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MCW Surgery
knowledge changing life

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“We are committed to improving the care of patients – not only our patients of today but also our patients of tomorrow – through innovation, discovery and courageous approaches to medical illness.”

– Douglas B. Evans, MD

Message from the Chair

Donald C. Ausman Family Foundation Chair of Surgery
Douglas B. Evans, MD



Welcome to the Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin – we hope you have fun learning more about our team of all-stars and the programs we have developed. Everyone has worked harder and longer this past year, in some cases related to COVID and in most cases, because health challenges for all patients did not take time off for the pandemic. We have learned a number of valuable life lessons:

- First, we are all very fortunate to work at a great place with great people. Teamwork does make the dream work – no better exemplified than this past year when we all kept the engine going with all possible methods of communication. Patients and operations got scheduled from the kitchen counter of many of our dedicated Administrative Assistants and the surgeons and APPs of all of the disease site programs worked together to navigate illness and various other personal challenges to simply get the job done and care for those in need.
- Academic achievement and surgical education did not stay at home. A testimony to the commitment of our faculty to bring innovation and discovery to the patient bedside. As well, a visible symbol of their commitment to our residents and our residency program.
- We have the best residents in the world – rolled up their sleeves, did more than asked and brought energy and enthusiasm to the care of our patients.
- Our community support has never been stronger – our “We Care Fund” in support of our faculty research programs (and everything the We Care Committee does!) is a prime example – the Bud and Sue Selig Hub for Health Services Research, the Joel and Arlene Lee Chair for Pancreatic Cancer Research, and there are many more...

Please have fun with this year’s Annual Report – Liz Chen, Wendy Behrs and Dr. Tracy Wang had a ton of fun putting this together (thank you Liz, Wendy and Tracy). Last year, Mr. Baseball, Bob Uecker provided the introduction; much better than mine. One of Bob’s many great quotes convey his love of baseball, similar to our love of medicine:

“I hope the fans have enjoyed listening as much as I’ve enjoyed doing the games. I don’t ever go to the park where I don’t have a good day. I don’t like losing. But I don’t think I ever go to the park where I have a bad day. I don’t think once.”

– Bob Uecker

Our Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice



In 2019, the Medical College of Wisconsin Center for the Advancement of Women in Science and Medicine (AWSM) launched *I Will MCW*, a community-wide campaign that encouraged dialogue to create shared language, understanding, and positive action towards gender equity. The Department of Surgery created a collective pledge (below) and implemented a [department-wide initiative](#) to increase awareness of our own implicit bias, via dissemination and discussion of the results of implicit bias training by faculty, residents, and staff.

MCW DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY'S PLEDGE

We pledge to achieve and **maintain equity and diversity** among faculty and staff, to **reinforce professional workplace standards**, and to **optimize patient care and health equity**.

#IWILLMCW #WEWILLMCW

In the wake of COVID-19 related anti-Asian racism and the deaths of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and George Floyd in the spring of 2020, renewing a national discussion of systemic racism and social injustices, the Department of Surgery published a [statement](#), highlighting department-wide initiatives is to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Last summer, we introduced the Cultural Complications curriculum to our Morbidity and Mortality conference, inviting all members of our department to attend. Each module introduces a core theme of diversity, equity, and inclusion utilizing case-based scenarios to promote the identification and discussion of cultural breakdowns and establish best practices to improve the workplace culture and patient care. We have also created an open working group of departmental faculty, administrative staff, advanced practice professionals, and residents to address our departmental culture and continue our work towards a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive workplace.

The Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin is committed to advancing diversity, equity and inclusion in all aspects of our workplace. We believe this is fundamental to creating a positive work environment that continues to foster excellence, improves our ability to provide outstanding clinical care, produce innovative and impactful research, and achieve excellence in education.

PROJECT IMPLICIT IMPLICIT-ASSOCIATION TEST

Non-profit organization with a goal to educate the public about hidden biases and to provide a “virtual laboratory” for collecting data on the internet.

Implicit-Association Test: measures the strength of associations between concepts and evaluations or stereotypes.

Available Implicit Association Tests

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Weight IAT | Age IAT |
| Religion IAT | Presidents IAT |
| Gender-Science IAT | Gender-Career IAT |
| Native IAT | Asian IAT |
| Disability IAT | Weapons IAT |
| Race IAT | Skin-tone IAT |
| Arab-Muslim IAT | Sexuality IAT |

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/>

MCW Surgery in the Age of COVID-19



#MASKUPMKE!

MCW/Kern Institute students and staff helped produce and distribute 3.5 million masks supplied from Revel Converting to the underserved population in Milwaukee.

