

Message from Dr. Galante Program Director

This is the sweet part of the year. ABSITE is over, Match Day is 4 weeks away and graduation is just over the horizon. The most pressing issues right now are:

- Being sure that case logs are up to date
- All graduating chiefs must meet the ABS minimums in all categories, including TA & critical care cases
- All PGY-2s must have 250 cases

The ACGME annual survey will be coming out this month. Please talk with your class representatives about the details of this. The ACGME uses this survey as a “yes/no” review of the residency. There are no longer mandatory site visits so the survey is one of the only methods that ACGME has to monitor programs. If anyone has an issue with the residency, please bring it to the attention of your class rep, Drs. Salcedo or Humphries, or me directly so we can begin to address it.

-Dr. Galante



DIVISION OF TRAUMA, ACUTE CARE SURGERY AND SURGICAL CRITICAL CARE

The Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care continues to grow. **Dr. Jonathan Pierce** has transferred into the division from SGI. Dr. Pierce brings his MIS skills and passion for education. We also welcome **Dr. Jerry Jurkovich**. He is a nationally renowned ACS surgeon who has held and holds many leadership positions in surgery. Dr. Jurkovich will split his time between our division and his role of Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Quality. I'd also like to welcome three new NPs:

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Spotlight: Jerry Jurkovich, MD

Dr. Jerry Jurkovich joins the Department of Surgery as a full time faculty. He will act as the Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Quality and also as attending faculty in the Division of Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Clinical Care. He received an undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University and his MD degree from the University of Minnesota. His surgery residency was at the University of Colorado, with a trauma research fellowship at Duke University.



Dr. Jurkovich has looked extensively at some of the major problems in trauma, including new methods of measuring outcome in trauma patients, the role of hypothermia in trauma, alcohol and injury, the immune-inflammatory response to injury, and nutritional support in the critically injured. He has held leadership positions in the Association of Academic Surgeons and the Society of University Surgeons, and has served as President of the Western Trauma Association and the Washington State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. *(continued on next page)*

(Jurkovich continued) He has served as Vice Chairman and Chief of Regions of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS/COT). He has chaired the AAST Committee on the Acute Care Surgeon, working to define the future training paradigm for trauma surgeons, and he is a recent Past President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Dr. Jurkovich currently serves as the President of the National Trauma Institute and a Director of the ABS.

Welcome Dr. Jurkovich!

New Additions to the Department of Surgery!

Dr. Ian Brown, Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care

UCSF

Dr. Lisa Brown, Lung Cancer and Thoracic Surgery

UCSF, Washington University and Swedish Hospital in Seattle.

Dr. Linda Farkas, Colorectal Surgery

Duke University and Cook County Hospital

Dr. Salvador Guevera, Colorectal Surgery

University of Minnesota and UCSF.

Dr. Jerry Jurkovich, Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs and Quality. Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care

Denver Health Medical Center

Dr. Candice Sauder, Breast Surgery

MD Anderson Cancer Center in Texas and the University of Indiana.

Dr. Rebecca Stark, Pediatric Surgery

University of Washington

Dr. Jacob Stephenson, Pediatric Surgery

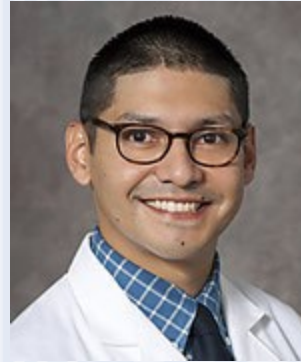
University of Washington and Naval Medical Center, Portsmouth

Division of Colorectal Surgery

2016 marks the new year of a new Division of Colorectal Surgery. This Division comprises of Chief Linda Farkas, who completed her fellowship at Cook County Hospital and Salvador Guevara, MD who completed his fellowship at University of Minnesota. Currently, the service resides with surgical oncology as the resident schedule was formalized in July. Both attendings are working to formalize multidisciplinary approaches to benign and malignant disorders with other UC Davis physicians for clinical care and research. This July, Colorectal Surgery will have its own service. Therefore anyone who is exploring colorectal surgery as a future career and/or want to discuss research project ideas, feel free to come by 3rd Floor Cypress.



