

Spotlight: Paul Perry, MD



Please welcome our newest faculty member Paul Perry, MD. Dr. Perry will serve as an Assistant Professor in Surgery in the Section of Adult Cardiac Surgery and as an associate program director for adult cardiac surgery. He recently completed a fellowship in transplantation and mechanical circulatory assist at Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles and returns to UC Davis, where he completed his cardiothoracic surgery residency. Dr. Perry specializes in adult cardiac surgery including valvular heart disease, coronary revascularization, aortic disease, pulmonary thromboembolism, and minimally invasive surgery for atrial fibrillation. Additionally, he is an expert in the surgical management of heart failure including heart transplantation, ventricular assist devices, total artificial heart, and extracorporeal life support.

What will be your major role here at UC Davis, and what are you looking forward to the most?

My major role will be to contribute to the array of typical adult cardiac surgical services offered at UCDMC. Additionally, I will have a focus on developing our existing advanced heart failure services such as durable Ventricular Assist Devices and temporary Mechanical Circulatory Support. Moving forward, my ultimate goal is to establish UCDMC as a regional leader in comprehensive advanced heart failure therapies with the addition of a Heart Transplantation program. I look forward to being part of an outstanding team that provides high-level interventions to an exceedingly complex patient population.

What attracted you to Cardiac Surgery?

For most patients who require Cardiac Surgery, the underlying pathology presents a significant threat to quantity and/or quality of life. I find it very gratifying to provide interventions that can impact these processes in such a direct and profound manner. Additionally, I have always enjoyed managing the complex medical and technical challenges inherent in Cardiac Surgery.

You were a CT Surgery resident yourself here at UC Davis. How did your training prepare you for life as a faculty member?

I am very grateful for the outstanding training I received at UCD. Returning here as a faculty member has been advantageous in terms of professional relationships and navigating the systems components of the medical center.

What excites you about medical education?

Cardiac surgery is a dynamic and exciting field that is constantly evolving. This provides excellent opportunity for innovation and improvement, which aligns well with the ethos and culture of UCDMC. I am excited to share my enthusiasm for Cardiac Surgery and to inspire others to contribute to the future of the field.