Dr. Chris Davis has aggressively pursued a means of helping the underserved in the MKE community who have been disproportionately hit hardest by the pandemic. Dr. Davis took initiative to divide materials among students, staff, and community volunteers to make masks. In just 3 weeks, MCW and Kern Institute staff and students made and distributed almost 300,000 masks to community clinics, police, fire, and nearly 100 social service agencies. MCW/Kern is now a founding partner of MaskUpMKE and will continue to lead the initiative by overseeing production and delivery of masks to wherever in Milwaukee they are needed most with a particular focus on the underserved and vulnerable.

 www.maskupmke.org

The Word on Medicine COVID-19 episodes

The Word on Medicine aired a series of weekly special broadcasts that provided accurate information from physicians caring for patients every day. We explained how this virus was transmitted from animals to humans in China, how human-to-human transmission occurred, the challenges with testing and treatment, and much more.

The Word on Medicine would like to thank and gratefully acknowledge Drs. Joyce Sanchez, Mary Beth Graham (Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases) and Nate Ledebor (Department of Pathology) for their many contributions during our eleven-part series devoted to COVID-19.

Scan the barcode above or visit ihr.fm/2LeatGc to check out *The Word on Medicine* podcast.



MaskUpMKE Timeline

| April 3, 2020 | April 10, 2020 | April 20, 2020 | April 30, 2020 | May 30, 2020 | August 14, 2020 |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| Began volunteer mask production (facilitated by Kern Institute at MCW) | 33,800 masks delivered to community health centers and vulnerable populations by MCW students and faculty | Rebel Converting triples initial donation, commits to making 3.5 million face masks | 600,000+ masks delivered to over 100 government and social service agencies | 2.1 million masks delivered to more than 500 social services agencies throughout SE Wisconsin | 3.2+ million masks delivered and counting |

By the Numbers

11

divisions

108

full and part-time faculty

10

clinical fellows

51

general surgery residents

over 41,000

unique patients

\$2.6M

in sponsored research (FY'19)

\$315K

five-year faculty giving total

61%

women residents

over 13,000

operations performed (FY'20)
(Includes all FH, VA and Children's Wisconsin facilities, excludes other outreach)

45

active grants
(this includes AHW, We Care and Internal grants)

21

unique practice sites

89

secondary and volunteer faculty

11

endowed professors

313

MCW faculty and APPs featured in weekly radio show through FY'20

33%

women faculty

\$5.5M

in research funding (FY'20)

6

Our City

The Medical College of Wisconsin is located in the one and only, Milwaukee, WI.



The Medical College of Wisconsin at Milwaukee's campus at nighttime (Photo by Dr. Tim Fenske).



A sunset view of downtown Milwaukee (Photo by Dr. Motaz Selim).

MCW Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Treating patients with congenital and acquired abnormalities of the heart and cardiovascular system

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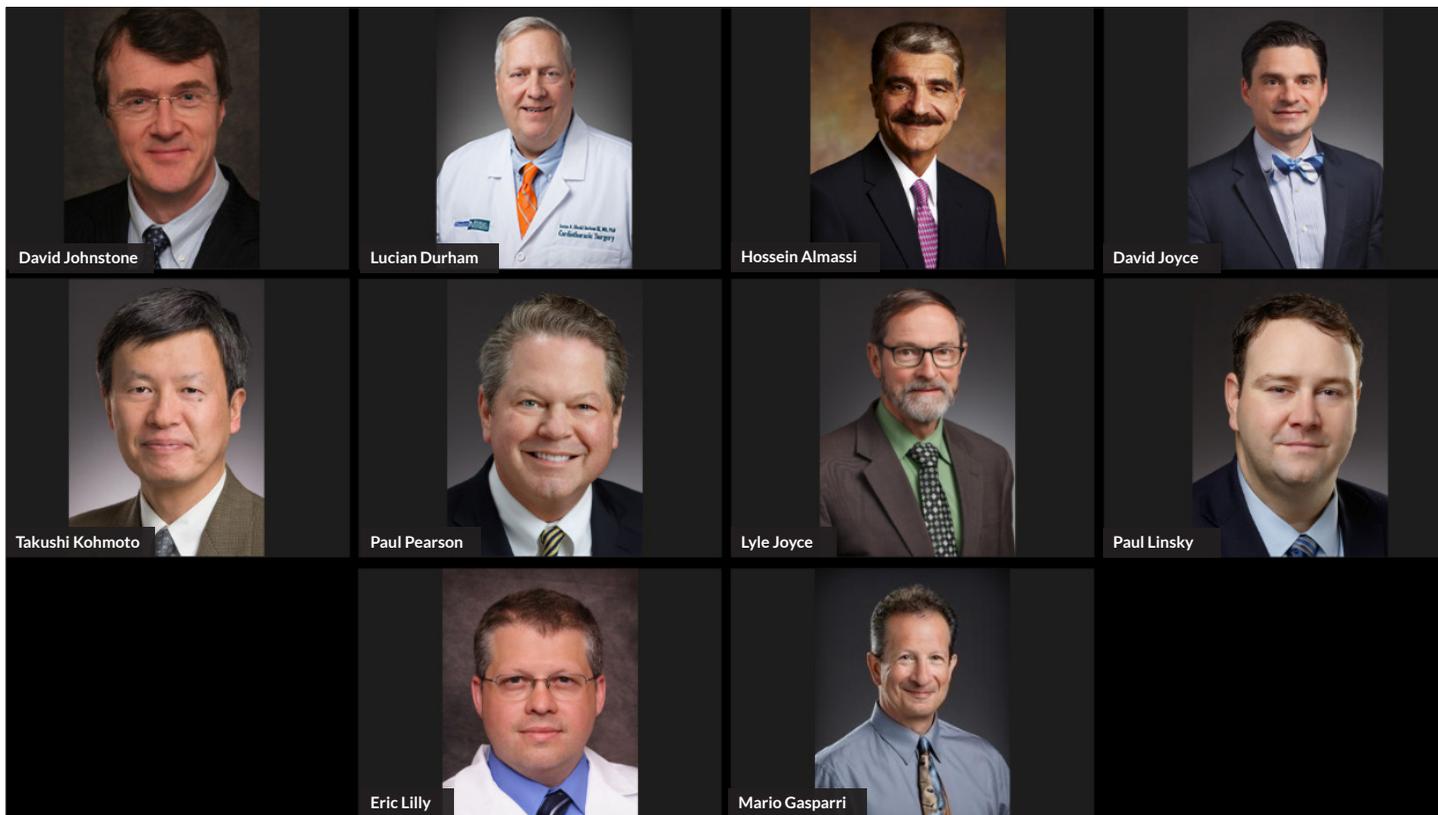
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In 2020...