Dr. Farkas



Dr. Guevara

Russo paper selected for presentation at ACS COT

Research resident Rachel Russo's paper "Partial Resuscitative Endovascular Balloon Occlusion of the Aorta (P-REBOA) in a Shocked Swine Model" has been chosen for an oral presentation representing Region 13 to the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma on March 10-12, 2016 in San Diego, CA. The paper is one of eight resident basic-science projects that have made it to this level of competition. The top two projects in this division will be awarded, with the top paper being published in the Journal of the American College of Surgeons.

Plastic Surgery

Breast Cancer Patient Education Act Becomes Law

PGY-5 Plastics resident *Nirav Patel* lobbied at the US Capitol in early Nov with the American Society of Plastic Surgeons' Legislative Advocacy Committee, which helped pass the Breast Cancer Patient Education Act, signed into law this year by Obama.



Surgery School

2/9 **9:00am** Neck Trauma
10:00am Journal Club

3/8 **9:00am** Arterial Occlusive Disease, 1 of 2
10:00am Journal Club

2/16 **9:00am** Trauma Didactics
10:00am Trauma Didactics

3/15 **9:00am** Aneurysms
10:00am Small Groups—Trauma

2/23 **9:00am** Vascular Trauma
10:00am Mock Orals

3/22 **9:00am** Thromboembolic Disease
10:00am Intern Didactics/Mock Oral Prep

3/1 **9:00am** Arterial Occlusive Disease, 1 of 2
10:00am Master Surgeon

3/29 **9:00am** System-Based Practice, 4 of 4
10:00am Journal Club



Research resident **Ben Keller** presenting his work on the “Design of a Cost Effective Hemodynamically Adjustable Model for REBOA Simulation” at the 29th annual EAST Trauma Conference in San Antonio, TX. In addition to his presentation, Ben’s simulator was used as a training tool during the EAST Basic Endovascular Skills for Trauma (BEST) course.

CT Surgery

Congratulations to Dr. Emily Tibbits on her selection as a 2016 Women In Thoracic Surgery Scholarship Recipient!



Dr. Tibbits was selected among a competitive applicant pool to attend the Society of Thoracic Surgeons Annual Meeting in Phoenix, AZ. She was mentored by Dr. Jennifer Lawton of Washington University in St. Louis, MO at the meeting.

Congratulations Dr. Tibbits, we can't wait to see the great things you will do!

The Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Surgery department Twitter account: [@UCDavis_Surgery](https://twitter.com/UCDavis_Surgery). This is a way to highlight our department's accomplishments, especially academically. Please e-mail Jamie Anderson (jeanderson@ucdavis.edu) with any announcements you'd like to highlight, especially journal articles you've published or photos of our residents or faculty presenting at conferences.

2015 California International Marathon Finishers!!!



A huge congratulations to Drs. Utter, Salcedo, Phan, Dhillon and Dorion, who completed the CIM on December 6. Good luck again in 2016!



Above: Drs. Salcedo and Dhillon cross the finish line as one after the grueling 26.2 miles.

They both ran the marathon each wearing 40 lbs. of extra weight. When asked why, Dr. Dhillon replied “because the marathon, like life, is about running your own race.”

Right (from left to right): Drs. Utter, Phan and Salcedo look like it was no big deal.



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February Grand Rounds

Date	Speaker	Topic
2/2	David Wisner, MD UC Davis	What I Learned While Away from UCD: A Top 10 List
2/9	Ian Brown, MD UC Davis	Implications of the Inflammation/Coagulation in Severe Acute Trauma
2/16	Christine Cocanour, MD UC Davis	Necrotizing Soft Tissue Infections
2/23	Soman Sen, MD UC Davis	Surgeons Guide to the BIG DATA Universe

Top 10 Ways Being A Parent Is Like Being a Surgeon

10. *Sleep? Who needs sleep?*
9. *You have to change your clothes before going out in public because of all the stuff that gets on you.*
8. *You don't every really know what's going on and you're making your best guess at what to do.*
7. *Constant. Worry.*
6. *When you're starting out you think, "Please, just don't die," more often than you'd care to admit.*
5. *At least one time per month the question "Why did I do this again?" crosses your mind.*
4. *At least two times per month the answer to the question "Why do I do this again?" is very clear to you.*
3. *Just when you think you've figured out how things work, something happens that makes you question everything.*
2. *Unnatural obsession with PO intake and bowel movements.*
1. *All crying, just like bleeding, will eventually stop.*