received an additional grant of \$7,000 from UCSF's **REAC (Research Evaluation and Allocation Committee)** for his study titled “**The Dynamic Role of T-cells in Aortic Aneurysms**.”



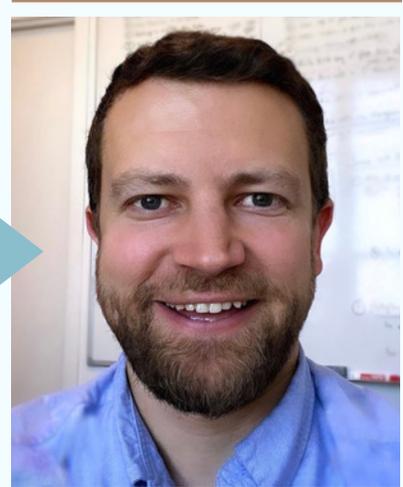
Furthermore, the **University of Michigan**, in collaboration with the **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)**, has sponsored Dr. Conte's **UCSF Diabetic Foot Consortium Biomarker Assessment Unit (DFC BAU) Award**, providing funding amounting to \$521,192.



Dr. Holger Willenbring, Professor of Surgery and Associate Director of the Liver Center, along with **Dr. Maher** from UCSF Medicine and **Dr. Mattis** from UCSF Pathology, have recently received the **RC2 Award** from the **National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK)**.

In total, the three esteemed researchers have been awarded a grant amounting to \$8,074,945 to support their study titled “**Establishing patient-derived iPSCs as a platform for discovery research in NAFLD**.”

Dr. James Gardner has secured \$500,000 in funding from the **Burroughs Wellcome Fund** for his research project titled “**Extrathymic Aire-Expressing Cells as Novel Mediators of Fetal-Maternal Tolerance, Preventing Intrauterine Growth Restriction and Fetal Loss**.”



Dr. Simon Chu, a General Surgery Resident, has achieved a significant milestone by being awarded the prestigious **2023 Jon Fryer Resident Scientist Scholarship** sponsored by the **American Society of Transplant Surgeons**.

This scholarship is valued at \$40,000 and recognizes his exceptional work on the study titled “**Improving the Safety of Stem-cell-derived Beta Cell Transplantation with Inducible Safety Switches**.”



Dr. Joel Ramirez, a resident in Vascular Surgery, has been honored with a trio of esteemed awards, which together amount to \$180,000 in research funding.

These accolades include the **UCSF NHLBI StARR Scholars Program Award**, the **Chan Zuckerberg Biohub – San Francisco (“CZ Biohub SF”) Physician-Scientist Fellow Award**, and the **Hellman Family Clinical-Translational Research Development Award** from the UCSF ImmunoX Research Committee.

Promotions

BY DOS CHAIR'S OFFICE

Dr. Johannes Kratz



ADULT CT

NOW ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
IN RESIDENCE

Dr. Gillian Hirst



SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

NOW ASSOCIATE ADJUNCT
PROFESSOR

Dr. Matthew Lin



GENERAL SURGERY

NOW PROFESSOR OF
CLINICAL SURGERY

Dr. Lucy Kornblith



ZSFG

NOW ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
IN RESIDENCE

General Surgery



Dr. Jonathan Carter was named the **Chair of the Clinical Issues Committee of the ASMBS**, tasked with writing position statements and clinical practice guidelines for the society. He has authored clinical practice guidelines on internal hernias after bariatric surgery, limb lengths for gastric bypass, one-anastomosis gastric bypass, bariatric surgery in Medicare beneficiaries, and endoscopic sleeve gastrectomy. Future projects include bariatric ERAS review, measures of obesity, ulcerative complications after bariatric surgery, and endoscopic bariatric procedures.