Dr. David Joyce and the Froedtert/MCW procurement team performed the first Donation after Circulatory Death Heart Transplant at the Medical College of Wisconsin/Froedtert Hospital.



MCW Division of Colorectal Surgery

Providing *high caliber, compassionate care* for patients with colorectal disease

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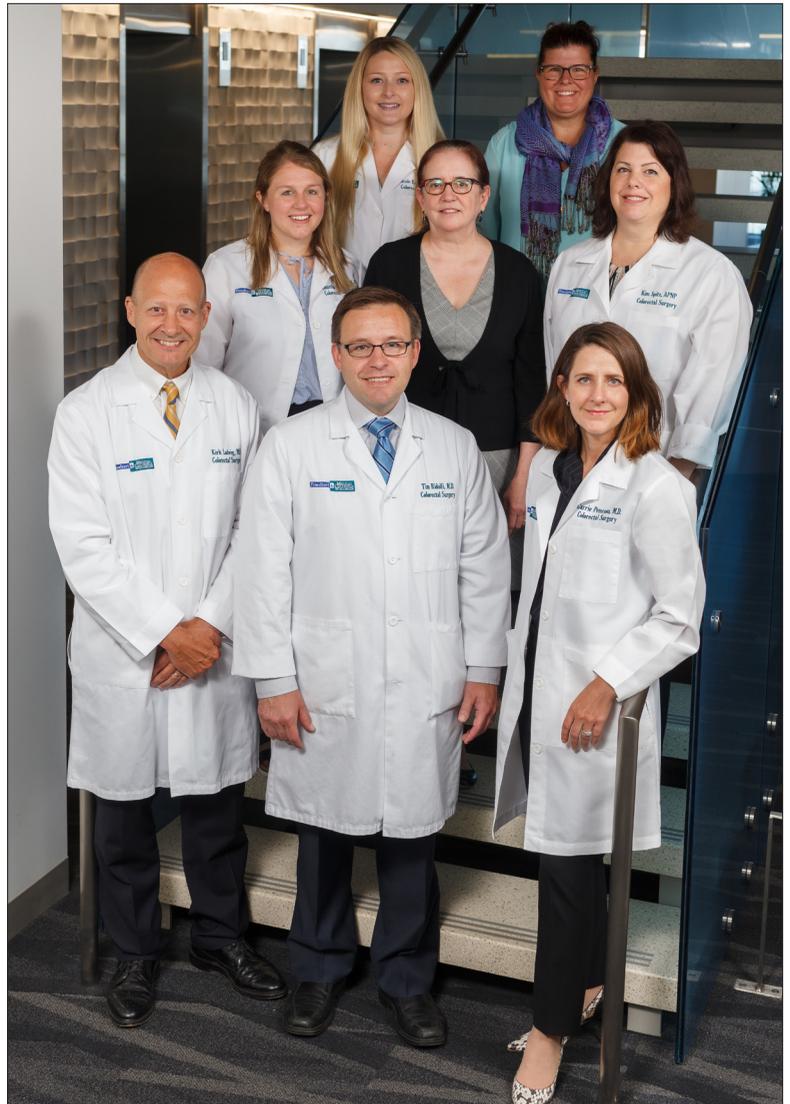
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ANNUAL 5K: GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR

