



THE WARREN H. COLE SOCIETY

The Alumni Association of the Departments of Surgery
of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine

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A Message from the Outgoing President

It was indeed my pleasure and honor to have served as the President of the Warren H. Cole Society this past year. Despite these uncertain times, we have had a peaceful year, so much so that we have begun to devote attention to recruit missing graduating residents from the past two decades into the Society. A letter will be sent to one or two members from each residency class asking them to contact their nonmember peers and encourage them to join the Warren H. Cole Society, one of the few remaining named Surgical Societies in the United States. The Society understands its responsibility to make the membership attractive by offering the new as well as existing members reason to join and want to participate in the meetings not just as a social event during the ACS meetings but also in June each year together with the Jonasson Symposium and the Residents Graduating Ceremonies. In the past two years, the Department has offered introduction to Robotic Surgery the morning after the Jonasson Symposium and this has been well received.



The leadership of the Society this year is in the able hands of Arnold Robin and he has come up with some intriguing new concepts and ideas to make the meetings and even the dinners more interesting and attractive. In Washington, we elected Elizabeth Shaughnessy to follow Arnie the following year as the President and she will be the second female leader of the Society after Olga Jonasson. By now you know Dr. L.D. Britt, a past alum has been elected to the Presidency of the American College of Surgeons. You should also be reminded to attend the Jonasson and Abcarian lectureships during the ACS meetings. These have turned out to be outstanding lectures delivered by some of the finest authorities in Women in Surgery and Surgical Education.

In December our Secretary will be invested as Drugas Professor of Surgery in official ceremonies. This will bring the Named Chairs to four after Cole, Nyhus, Josefsen and now the Drugas. There are dedicated funds within the Department available for another Chair to be named at the discretion of the Dean and the Department Head.

The Nyhus biography, which we have been eagerly awaiting for, is in the final stages of preparation and you will be notified when the book is ready for distribution.

We do hope that you will send any address changes to the Society office so that your information stream continues uninterrupted.

Best regards for a safe and Happy Holiday Season,

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UIC DEPARTMENT REPORT

Surgical Residency Goes Virtual

In July 2010, the department partnered with Mimic Technologies to introduce residents to the dvTrainer, a virtual reality-based robotic surgery training device. The department has used the trainer to develop and validate pre-laboratory training protocols, that will become incorporated into the general surgery residency program. Along with the Advanced Robotic Surgery Lab, and the purchase of a dual-console da Vinci Si this year, the department now has one of the leading robotic surgery training environments in the world.

Surgical Oncology Merger

The Department of Surgical Oncology has been merged with the Department of Surgery to form a new Division of Surgical Oncology. Dr. Michael Warso has been appointed as the new Division Chief, and is welcomed as an invaluable addition to the department. Dr. Warso is an Associate Professor of Surgery, and an active member of the medical staff. Dr. Warso completed his residency and fellowship training at the University of Illinois, and has been a faculty member since his graduation in 1989. Dr. Warso is joined by Dr. Tapas Das Gupta, Dr. George Salti, Dr. Konstantin Christov-Tzelkov, Dr. Craig Beattie and Dr. Tohru Yamada.

Comprehensive Vein Clinic

The department announces the opening of a new clinical service focused on venous disease treatment. Under the leadership of the newly recruited Dr. Giancarlo Piano, the clinic focuses on the treatment of venous disease, in particular Deep Vein Thrombosis, Pulmonary Embolism and Symptomatic Varicose Veins. With the advent of minimally invasive treatment options, the clinic employs radio-frequency ablation (VNUS Closure) and Clarivein treatment techniques in the outpatient care center, so that patients can receive convenient same day treatment without having to be admitted to the medical center.

New Faculty Members

Dr. Giancarlo Piano

Recruited from the University of Chicago, Dr. Piano has joined as an Associate Professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery. His interests include minimally invasive treatment of venous disorders, diagnosis and treatment of thoracic outlet syndrome, and carotid and aortic disease.

Dr. Mitchell Price

Dr Price has joined as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Pediatric Surgery. His interest include minimally invasive surgery, oncological surgery, neonatal and congenital surgery and medical education.

