In this issue of the Surgery Department ENews I would like to highlight the long tradition of International Surgical Volunteerism in the UND Department of Surgery. Our faculty and residents have participated in international missions for many years, dating back to the 1980's and 1990's. These mission activities have provided much needed surgical care to less fortunate patients in several countries including Haiti, Ecuador, Guatemala and several African nations. Surgical volunteerism in countries where the modern diagnostic and technological advances are often lacking has helped our residents to improve their ability to diagnose and treat many surgical diseases, which was the case before we had CT scans, MRIs and many other modern technological advances. Often enduring personal and physical hardship to provide these services, the faculty and residents relish these opportunities to help and assist the patients and physicians in the many areas of the world that are lacking in surgical care. Many faculty members have participated in mission activities sometimes accompanied by our residents, other times not. The faculty participate at their own expense and give their time and expertise willingly and benevolently to the underprivileged people in the communities that these missions serve. The residents participate on a voluntary basis, as in addition to the valuable learning experiences, they also enjoy and look forward to working with patients and families who live in under privileged areas. I, personally have participated in charitable mission activity for the past four years and have found this to be a rewarding and stimulating experience. The personal gratification that one gets from seeing the relief and joy on the face of the patients who would not otherwise be able to obtain this care, is very fulfilling and causes one to appreciate the many benefits that we have in our society. I commend all our department members who have participated in these mission activities, as in our own small way we try to contribute to make the world a better place and help people in faraway places who are less fortunate than us.

The first half of 2018 was busy as usual in our department with the regular activities of the residency program match as well as the year end activities (covered further in this issue). In addition to the regular activities of the department, we were happy to welcome the new orthopedic residency program to our department. The orthopedic program admitted its first residents on July 1 this year and will be based at Sanford Health in Fargo, with the orthopedic residents also spending one year at Sanford Medical Center in Sioux Falls. On a sadder note, we were all sorry to loose one of our key administrative staff, Geralyn Lunski, our conference and faculty coordinator. Geralyn passed away in April after a long battle with breast cancer. She will be dearly missed. Our department continues to grow in many areas, and as always we are thankful for the support of the North Dakota University System, our participating teaching institutions and most importantly our volunteer teaching faculty.

Robert P. Sticca, M.D., FACS
Professor and Chairman
**FACULTY NEWS**

Dr. Mary Aaland is serving a three-year term as the Chair of the Southeastern Surgical Congress Rural Surgery Committee.

Dr. Mary Aaland is serving on the ACS Advisory Council for Rural Surgery which is charged with identifying and addressing healthcare issues in rural communities.

Dr. Mary Aaland has been elected to a second three-year term as Governor of ND/SD Chapter of ACS.

Dr. Luis Garcia has been named President of Sanford Clinics. As president of Sanford Clinic, Luis will oversee clinic governance, mergers and acquisitions, and overall clinic integration. He’s been with Sanford Health in Fargo since 2002 (when it was MeritCare) and is a board-certified surgeon who specializes in advanced laparoscopic and bariatric surgeries. Luis was born and raised in Mexico City, where he also attended medical school at LaSalle University. He completed his general surgery residency at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences and did a mini-fellowship in bariatric surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; he also holds a health care MBA from the University of St. Thomas (Minnesota).

Two of our faculty received the Outstanding Teacher Award:

Aaron J. Chalmers, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery and Alumnus (MD Class of 2007), Bismarck

Daniel M. Tuvin, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Fargo

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**MEDICAL STUDENT NEWS**

The University of North Dakota School of Medicine & Health Sciences (SMHS) conferred the Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) degree upon 67 graduating medical students at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 13, at the Chester Fritz Auditorium in Grand Forks. UND students continue to do well in matching with their desired specialties with 14 (21%) graduates entering General Surgery or surgical subspecialties. The faculty of the Department of Surgery is to be commended for their continued support and inspiration to the UND medical students.