Get Your Rear in Gear virtually! Due to the COVID-19 global pandemic, the annual 5K was held online on October 10, 2020, via Facebook. Participants were urged to use the hashtag #GYRIGMyWay to participate and raise money for Colon Cancer patients at Froedtert & the Medical College of Wisconsin.

#GYRIGMyWay

During the 2020 Virtual Get Your Rear in Gear event participants walked **2,024,430** out of the **1,000,000** step goal. The event raised over **\$9,000**.



Please note that this photo is from a previous Get Your Rear in Gear event.

MCW Division of Community Surgery

Ensuring optimal care is delivered by physicians who are committed to practicing at our outreach sites

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MCW Division of Congenital Heart Surgery

Advancing surgical treatment of congenital and acquired abnormalities of the heart and cardiovascular system, lungs and chest wall

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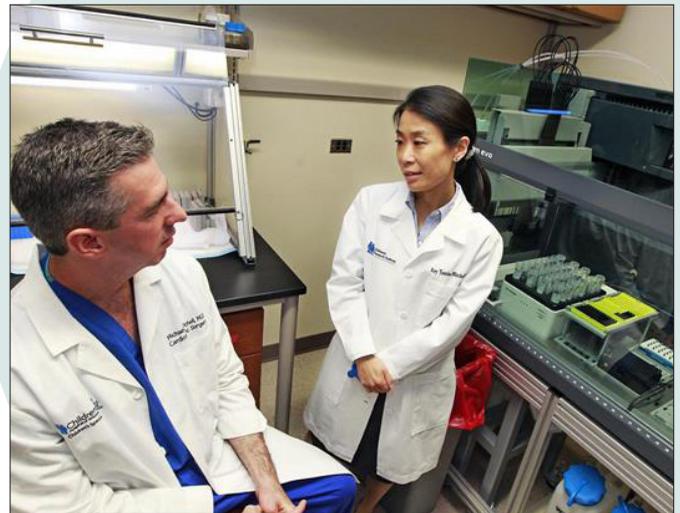
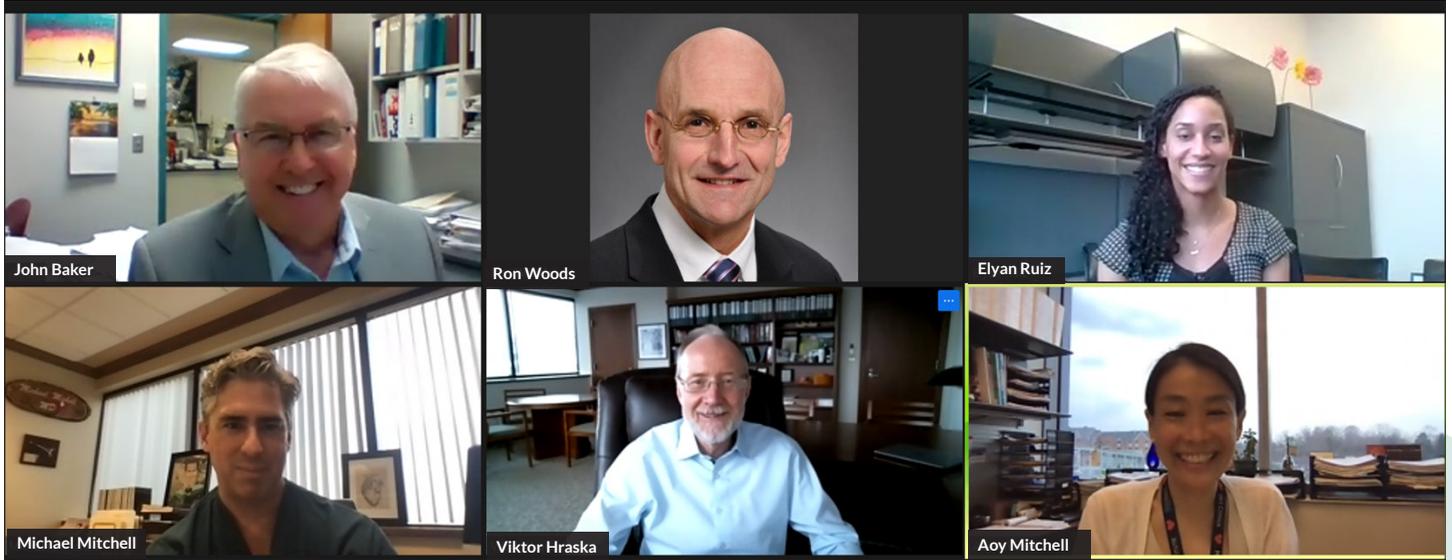
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Kids deserve the best.