Dr. Cybil Corning

Dr. Corning has been recruited as an Assistant Professor in the Division of Colorectal Surgery. Her clinical interests in colon and rectal cancers, anal cancers, minimally invasive surgery, inflammatory bowel syndrome and pelvic floor disorders. She runs the Pelvic Floor Center within the Surgery Clinic where appointments can be made for her.

Other Alumni News

The department mourns the passing of Theodore Drugas, who graduated from the College of Medicine in 1949. Dr. Drugas is survived by daughter Dr. Diane Drugas Keen and son-in-law Dr. Richard Keen, Head of Surgery, John Stroger Hospital, both of whom graduated from the UIC surgery residency in 1992. Dr. Drugas generously bequeathed an endowment to create the Theodore and Joanna Drugas Chair in Surgery. Dr. Martin Borhani, Chief of Vascular Surgery, will be invested as the inaugural chair in a ceremony to be held at the University Club in Chicago on December 8, 2010.

Dr. L.D Britt, a former UIC resident who graduated in 1984 has had a long and distinguished career at the University of Virginia, and this year was named as President of the American College of Surgeons.

2010 Events

Third Olga Jonasson Symposium / Second Warren H Cole Scientific Meeting June 4, 2010

Opened by UIC Chancellor Paula Allen-Mears, this year's CME-sponsored event included speakers from the distinguished alumni, Jeffrey Friedman MD, Merrick L Ross, MD, Steven Vaslef, MD. The keynote speech was delivered by Julie A. Freischlag, MD who shared her experiences of Dr. Jonasson. The Distinguished Service Award was given to Dr. Malek Massad, Chief of Cardiothoracic Surgery. The Olga Jonasson Award was given to Dr. Joseph Vitello, Associate Professor in General Surgery (retired).

Lloyd M Nyhus Lectureship - July 28, 2010.

The second annual lecture was delivered by Enrico Nicolo, MD FACS FICS - President of the American Hernia Association.

Second Worldwide Congress: Clinical Robotic Surgery Association October 1-2, 2010

The second annual meeting of the CRSA held at the UIC Forum was attended by 302 surgeons from 26 countries. The focus of this year's event was training and certification in robotic surgery. UIC and the CRSA received primetime coverage on RAI - Italian television, and continued to demonstrate why the department is considered a world leader in the field, broadcasting four live surgeries from the University of Illinois Medical Center to the event.

Bridging the Gap: Emerging Health Issues in the African American and Latino Communities - October 19, 2010

The event is now in its fifth year, and this year was the largest and most well attended. The keynote speech was delivered by Senator Danny Davis, with representation from the leadership of key healthcare institutions in the state, including Damien Arnold, Director of Illinois Department of Public Health. The theme of the conference was Cancer Prevention and Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome.

Sincerely,

Enrico Benedetti, MD, FACS

Find more news and more in depth information at:

<http://www.uic.edu/com/surgery/images/54009%20UIC%202010%20Volume3%20Issue1%20Fall%20Newsletter%208.5x11v1r3.pdf>

UICCOM-P (PEORIA) DEPARTMENT REPORT

Department of Surgery • University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria

The Third Annual Breast Cancer Symposium, 2010

László Tabár, MD and Wendy A. Woodward, MD, PhD were the 2010 keynote speakers at this year's symposium held September 30 and October 1. Additional invited speakers included: Delia Garcia, MD; Jonna Frasor, PhD; David Zava, PhD; Sarah Jackson, MS, LGC; Kent Hoskins, MD; Nora Hansen, MD; and Molly Nettles, OTR/L, CLT-LANA, along with UICOMP faculty.

There were 259 registered attendees, of which 101 were repeat attendees. Because of donations, we were able to provide 64 scholarships.

Linda B. Washkuhn Education and Leadership Award

John D. Murray, MD was awarded the Linda B. Washkuhn Education and Leadership Award which is the most prestigious professional award the Susan G. Komen Peoria Memorial Affiliate bestows on an individual who meets the following criteria:

- Long term commitment to breast health awareness
- Good citizenship
- Significant contribution and impact on community in the breast health/cancer arena

Dr. Murray was presented with the award at this year's Breast Cancer Appreciation Dinner for Division Directors and Speakers.