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**Past Graduates**

Andrew Dockter (2017) Surgery – PGY2

Tyler Looyesen (2016) Transitional Year

Jocelyn Seiler (2017) General Surgery

Courtney Steichen (2017) Anesthesiology

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Awards
Wayne M. Swenson, M.D. Award – North Dakota Chapter of American College of Surgeons

This year the Department of Surgery invited all current UND medical students (1st – 4th year) to submit a surgically related clinical or research paper for the Wayne M. Swenson, M.D. award, which is awarded each year by the North Dakota Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. This year, there were four students who submitted papers. The papers were reviewed by a committee made up of department faculty and ranked for Scientific Merit, Clarity, Originality, and Appropriate Statistical Analysis. The author of the winning paper received the Wayne M. Swenson, M.D. Award plaque, a check for $300, and was invited to present their paper at the ND/SD Chapter meeting in April 2018 in Deadwood, SD. The winning paper entitled “Multiple squamous neoplasms arising in a red tattoo status post-laser tattoo” was submitted by Adam Swigost, MSIV.

Department of Surgery Senior Award
2018 Student Award Recipient (receives a plaque and a monetary award of $500): Department of Surgery Senior Award – Outstanding Student: Anthony Arveschoug, Orthopedic Surgery, Beaumont Health System-OUWB – Royal Oak, MI

Criteria for the Graduating Medical Student “Outstanding Student Award in Surgery”:
The outstanding student award in surgery is based on a recommendation of a selection board to the department Chair, who will make the final selection. The selection board will be composed of the Director of Surgical Education, surgical clerkship directors for each campus and a surgical chief resident chosen by the Director of Surgical Education. Only students who qualify for an Honors grade in their third year are considered for the outstanding student award.

Each student is ranked according to their evaluations in 3rd year: the clinical evaluations by faculty, their NBME percentile ranking (must be at or above the 90th percentile) and their oral exam score. The 4th year evaluations in the acting internship (AI) and any evaluations taken in other surgical electives are ranked. All clinical evaluations are ranked in each of the areas evaluated on the clerkship form and on the 4th year form.

On May 13, 2018 the UND School of Medicine & Health Sciences celebrated the commencement of the Doctor of Medicine Class of 2018. From a class of 67 students, fourteen (21%) had matched into General Surgery or a surgical sub-specialty residency. Several of these students received special awards or recognition at the Awards ceremony:

Gold Humanism Honor Society Inductees:
Adria Johnson

North Dakota District Medical Society Awards:
First District (Fargo) – Whitney Bettenhausen / Brandon Fisher
Fourth District (Minot) – Thomas Seaver
Sixth District (Bismarck) – Jennifer Glatt

Altru Clinic Senior Medical Student Fund Award:
Katherine Benedict

Alpha omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Recognition:
Anthony Arveschoug
Katherine Benedict
Whitney Bettenhausen
Brock Davidson
Brandon Fisher
34th Surgical Chief Resident Graduation Banquet was held on June 22, 2018 at the Delta Hotel in Fargo. The graduating residents were: JJ Germscheid, M.D., Patrick Kane, M.D., and Trent Waage, M.D.

2018 Resident Research Colloquium Winners

Surgery Resident Research Colloquium Winners: presented by Dr. Mary Aaland

Colloquium Winners:

1st Place: Patrick Kane, M.D. PGY-V “Identifying A Novel Immunomodulation Pathway in Sepsis”

Honorable Mention: Ellison Schurtz, M.D. PGY-IV “Crisis in Open Operative Instruction: One Solution”

ND/SD American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer: Presented by Dr. Robert Sticca

1st Place: Mallory Yelenich-Huss, PGY-III “Re-Excision Rates After SSO-ASTRO Guideline Changes – A Single Surgeon’s Practice”

2nd Place: Trent Waage, PGY-V “Comparison of Pelvic MRI Versus Endorectal Ultrasound in the Locoregional Staging of Rectal Cancer”

ND/SD American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma: Presented by Dr. Randolph Szlabick

1st Place Basic Science: Patrick Kane, M.D. PGY-V “Identifying A Novel Immunomodulation Pathway in Sepsis”

1st Place Clinical Science: Angela Kaza, M.D. PGY-IV “A Prospective Study of Emergency Department/Urgent Care Revisited: Rates Among Discharged Rib Fracture Patients with Involvement of Community Paramedicine”

Best Poster: Chani Taggart, M.D. “Case Report: Small Bowel Obstruction and Mesenteric Abscess Secondary to Peritoneal Tuberculosis in an Immunocompetent Patient”

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Awards

David R. Antonenko Award is in recognition of and appreciation for the many years of excellence in teaching and dedication to the Surgical Residency Program. Given to the resident who has excelled in clinical performance, knowledge, education, research and scholarly activity in general surgery.