Dr. Rochelle Dicker is the **Board Chair of the Health Alliance for Violence Intervention**: <https://www.thehavi.org/>. She started this organization **12 years** ago and it has grown from 6 hospital-based violence intervention programs to now over 70. The organization was just awarded a **\$25 million grant** from **Kaiser Foundation** to establish a **Center for Violence Intervention in Research and Education**. **Dr. Dicker** also chairs a group at the **Committee on Trauma** that has developed and is implementing a pilot curriculum in **Trauma Informed Care at 16 trauma centers** across the country, including at our own **ZSFG**. This pilot program will inform the next edition of the **ATLS Manual**, for which **Dr. Dicker's** group is currently writing the Trauma Informed Care chapter.



Dr. Marissa Boeck is leading the **ZSFG** site for the curriculum development above. This program has already trained over 1000 trauma personnel (docs, nurses, techs...) across the country. **Dr. Boeck** also was selected as this year's recipient of the **Institute for Global Health Sciences (IGHS) Affiliate Program Early Career Global Health Scientist Award** for her outstanding contributions to the field of global health. **Dr. Boeck** was nominated by **Dr. Doruk Ozgediz** and selected from a field of highly qualified nominees. This award acknowledges **Dr. Boeck's** exceptional contributions in:

- Leadership through the Center for Health Equity in Surgery and Anesthesia (**CHESA**) and the WHO collaborating center.
- Addressing health disparities and building strong partnerships in Bolivia and East Africa.
- Local and international research on surgical interventions in resource-constrained settings.

- Integrating trauma and acute care surgery into global health agendas.
- Modeling health equity and serving as a surgeon-scientist, advocate, educator, and mentor to trainees at all levels.

Dr. Ian Soriano - **2023 ASMBS** representative, is to determine and publish the new national **multi-society GERD consensus guidelines**: <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36529851/> + served as Program Chair - SSAT/DDW Peritoneal Malignancies/Small Bowel/Abdominal wall Sub-Committee.



Dr. Kumar and **Dr. Lebares** were key speakers at the **American College of Surgeons Leadership and Advocacy Summit** in Washington DC, April 15-18th. They presented national data on increased presence and influence of private equity in national healthcare and UCSF data from the on-going periop wellbeing project (in collaboration with the **Dept of Anesthesia**).



Dr. Carter Lebares was accepted as a **Full Member of the American College of Surgeons Academy of Master Surgeon Educators** for her scholarship and dissemination of mindfulness-based mental skills training for surgeons. *There are fewer than 150 Full Members in the world.* Her tailored intervention **Enhanced Stress Resilience Training (ESRT)** is currently part of the medical school and/or residency curricula at University of Washington,

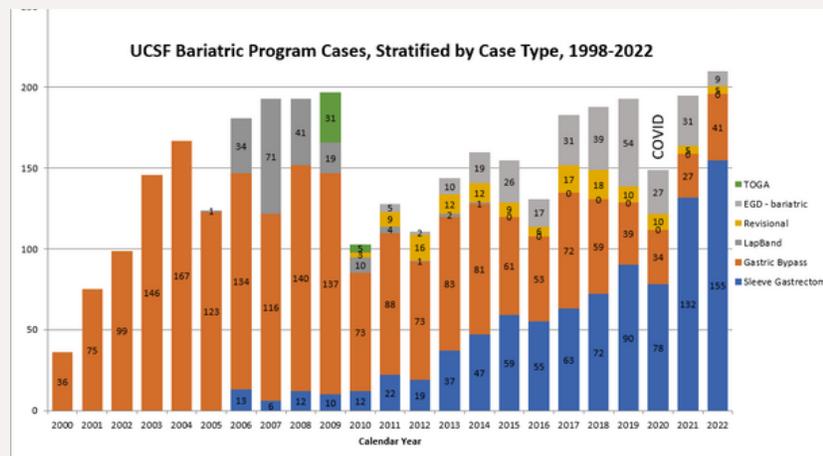
Emory University, University of Minnesota, UCLA, UCSF, and Swansea Bay University, Wales, UK. There are currently two on-going randomized trials of ESRT, one with UCSF critical care nurses (funded by the UCSF School of Nursing), and the other with medical students in the United Kingdom (funded by the British Medical Association Foundation.)