MCW Division of Minimally Invasive & Gastrointestinal Surgery

Offering the most advanced surgical options available – from laparoscopic surgery, to incisionless endoscopic procedures, to robotic surgery, and whatever comes next



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MCW Division of Pediatric Surgery

One of the largest pediatric surgical practices in the nation



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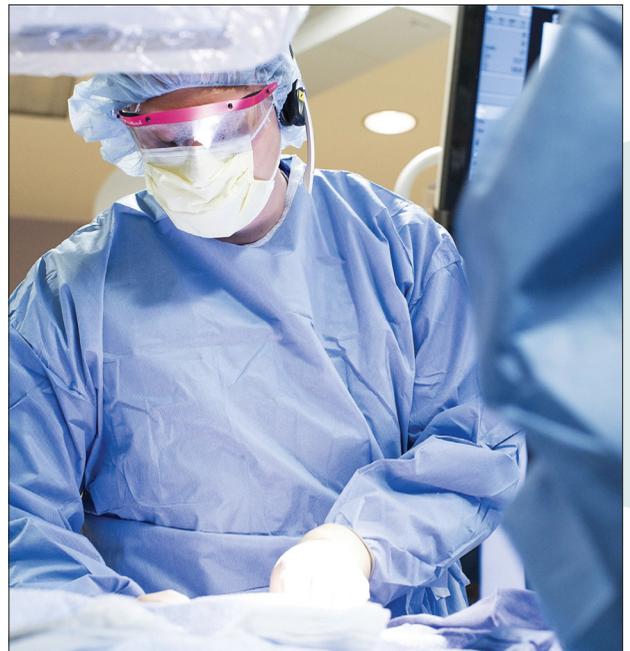
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2020 NEW FACULTY

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Katherine Flynn-O'Brien, MD,
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MCW Division of Surgery Research

Advancing careers of research-intensive faculty, enhancing academic achievement, fostering interdepartmental and inter-institution collaborations, and facilitating the resident research program

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused massive disturbances and uncertainties around the globe at all levels, and scientific research labs are no exception to this. This summer, the We Care Committee decided to take the unprecedented step to suspend the annual RFA for new awards and reallocated these funds to create a unique opportunity to assist Surgery faculty and their research teams: The 2020 We Care Research Recovery Grants. The purpose of these grants is to serve as limited needs funding to help restart research activities and recover some of the financial losses suffered as a result of lab hibernation and halting of both basic and clinical research due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The committee is pleased to share that 9 research programs in the Department of Surgery have been awarded funds totaling over \$175,000 to facilitate these recovery efforts as the MCW research enterprise phases in reactivation plans. The We Care Fund for Medical Innovation and Research, led by a devoted committee of community members and made possible by generous philanthropic contributions, is committed to improving and enhancing medical care in the Milwaukee-area and has been steadfast in its support of Department of Surgery faculty to create innovative therapies and clinical programs that benefit patients.

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Lab hibernation and halting of both basic and clinical research during the COVID-19 pandemic caused our faculty to lose valuable time, resources and funds, which threaten to disrupt research programs and significantly delay productivity. The research community was asked to reduce animal colonies, which resulted in the need to either re-purchase animals or breed animals to recuperate pre-COVID-19 numbers. Key reagents and materials expired or perished due to inactivity in the lab for 2 months and had to be thrown away and bought again. Equipment malfunctioned because of lab hibernation, requiring repairs that would not be needed otherwise. In addition, several research personnel, who can only perform their job tasks in the laboratory, continued to receive their salaries from investigators' funding sources while not allowed on campus. Clinical researchers were unable to enroll patients in studies, while funding continued to pay for research coordinators.



Angie Mathison



Raul Urrutia



Young-In Chi



Gwen Lomber

OUR FOCUS

- Enhance extramural funding
- Maximize the quality and quantity of peer-reviewed publications
- Optimize resident research experience: appropriate mentor/mentee resources, responsibilities, accountabilities, and deliverables
- Identify and support constructive collaborations within the department and institution, and outside the institution
- Faculty development
- Advocacy for research infrastructure: development and expansion