Ellison Schurtz, M.D. presented by Residency Program Director, Robert Sticca, M.D.

Resident Achievement Award is given to the resident who has accomplished above average milestones in their clinical performance, knowledge, education, research and scholarly activity in general surgery.

Patrick Kane, MD presented by Residency Program Director, Robert Sticca, M.D.

Outstanding Resident of the Year Southeast Campus: Patrick Lamb, M.D. presented by Residency Program Director, Robert Sticca, M.D.

15th Annual Edwin C. James Lecture

15th Annual Edwin C. James Lecture occurred on Friday June 22. The Lectureship was established in honor of Edwin C. James, MD who was Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery from 1980-1989 and the founder of the Surgical Residency Program. Each year we invite a nationally recognized speaker to honor this lectureship. This year’s lecture was “Are You Ready?” by David A. Rothenberger, MD, Professor of Surgery, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, University of Minnesota, Senior Advisor to the Medical School Dean for Physical Wellbeing, and Past Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Minnesota School of Medicine.

David A. Rothenberger, M.D. Edwin C. James Lecturer

The 17th Annual Surgical Residency Research Colloquium was held June 22 and attended by over 60 physicians, students and friends. Fourteen presentations by senior residents were judged by David A. Rothenberger, MD, Professor of Surgery, Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery, University of Minnesota; Mentor Ahmeti, MD General Surgeon, Sanford Health Fargo; Douglas Berglund, MD Colorectal Surgeon, Sanford Health Bismarck, Jay MacGregor, MD Associate Chief of Staff, VA Medical Center Fargo.

Junior Residents presented posters on preliminary findings of their research projects. This afforded each resident the opportunity to discuss their projects with fellow surgeons and researchers to further improve their research.

The top two presenters were honored at the Chief Resident Graduation Banquet. Additionally, representatives from the North Dakota Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer and the North Dakota Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma judged the presentations. The trauma awards were presented at the banquet. The cancer awards will be presented at a later date.

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Chani Taggart, DO presenting her winning poster titled “Case Report: Small Bowel Obstruction and Mesenteric Abscess Secondary to Peritoneal Tuberculosis in an Immunocompetent Patient”

Matthew Heberer, MD presenting his research “Thyroid Ultrasound Elastography”

Adeseye Adekeye, M.D., Ph.D. presenting her research “Vaccine Based Immunotherapy for Pancreatic Cancer”

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Residents

Publications


Presentations

Cecilia Benz, M.D. “The effect of Warfarin on prosthetic valve function after transcatheter aortic valve replacement” - American College of Cardiology and American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting

Cecilia Benz, M.D. and Chani Taggart, D.O. “Diastolic blood pressure variability is an independent risk factor for adverse outcomes after CABG” - AVAS Meeting

Matthew Heberer, M.D. “Fire risk in the operating room…really?” - Northern Plains Rural Surgery Society

Elleson Schurtz, M.D. “Crisis in open operative instruction: one solution” - AACA and American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting

Brian Johnson, M.D. “Serious complication rates after EGD with biopsy in a community setting” - AVAS Meeting

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Patrick Kane, M.D. “Identifying a novel immunomodulation pathway in sepsis” - American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting

Tyler Van De Voort, M.D. “A positive outcome in a patient with bilateral leg calciphylaxis” - American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting

Dustin Nowotny, D.O. “Cecal necrosis after suicide attempt with polypharmacy including amlodipine and metoprolol” - UND SMHS Frank Low Research Day

Cecilia Benz, M.D. “Diastolic blood pressure variability is an independent risk factor for adverse outcomes after CABG” - UND SMHS Frank Low Research Day

Angela Kaza, M.D. “Retrospective review of the rate of ED revisits and hospital readmissions in patients with rib fractures” - UND SMHS Frank Low Research Day

Karen Luk, M.D. “Opioid prescribing habits: how do Fargo general surgeons compare?” - UND SMHS Frank Low Research Day