Faculty Honored at Second Annual Celebration of Excellence

Several Department of Surgery faculty were recently honored at the UICOM-P Second Annual Celebration of Excellence. Dr. Richard C. Anderson was honored as the M3 Core Clerkship Director. Dr. Julius Bonello received the M2 Teaching Excellence Award for the Gastrointestinal Course. Dr. Samir K. Gupta was selected by the Class of 2011 to receive The Raymond B. Allen Instructorship Award (Golden Apple) for the Class of 2011 – M3 Year. Dr. John Hafner was honored for his promotion from Clinical Assistant Professor to Clinical Associate Professor. Dr. John D. Murray received the UICOMP Outstanding Service Award. Dr. Amy Stanfill was recognized for her Teaching Excellence in the Surgery Clerkship. Dr. Gregory Tudor was recognized for his Teaching Excellence in the M2 Ethics Course.

UICOM-P's 40th Anniversary Dinner

Recently, the Department of Surgery was asked to participate in the 40th Anniversary Dinner. We installed five surgical skills stations to "entertain" guests during the cocktail hour. The stations included knot tying, basic laparoscopic skills and basic motor skills and were manned by medical students and surgical residents.

Surgical Skills Lab Addition

A recent addition to our surgical skills lab is a virtual reality simulator that provides practice in basic laparoscopic, manual dexterity skills and several surgical procedures including laparoscopic cholecystectomy, gastric bypass and, soon to be installed, nephrectomy.

Recent Publications

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- Norman C. Estes, MD, FACS

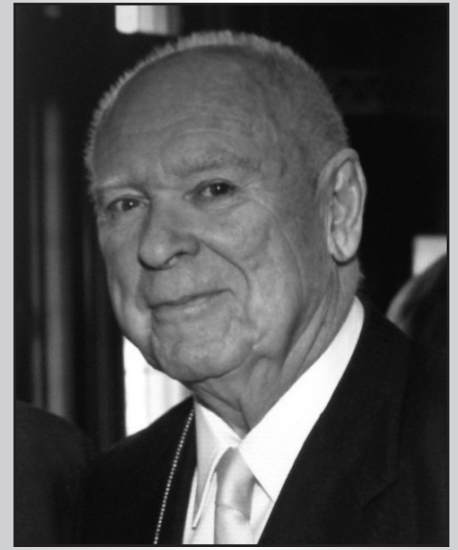
Biography of Dr. Nyhus

This is an excerpt from the 19th and last chapter of the Nyhus Biography that is in final edits by the author, Michelle Rapaport.

"With funding secured, the search began in earnest to at the Cole Society meeting in October 2005. Members of the campaign committee announced that the full \$1.5 million funding goal had been met, thanks to the generosity of approximately 80 private donors. The endowment would support surgical research, innovation and excellence for many decades to come. It was a bitterly cold and snowy day in February 2007 when transplant surgeon and acting department head Enrico Benedetti, MD, and Pat Wager visited Nyhus's home in Northfield, Illinois. They brought news that warmed his heart: with full funding in hand for the Lloyd M. Nyhus Chair in Surgery, the department had identified an outstanding candidate to become the first Nyhus Professor of Surgery: Dr. Pier Cristoforo Giulianotti, MD, one of the world's leaders in the emerging practice of robotic surgery and a fitting choice for the prestigious Nyhus chair. Three months later on a warm and sunny day-May 3, 2007-Nyhus gathered with about 200 colleagues for a celebratory dinner at the University Club of Chicago. Frail in body from age and illness yet strong in spirit, Nyhus wouldn't consider missing the investiture ceremony for the first Distinguished Lloyd M. Nyhus Endowed Professor of Surgery. The evening began with tributes to Nyhus, and then turned to a warm welcome for Giulianotti, the newly named Nyhus professor."

The book is being formatted for publication at the beginning of 2011. It's production has been delayed by a number of uncontrolled events in the author's busy life as well as Dr. Wood's life, but the end is in sight.

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