AWARDED GRANTS

| PI Name | Sponsor | Title |
|------------------------------------|--|---|
| Terri deRoos-Cassini, PhD | <i>We Care Fund</i> | Maternal Stress and Resilience in Prenatal Diagnosis of Fetal Anomalies |
| David Gourlay, MD | <i>MCW Institute for Health and Equity</i> | REDIRECT: Partnering CHW Trauma Registry with DataShare to Improve ECD in Pediatric Trauma Patients |
| Johnny Hong, MD & Raul Urrutia, MD | <i>We Care Fund</i> | Maggie Z. Schultz We Care Award: The Effects of Ischemia and Reperfusion Injury in Liver Transplantation on Epigenetic Profiles: A Pilot Study Using a Porcine Experimental Model |
| Josh Hunt, PhD | <i>CTSI</i> | Traditional Pilot Award: Feasibility of a Multi-Institutional Validation Study of the Injured Trauma Survivor Screen |

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MCW Surgery Laboratories

Improving cancer treatment through research and epigenetic experimentation

LOMBERK RESEARCH LABORATORY

Dr. Gwen Lomberk's laboratory is focused on epigenomic-based pharmacology to serve as a robust tool to improve the future treatment of cancer. Dr. Lomberk's research program has explored novel combination strategies to treat pancreatic and other cancers, specifically based on leveraging cell cycle inhibitors in efforts to enhance future use of epigenetic inhibitors. Broader research interests are focused on the epigenetic landscapes that characterize cancer subtypes, as well as refining the utility of epigenetic inhibitors for treatment and re-sensitization to conventional therapies. The lab's mission is to advance the discovery of fundamental epigenetic mechanisms and apply this knowledge to develop better therapeutic strategies in the prevention and treatment of cancer.



PRECISION MEDICINE DISCOVERY AND INNOVATION LABORATORY

Dr. Raul Urrutia's laboratory combines interests and expertise in the areas of genomics, epigenomics, and individualized medicine, in particular as it relates to pancreatic diseases such as Cancer and Diabetes. In the area of medical genomics and precision medicine, his laboratory discovered pancreatic cancer tumor suppressor genes, which also cause juvenile (MODY VII) and neonatal diabetes, as well as the insulin resistance metabolic syndrome. Dr. Urrutia and his group have made fundamental contributions by identifying members and helping to put together the family of KLF proteins, which are critical regulators of biology, pathobiology and epigenetic reprogramming. In addition, his group has discovered several histone deacetylase (HDAC), histone acetyltransferase (HAT), and histone methyltransferase (HMT) epigenetic pathways that are operational not only in pancreatic cancer, but in numerous other diseases. His work led to the discovery of histone-proteins associated subcodes, which helps to interpret epigenomic codes.

AWARDED GRANTS CONTINUED

| PI Name | Sponsor | Title |
|--|--|---|
| David Joyce, MD, MBA | MCW Faculty Affairs | 2019 Community of Innovators Award |
| David Joyce, MD, MBA | We Care Fund | Percutaneous Distal Embolic Protection (PDEP) for LVAD Thrombolysis |
| Tammy Kindel, MD, PhD | MCW Research Affairs Committee | Weight Loss Independent Effects of Bariatric Surgery on Cardiac Function in Rodents |
| Gwen Lomberk, PhD | Greater Milwaukee Foundation | Epigenomic Landscape in Liver Cancer |
| Gwen Lomberk, PhD | MCW Cancer Center | Director's Award: Targeting Epigenomic Regulators at the Replication Fork in PDAC |
| Aoy Mitchell, PhD | Little Hearts for Life | Bioengineered Heart Tissue in Congenital Heart Disease |
| Raul Urrutia, MD & Gwen Lomberk, PhD | NIH National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases | R01: Epigenomic Regulation in Pancreatic Cell Growth |
| Timothy Ridolfi, MD | Association of VA Surgeons | 2020-2021 AVAS Foundation Karl Storz Award: MRI Prediction and Evaluation for Complete Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy in Rectal Cancer |
| Gwen Lomberk, PhD | NIH National Cancer Institute (NCI) | R01: Targeting Epigenomic Regulators at the Replication Fork in PDAC |
| Susan Tsai, MD, MHS | Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation, Inc. | Accelerating Clinical Trials and Health Services Research for Pancreatic Cancer |
| Patrick Murphy, MD, MSc, MPH | MCW Research Affairs Committee | Delivery of High Quality Care for Acute-Gallstone Related Disease: The Patient Perspective |
| Gwen Lomberk, PhD | Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin (AHW) | A Translational Study of Epigenetic and Neural Mechanisms of Risk Phenotypes for PTSD |
| Tammy Kindel, MD, PhD | American College of Surgeons | 2020-2025 George H.A. Clowes Career Development Award: The Role of GLP-1 in Cardiac Recovery After Bariatric Surgery in Obesity-Induced Heart Failure |
| Colleen Trevino, PhD & Thomas Carver, MD | MCW Comprehensive Injury Center | Acute Traumatic Pain Treatment with Ketamine to Decrease Long-Term Pain and Poor Psychological Outcomes |
| John Baker, PhD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Irradiation of the Kidney Causes Pathologic Remodeling in the Non-Targeted Heart: A Role for the Immune System |
| Amanda Kong, MD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Mitochondrial Telomerase as Regulator of Mitochondrial Damage and Secondary Messengers in Chemotherapy Induced Microvascular Dysfunction |
| Gwen Lomberk, PhD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Targeting epigenetic complexes for more effective therapies against pancreatic cancer |
| Aoy Tomita-Mitchell, PhD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Bioengineered Heart Tissue in Congenital Heart Disease |
| Michael Mitchell, MD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Development of a non-invasive method for monitoring heart transplant rejection |
| Kirkwood Pritchard, PhD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Mechanism of Inflammation in Sickle Cell Disease |
| Raul Urrutia, MD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Understanding the Molecular Mechanisms of Kras in Pancreatic Cancer and Cellular Responses to Therapeutic Treatments |
| Amy Wagner, MD | We Care Fund | 2020 Recovery Grant: Gastroschisis Genome Project |
| Tracy Wang, MD, MPH | MCW Cancer Center and Froedtert Hospital Foundation | Molecular Testing to Direct Extent of Initial Thyroid Surgery |