Robert Steininger, M.D. “The survivability and surgical complications associated with locally advanced distal esophageal adenocarcinoma following neoadjuvant chemoradiation and surgical resection: is surgical resection necessary?” - UND SMHS Frank Low Research Day

Patrick Lamb, M.D. “Breast reconstruction options following mastectomy for breast cancer and symmetry” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Karen Luk, M.D. “Every general surgeon’s smallest employer: the appendix” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Patrick Kane, M.D. “Acute postoperative pain management: can we do a better job?” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Angela Kaza, M.D. “Surgical ergonomics” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Mallory Yelenich-Huss, M.D. “Oncoplastics for the general surgeon” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Cody Pratt, M.D. “What to do with a difficult gallbladder” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Jonathan Germscheid, M.D. “About rural surgery” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Trent Waage, M.D. “Overview of the evaluation and management of thyroid nodules and thyroid cancer” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Dustin Evans, M.D. “Adrenal gland: pathology and treatment options” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Adeseye Adekeye, M.D., Ph.D. “A review of tumor markers in clinical practice” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Elleson Schurtz, M.D. “Coagulopathy of trauma” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Cecilia Benz, M.D. “Evaluation and management of rib fractures” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Matthew Heberer, M.D. “Colorectal cancer screening & colorectal polyp management” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Brian Johnson, M.D. “Benign liver lesions - current diagnosis treatment” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Max Hansen, D.O. “An introduction to ATLS” - UND SMHS

Matthew Cziep, M.D. “Gastric volvulus: are we missing something” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Michael Dixon, M.D. “Pediatric trauma system evaluation before and after level 2 verification at Sanford Medical Center Fargo” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Erin Follman, M.D. “Case report: pheochromocytoma in the setting of coronary artery disease” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Lucas Holkup, M.D. “Characteristics of a rural level II trauma center” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Dwayne Hansen, D.O. “A zebra in our own backyard: hereditary pancreatitis” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Lukas Mueller, M.D. “Parathyroid adenoma detection: an analysis of sestamibiscan and ultrasonography” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Dustin Nowotny, D.O. “Cecal necrosis after suicide attempt with polypharmacy including amlodipine and metoprolol” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Joclyn Seiler, M.D. “Grey platelet syndrome its not all black and white” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

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Jonathan Germscheid, M.D. “Perianal Paget's Disease: a three-case series” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Matthew Heberer, M.D. “Thyroid ultrasound elastography” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Patrick Lamb, M.D. “Using frozen section analysis for the excision of non-melanoma skin cancers: a retrospective review” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Trent Waage, M.D. “Comparison of pelvic MRI versus endorectal ultrasound in the locoregional staging of rectal cancer” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Mallory Yelenich-Huss, M.D. “Re-excision rates after SSO-ASTRO guideline changes - a single surgeon's practice” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

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Angela Kaza, M.D. “A prospective study of emergency department/urgent care revisit rates among discharged rib fracture patients with involvement of community paramedicine” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Cody Pratt, M.D. “Acute care surgery model improves timeliness of care and reduces hospital stay for patients with acute cholecystitis in a community hospital” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Raeleen Zospah, M.D. “Trauma among American Indians/Alaska Natives (locally and nationally)” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Cecilia Benz, M.D. “Pre-operative chronic diastolic blood pressure variability is an independent risk factor for adverse outcomes after CABG” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Brian Johnson, M.D. “Opioid prescription habits for common general surgery procedures in North Dakota” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Karen Luk, M.D. “Opioid prescription habits: how do Fargo general surgeons compare?” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Ellesen Schurtz, M.D. “Crisis in open operative instruction: one solution” - Surgical Resident Research Colloquium

Faculty

Publications


Presentations
Daniel Margo, M.D. “Rural surgery - what is that?” - Northern Plains Rural Surgery Society

Luis Garcia, M.D. “Long term medical outcomes of weight loss surgery” - Northern Plains Rural Surgery Society

Jay MacGregor, M.D. “High-stakes exams: the greatest story never told” - American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting & UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Michael Bouton, M.D. “Breast cancer part 1: management of the breast” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Michael Bouton, M.D. “Breast cancer part 2: management of the axilla” - UND Surgery Grand Rounds