Dr. Sandhya Kumar presented in July a poster entitled '**Development of a Comprehensive Quality and Safety Program for Robotic Surgery**' at the **American College of Surgeons Quality and Safety Conference** in Minneapolis. This was a collaborative effort with **Dr. Ian Soriano** (general surgery) **Dr. Logan Pierce** (informatics), **Dr. Johannes Kratz** (thoracic), **Dr. Ankit Sarin** (now at UC Davis), and **Dr. Liza Wick** (colorectal).



Bariatric Surgery Program statistics:

The **UCSF Bariatric Surgery Program** was accredited through the **American College of Surgeons** for the **5th time** last year, and received a new additional designation by **MBSAQIP** as **Comprehensive Center with Obesity Medicine Qualifications**.



The program's results consistently surpass national averages, demonstrating superior performance in both sleeve gastrectomy % (**TBWL**) and complication rates. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, the program has experienced ongoing growth, reaching its highest number of bariatric cases performed in program history **CY2022**. Laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy and gastric bypass remain the predominant weight loss procedures conducted at UCSF.

Highlights



Dr. Ian Soriano

Dr. Ian Soriano, a distinguished Gastrointestinal Surgeon and Associate Professor of Surgery at UCSF, has been appointed as the new **Director of Robotic Surgery**.

Dr. Amy Fiedler

Dr. Amy Fiedler, Cardiac Surgeon, has been selected to serve as the **Co-Medical Director of the Adult Cardiothoracic Intensive Care Units (ICUs)** at UCSF Parnassus.

Her role began on August 1st, 2023, in collaboration with Dr. Kristine Breyer.

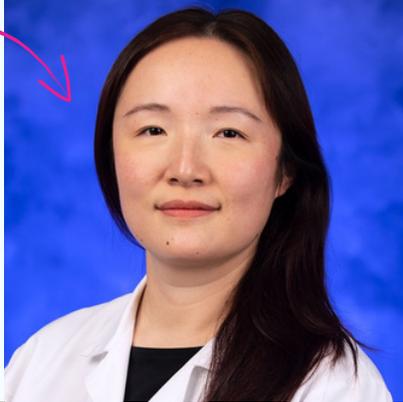


NEW HIRE

Dr. June Peng

Dr. June Peng will soon become a valuable addition to our department, taking on the role of **Assistant Professor of Clinical Surgery within the Division of Surgical Oncology**, specifically specializing in HPB-GISS surgery.

Her primary base of operations will be at **John Muir Health** in Walnut Creek.



Dr. Cheryl Ewing

Breast Surgeon Dr. Cheryl Ewing, who practices at UCSF Health in San Francisco and the UCSF Breast Cancer Center in Marin, has been selected as the recipient of **UCSF Medicine's Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators' annual Excellence in Teaching Award for 2023**.



Dr. Kenzo Hirose

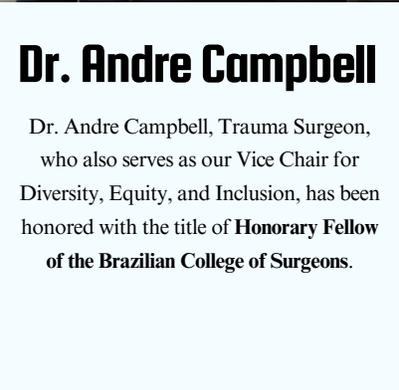
Dr. Kenzo Hirose, HPB Surgeon and the Director of the **UCSF General Surgery Program**, has received the honor of being admitted into **The Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators**.

On **September 13th**, he was inducted into the distinguished Medical Educator Academy as a new member.

Dr. Jason Smith

Dr. Jason Smith, Cardiac and Transplant Surgeon, has earned the **Cardiothoracic Surgery Faculty Teaching Award**.

This honor serves as a testament to Dr. Smith's exceptional skill as an educator and mentor.



