A Word from the Chair

Welcome to the Department of Surgery newsletter. Please take a moment to explore our department and learn about our world-renowned surgeons, clinical programs, cutting-edge research, and our care-based education program and much more.

Thank you,
Richard D. Schulick, MD, MBA, FACS
The Aragón/Gonzalez-Giusti Chair

Dr. Ty Higuchi Appointed to Medical Board

“I would also like to welcome our newest Board member, Ty T. Higuchi, MD., PhD. Ty practices Urology at CU School of Medicine, with bi-monthly clinic at the VA. He holds an academic appointment as Assistant Professor in Surgery—Urology and is Board Certified in Urology. While he is a Colorado native, Ty completed medical school at the University of Nebraska (a Cornhusker?), residency at the Mayo Clinic, and a fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic. Ty also participates in international medical missions. Ty will be joining Panel B. Welcome, Ty!"

Karen M. McGovern
Program Director
Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies

The Basics of Multi-Disciplinary Clinics

Normally a cancer diagnosis means a patient makes different appointments with a medical oncologist, a surgical oncologist, a radiation oncologist and others. It might all happen in a few days. But it also might take a couple of weeks, and even then, the care remains at best informally coordinated. Meanwhile, care languishes at a time patients can least afford it.

The Multi-D clinic schedules a number of patients for appointments at 30-minute intervals usually starting at 8am in the Anschutz Cancer Pavilion’s third-floor Surgical Oncology Clinic. The patient will see the necessary specialists for their particular diagnosis that day and will be well informed to make the necessary decisions quickly, which can be critical in their treatment. Care in this scenario is well coordinated with all physicians and specialties involved.

For more information regarding how Multi-D clinics work see the "Multidisciplinary "Magic" tackles Pancreatic Cancer "article by Todd Neff:
http://www3.uch.edu/uchinsider/pancreatic%20cancer%20clinic.pdf

Our Future in Saudi Arabia

In May of this year a six-person delegation traveled to Saudi Arabia as part of a Summit coordinated by CU Alumni, Zuhair Fayez. The delegation included Richard Schulick, MD, Edil Barish, MD, Joan Bothner, MD at CHC, Peggy Warner, CHC, Tatiana Popkova, UCH and Sarah Kabat, UCH.

For details about the trip and its purpose see the article "Colorado Delegation Looks East to Build Brand" by Tyler Smith at:
http://www3.uch.edu/uchinsider/saudi%20health%20initiative.pdf

Congratulations Graduates!

Surgery Chief Residents 2013-2014
Matthew Fox, MD
Teresa S. Jones, MD
Emily Spear, MD

Burn Fellow
Peng Yu, MD

Congenital Cardiac Surgery Fellow
Robert A. Hanfland, MD

Pediatric Surgery Chief Residents
Ann Kulungowski, MD
Jonathan Roach, MD

Transplant Fellow
Esam Adboutaleb, MD

Reconstructive Urology Fellow
Andrew Windsperger, MD

Jeffrey Harr, MD, MPH
Joon H. Lee, MD
Seth TeBochhorst, MD

Cardiothoracic Surgery Instructor/Fellow
Matheau A. Julien, MD

Critical Care Surgery Fellow
Daniel Lollar, MD

Urology Chief Residents
Jason M. Phillips, MD
Joshua Spendlove, MD

Pediatric Urology Fellow
David Chalmers, MD

Edward L. Jones, II, MD
Philip D. Smith, MD
Max Wohlauer, MD