MCW Division of Surgical Oncology

*Celebrating 10 years of Surgical Oncology at MCW,
leading the way in cancer surgery*



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MCW Division of Transplant Surgery

Providing abdominal organ transplantation at Froedtert Hospital and Children's Wisconsin



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Assistant Professor

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Professor

Motaz A. Selim, MD
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Melissa Wong, MD
Assistant Professor

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Assistant Professor

Yong-ran Zhu, MD
Associate Professor Emeritus

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Professor
Director, Transplant Surgery
Fellowship

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In 2020 MCW & Froedtert Hospital staff completed 1,000 living donor kidney transplants.



2020 NEW FACULTY

Francisco A. Durazo, MD



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Priyal Patel, MD

MCW Division of Trauma & Acute Care Surgery

Responsible for the trauma and surgical critical care at the only Adult Level I Trauma Center in Milwaukee

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Arahamian Chair

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Nathan Carlson, MD

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Surgeon

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The Trauma Center is classified as "Level I," which means it provides the highest level of specialty expertise and meets strict national standards. Specialized teams, facilities and equipment are available around the clock, 365 days a year, to treat life-threatening injuries. A trauma center is not the same as a hospital emergency department; emergency services are a critical component of a comprehensive trauma program. A Level I facility must have the capability of providing total care for every aspect of injury, from injury prevention to rehabilitation.



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Andrew T. Schramm, PhD



MCW Division of Vascular & Endovascular Surgery

Providing surgical expertise in all aspects of vascular surgery, including an endovascular program providing the full array of endovascular techniques

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Assistant Professor

Kellie R. Brown, MD

Professor
Chief, VA Vascular Surgery
Director, Vascular & Endovascular
Surgery Fellowship Program

Charles E. Edmiston, PhD

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Joseph P. Hart, MD

Associate Professor

Brian D. Lewis, MD

Professor
Chief, Division of Education
Vascular & Endovascular Surgery
Fellowship Associate Program
Director

Mona S. Li, MD

Assistant Professor

Michael J. Malinowski, MD

Associate Professor

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Assistant Professor

Abby E. Rothstein, MD

Assistant Professor

Gary R. Seabrook, MD

Professor

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Laura Needler, RN, MSN, APNP