Dr. Andre Campbell

Dr. Andre Campbell, Trauma Surgeon, who also serves as our Vice Chair for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, has been honored with the title of **Honorary Fellow of the Brazilian College of Surgeons**.



Dr. Lygia Stewart

Dr. Lygia Stewart, **Chief of General Surgery** at the **San Francisco VA Medical Center** has been honored with the **Dr. Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award**.

This prestigious accolade is presented by the Association of Women Surgeons to individuals who actively promote and support women surgeons in achieving their personal and professional aspirations through mentorship and guidance.

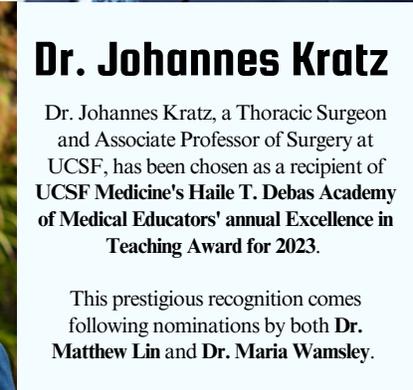


Dr. Laura Esserman

A paper addressing abortion ethics, co-authored by Dr. Laura Esserman and several other medical professionals, has been successfully published in the **Journal of Women's Health**.

The publication emphasizes the complexity of the abortion issue and highlights the importance of allowing patients to make informed decisions with their doctors.

Read more [here](#)



Dr. Johannes Kratz

Dr. Johannes Kratz, a Thoracic Surgeon and Associate Professor of Surgery at UCSF, has been chosen as a recipient of **UCSF Medicine's Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators' annual Excellence in Teaching Award for 2023**.

This prestigious recognition comes following nominations by both **Dr. Matthew Lin** and **Dr. Maria Wamsley**.



Highlights Cont'd

Dr. Clara Gomez-Sanchez

For her exceptional teaching at the University of California, San Francisco, Vascular Surgeon Dr. Clara Gomez-Sanchez, who practices at UCSF Health, has received the **2023 Excellence in Teaching Award from UCSF's Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators**



Dr. Andrea Long

Dr. Andrea Long, Trauma Surgeon & UCSF Fresno Director of Diversity and Outreach, has been admitted into **The Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators** as a new member.

She was inducted into the esteemed Medical Educator Academy on September 13th, 2023.

Dr. Nichole Starr

Dr. Nichole Starr, a recent graduate of the UCSF General Surgery Residency Program, has earned the **Dr. Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Resident Award**.

This accolade is designed to honor a surgical trainee during their primary residency training, recognizing their exceptional potential as a future leader in the field of surgery.

Dr. Hirra Ali

Dr. Hirra Ali, our **2022-23 UCSF Breast Surgery Fellow**, has been selected by medical students from the Classes of 2025 & 2026 for her outstanding contributions as an educator.

She is now a recipient of the **2022-2023 Bridges Curriculum – Foundations 1 & 2 Teaching Awards for Inspirational Teaching**.



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In our commitment to the well-being of our community, we want to remind you of the wealth of support services available at UCSF for our faculty, staff, and learners. This website serves as a comprehensive repository of information regarding resources that many of us may find beneficial. Whether you are seeking information on childcare, eldercare, health services, mental health support, sitter services, and more, you'll discover valuable resources here.

This platform serves as a centralized hub where parents and others can access information related to child, youth, and older adult services. It represents a collaborative effort between UCSF Family Services, the UCSF Committee on Family Services, and the UCSF Committee on The Status of Women.

Please note that the resources provided here encompass services both within UCSF and external to the University. While we do not specifically endorse any particular resource on this portal, we strongly encourage careful review and evaluation to determine which services best meet the unique needs of your family.

DEI-Joint Grand Rounds

On **August 30th, 2023**, at 7:00am, we held our first **HYBRID** DEI-Joint Grand Rounds featuring guest speaker **Dr. Alike Lafontaine**, Indigenous Anesthesiologist and President of the Canadian Medical Association.

