CURRENT PROJECTS

Understanding Thoracic Outlet Syndrome
Research Classification: Retrospective  Principal Investigator: Misty Humphries, MD
Research Assistants: Matthew Kim (Lead)
The aim of this study is to identify factors associated with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome and develop treatment algorithms for patients with Thoracic Outlet Syndrome.

Magnesium Infusion for Pain Management in Critically Ill Trauma Patients
Research Classification: Prospective, Clinical Trial  Principal Investigator: Christine Cocanour, MD
Research Assistants: Gabrielle Echt (Lead)
The study aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of continuous intravenous administration of magnesium sulfate as compared to placebo in decreasing pain in critically injured patients.

Database of Surgical and Oncologic Outcomes for Liver and Pancreas Surgical Oncology Patients
Research Classification: Retrospective  Principal Investigator: Sepideh Gholami, MD
Research Assistants: Alexis Chirco (Lead)
The study aims to track surgical and oncologic outcomes for liver and pancreas cases for the UC Davis surgical oncology department.

Investigating the Role of Timing in Post-Operative Ankle/Toe Brachial Index
Research Classification: Retrospective  Principal Investigator: Mimmie Kwong, MD
Research Assistants: Christina Brown (Lead), Andrea Sommer
The aim of this study is to determine if there is an ample appropriate time to conduct an Ankle Brachial Index study after a patient has experienced an endovascular or lower extremity intervention for infrainguinal arterial occlusive disease.

Outcomes of Surgery in COVID-19 Infection: An international Cohort Study
Research Classification: Prospective  Principal Investigator: Rachael Callcut, MD
Research Assistants: Avni Suri (Lead)
The study aims to analyze the surgical outcomes for patients who are diagnosed with COVID-19 perioperatively, with a primary predictor being 30-day mortality.

Characterization of the Melanoma-Specific Immune Response
Research Classification: Prospective, Clinical Trial  Principal Investigator: Amanda Kirane, MD
Research Assistants: Kevin Ly (Lead), Matthew Kim
The studies aim is to test the effects of a melanoma treatment, neoadjuvant Talimogene laherparepvec (or T-VEC) on high risk melanoma patients who obtained poor outcomes with standard-of-care treatments.
LEO ANDRADA

Leo will be attending Liberty University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Lynchburg, Virginia. He chose this school because it will provide him with the opportunity to learn and grow in a Christ-centered academic environment and because of the school’s commitment to service and community.

Leo has also commissioned into the Air Force:

“I chose the Air Force on the HPSP seeking an adventure, world-class, unique training and leadership experience, and a chance to serve my country.”

KEVIN DINH

Kevin will be attending University of California, San Diego. He chose UC San Diego because of the opportunities to explore both my research and career interests. “International medicine at the US-Mexico border and research involving people living with HIV were two things that got me really excited when I interviewed! And I can’t complain about the weather either.”

“I want to thank Laura Beth for all the time and effort she’s put into teaching. I first starting working with Laura my first year of college, and she supplemented my academics in a way I couldn’t place a value on. There’s no question of Laura’s commitment to mentorship.”

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Dr. Misty Humphries

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