Randolph Szlabick, M.D. “Trauma oddities” - American College of Surgeons ND/SD Chapter Meeting & ND Society of Anesthesiologists Educational Conference

Mary Aaland, MD “Thinking” - 29th Annual Trauma Symposium

Vijay Gaba, M.D. “ASA update” - ND Society of Anesthesiologists Educational Conference

Vijay Gaba, M.D. “Pediatric airways” - ND Society of Anesthesiologists Educational Conference

Kevin Mork, M.D. “Workshop-SIMS lab” - ND Society of Anesthesiologists Educational Conference
MEDICAL MISSION
ECUADOR

A team from UND Department of Surgery participated in the Medical Mission Ecuador trip from February 17 – 24, 2018. This annual mission which is sponsored by the International Rotary Club travels to Ambato, Ecuador each year in February providing much needed surgical care to the children and people of Ecuador. This year UND surgery department faculty, Dr. Robert Sticca and resident, Dr. Ellison Schurtz attended the mission, performing over 20 surgeries. A contingent of health care providers from North Dakota attends this mission each year including physicians, nurses, physical therapists, surgical technologists and other volunteers.

Drs. Schurtz and Sticca perform a procedure in Ambato, Ecuador.

AMERICAN BOARD OF SURGERY
BOARD CERTIFICATION RESULTS

Recent graduates of the UND Surgical Residency Program continue to do well on the American Board of Surgery (ABS) Examination. Recently published data from the ABS shows the UND General Surgery Residency Program first attempt pass rate on the Qualifying Exam (written exam) is 95% and the first attempt pass rate on the Certifying Exam (oral exam) is 79%.
RESIDENCY PROGRAM

ACTIVITIES

Frank Low Research Day

Frank Low Research Day provides a forum where faculty and students can be exposed to the latest research interests and activities of their colleagues. Held for the first time in the spring of 1981, Research Day was dedicated in the name of Frank N. Low, Ph.D. upon his retirement as a gesture of recognition for his contributions to research at the School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Cecelia Benz, M.D.; Karen Luk, M.D.; Robert Steininger, M.D.; Angela Kaza, M.D.; and Dustin Nowotny, DO at the 2018 Frank Low Research Day

Dustin Nowotny, DO presents his research at the Frank Low Research Day

Graduating residents with Chair and Program Director Dr. Robert Sticca and Associate Program Directors Drs. Enej Gasevic and Stefan Johnson. (L to R) Drs. Stefan Johnson, Enej Gasevic, Jonathan Germscheid, Patrick Kane, Trent Waage, Robert Sticca

Drs. Ellison Schurtz PGY-IV and Cecelia Benz PGY-III won the Surgical Jeopardy competition at the ACS ND/SD Chapter meeting in April.

Dr. Aaland was featured on the cover of North Dakota Physician
NEW INCOMING RESIDENTS

2018-2019 New Incoming UND Surgery Residents

Reid Bartholomew, MSIV – University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, General Surgery Categorical Track.

Eric Curto, MSIV – University of Minnesota Medical School, General Surgery Rural Track.

Brendan Hodis, M.D. – University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine, General Surgery Preliminary Track.

Benjamin Keith, MSIV – University of North Dakota SMHS, General Surgery Preliminary Track.

Carter Rohling, MSIV – University of Minnesota Medical School, General Surgery Preliminary Track.

Joclyn Seiler, M.D. – University of North Dakota SMHS, General Surgery Rural Track.

David Velez, MSIV – University of Nevada SOM, General Surgery Categorical Track.

Matthew Zweerink, MSIV – University of Missouri-Kansas City, General Surgery Categorical Track.

The annual resident orientation was held on June 28, 2018

Dr. Robert Sticca with the general surgery residents in the general surgical residency as of June 28, 2018
Geralyn Lunski (1962-2018), Administrative Assistant for the Department of Surgery, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family on Thursday, April 26, after a long battle with breast cancer.

In November Geralyn celebrated 25 years of service to the students and residents of the School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Geralyn had a love for her job which made it a calling instead of work. She considered her co-workers and those she served as an extension of her family. Donations in memory of Geralyn can be made to the “Lunski Educational Fund” (account listed under Mark Lunski) at any Bremer Bank.

To see full obituary: http://www.dandahlfuneralhome.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=2098837