This unique grand rounds was co-moderated by **Dr. Odi Ehie** and **Dr. Tascie Bongiovanni** and sponsored by the Departments of Anesthesia and Perioperative Care, Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery, Ophthalmology, and Otolaryngology.



Dr. Alike Lafontaine

Skills Lab



The UCSF Surgical Skills Lab has 5 fellows working in the lab this year! The five fellows are **Riley Brian, Alyssa Murillo, Camilla Gomes, Alex Knox, and Brandon Cowan**. Riley, Alyssa, and Camilla are UCSF General Surgery residents. Alex is a UCSF Plastic surgery resident, and Brandon is a General Surgery resident with the UCSF East Bay Surgery program. Throughout this academic year, the fellows will assist with teaching the weekly surgical skills sessions, evaluating resident performances, and helping to recruit faculty for the skills sessions. Additionally, they will organize the weekly Wednesday skills meetings (curricular review,



journal club, works in progress, and educational research didactics), maintain and update the list on active research projects, and review research ideas to identify potential funding sources. The Surgical Skills Center is excited to have these fellows and look forward to working together this year!

On **July 10th, 2023**, the Surgical Skills Center faculty, fellows, and surgical skills staff participated in an all-day retreat. In this retreat, each of us explained our roles within the Surgical Skills Center, responded to our Skills Center Accreditation visit as an **ACS -Accredited Education Institute**, thought about a system to help residents monitor their progress, and made plans to reach out to all programs in the Department to identify how we can assist. We left with a full to-do list!

On **July 31st, 2023**, the Surgical Skills Center hosted the new Department of Surgery fellows. During this time, the *skills lab staff* introduced the fellows to the services that the lab offers, such as **FLS and FES training and practice**, and had several models for the fellows to practice on. The fellows worked on **Advanced Open surgical skills, kidney transplant in iliac model and saphenous vein harvest** working on spleens. They were thinking about how to deploy some of the models in their work areas.



Additionally, **Dr. Riley Brian** exposed the da Vinci Xi robot to 8 San Francisco State University pre-med students who are a part of the UCSF Latinx Center of Excellence Aspiring Physicians Program (APP).



DoS Website Launch Update...

Website Redesign Launch Update

We've launched Transplant,
Endocrine and Colorectal Surgery

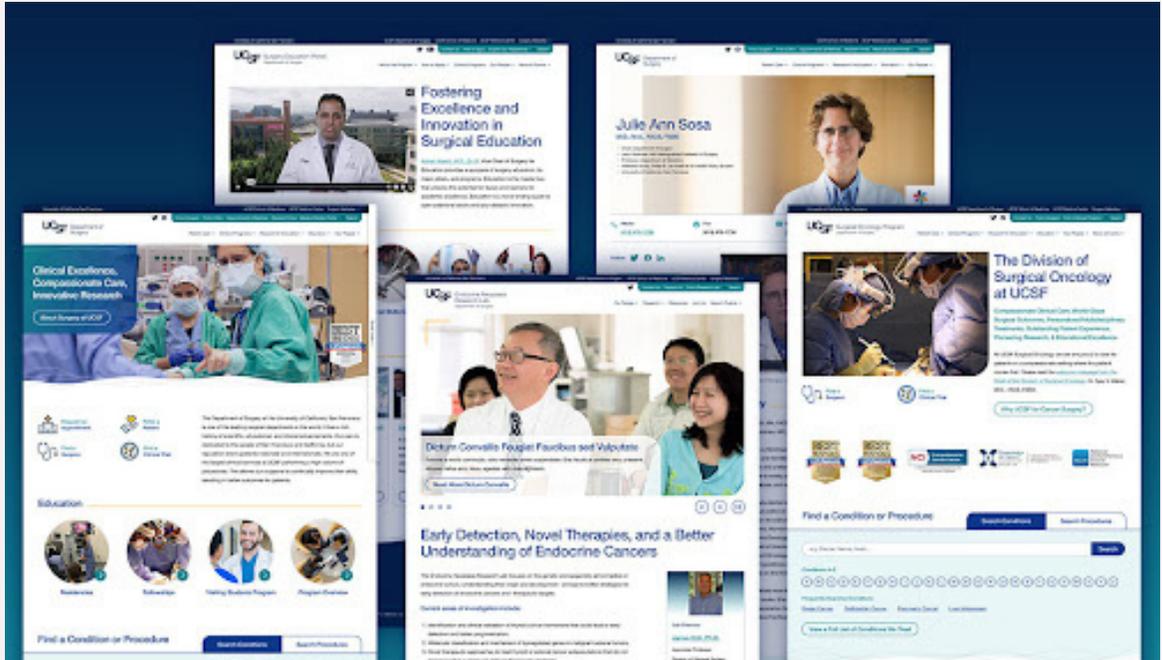


<https://t32transplantsurgery.ucsf.edu/>
<https://endocrinesurgery.ucsf.edu/>
<https://colorectalsurgery.ucsf.edu/>

This features our new Drupal content management system with the new design!

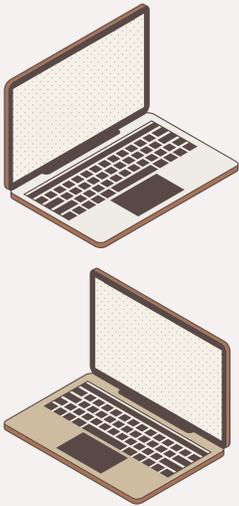
Roll-out plan:

All **80+** Department of Surgery websites will be migrated to the new design and CMS in a consecutive order.



We do not have time-frames available for any specific site to be launched.

Here's the list of the first 20 sites that will be deployed (not necessarily in order)



NIH T32 Research Training in Transplant Surgery	Muriel Steele Society
Endocrine Surgery	Endocrine Neoplasia Research Lab
Kornblith Lab	NIH T32 Surgical Oncology
Kratz Lab	Department of Surgery at Zuckerberg San Francisco
Melanoma Surgery	General Hepatobiliary & Pancreatic Surgery
Robotic Surgery	Pomerantz Lab
Thoracic Surgery Residency	Plastic Surgery Residency
MacKenzie Lab	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
Colorectal Surgery	Department of Surgery

How to prepare your site for the redesign:

New imagery!

The redesign looks best with new photos. All the new design components require images, so it's recommended to start the process of gathering imagery/photos as soon as possible. You can do an internal call-out to get photos of your clinic, lab, etc. (Note: we cannot use any photos with patients on the website). iPhone photos are high-quality and could be a great source for images.

You can also request the photography services of Documents and Media (there is a cost involved).

More info here: <https://campuslifeserviceshome.ucsf.edu/documentsmedia/photography>

Contact info: DMPPhotography@ucsf.edu | Andre.Thelemaque@ucsf.edu

Review content.

It's imperative that the content on the DoS websites are accurate and up-to-date. Updating website content is a continuous year-around process which requires your participation.

The redesign is the perfect opportunity to review and make sure the content on your website(s) is correct and up-to-date! Please review the content on the website(s) and write detailed notes/revisions on a Word doc and send to Jason Powers, jason.powers2@ucsf.edu.

If you have any questions, please contact our DoS Web Manager, Jason Powers, at Jason.powers2@ucsf.edu

Naffziger Surgical Society Day & 20th Annual Loupes Ceremony



7:00am 20th Annual Loupes
Ceremony

Presented by DOS faculty

8:30am Break

Photoshoot for loupes recipients and honorees

9:00am Honoree Presentations

Moderated by Virginia Litle, MD,
Naffziger Society President

12:00pm Lunch

Grab-and-go gourmet boxed lunches
provided for in-person attendees

September 20th, 2023

7:00 AM to 1:00 PM
UCSF Parnassus Heights
Room HSW-300

Scan QR code below to join
webinar or visit:

<http://tiny.ucsf.edu/NaffzigerDay>

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