Maria Wellenstein, ACNP

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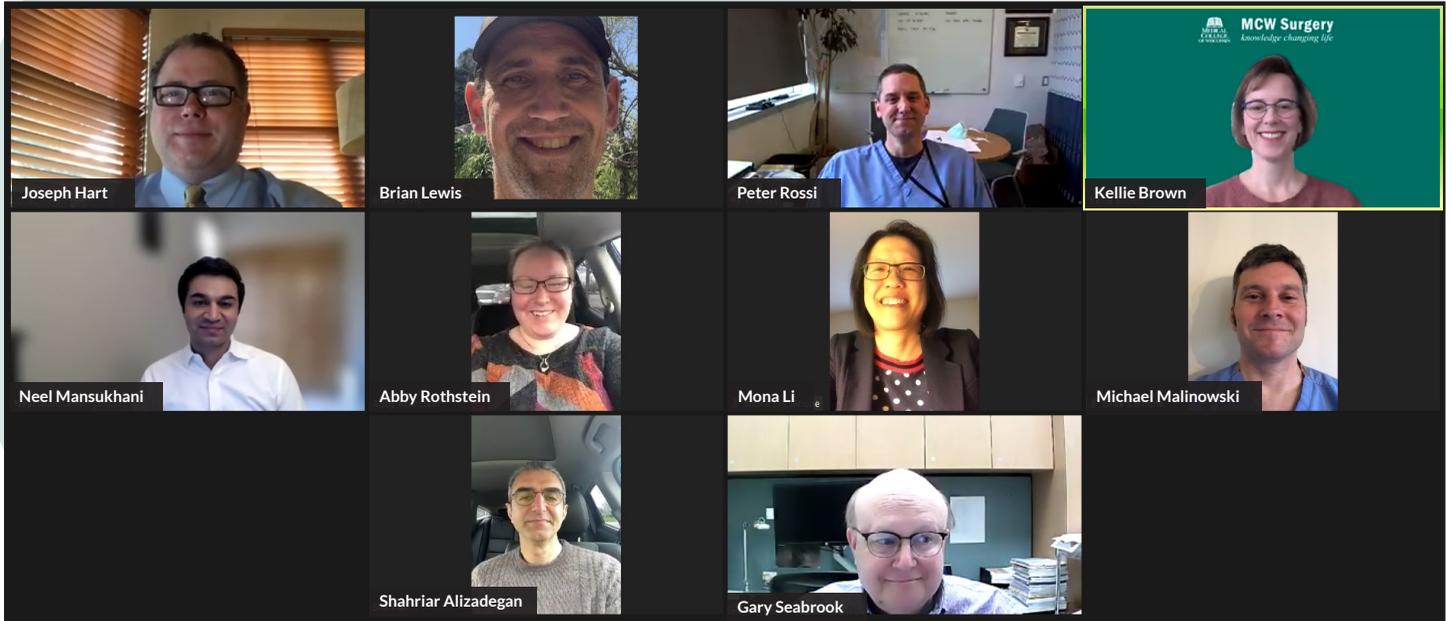
Stephanie Hayes, MPAS, PA-C

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Stephen W. Robischon, MPAS,

PA-C





MCW Surgery New Faculty in 2021

We are excited to welcome the 2021 new faculty who will be leading the way in our department

NEW FACULTY AS OF JANUARY/ FEBRUARY 2021

James Mace, MD

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Elyan Ruiz Solano, MD

Instructor, Division of Congenital Heart Surgery

NEW FACULTY AS OF MARCH/APRIL 2021

Nilto De Oliveira, MD

Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

NEW FACULTY AS OF JULY 2021

Jacob R. Peschman, MD

Assistant Professor, Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery

NEW FACULTY AS OF AUGUST/ SEPTEMBER 2021

Anai Kothari, MD, MS

Assistant Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology

Nathan W. Kugler, MD

Assistant Professor, Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery

Ugwuji N. Maduekwe, MD, MMSc

Associate Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology
Deputy Director, Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin

Jose Salazar Osuna, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor, Division of Pediatric Surgery

Jennifer Rabaglia, MD, MSc

Associate Professor, Division of Surgical Oncology;
Chief Medical Officer, Ambulatory Specialty Practice

H. Adam Ubert, MD

Assistant Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

NEW FACULTY AS OF OCTOBER 2021

Katherine Iverson, MD, MPH

Assistant Professor, Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery



MCW Surgery Secondary Faculty

Our secondary faculty are listed below by specialty

Carmen Bergom, MD, PhD, M.Phil
Radiation Oncology

Meena Bedi, MD
Radiation Oncology

Michael B. Dwinell, PhD
Microbiology and Immunology

Beth Erickson Wittmann, MD
Radiation Oncology

Juan Felix, MD
Pathology

James W. Findling, MD
Medicine, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Clinical Nutrition

Mary Beth Graham, MD
Medicine, Infectious Diseases

Jennifer Geurts, MS, CGC
Genomic Sciences and Precision Medicine Center

Jaime S. Green, MD
Medicine, Infectious Diseases

James B. Gosset, MD
Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine

Michael O. Griffin, Jr., MD, PhD
Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology

William A. Hall, MD
Radiation Oncology

Robert A. Hieb, MD, RVT
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Eric J. Hohenwarter, MD
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Bryon D. Johnson, PhD
Microbiology and Immunology

Mandana Kamgar, MD
Medicine, Hematology and Oncology

John A. LoGiudice, MD
Plastic Surgery

Veronica Loy, D.O.
Medicine, Gastroenterology

Peter J. Mason, MD, MPH, RPVI
Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine

Stacy D. O'Connor, MD, MPH, MMSc
Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology

Jong-In Park, PhD
Biochemistry

Parag J. Patel, MD, MS
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Hershel Raff, PhD
Medicine, Endocrinology, Metabolism and Clinical Nutrition

Honey Reddi, PhD
Pathology/GSPMC

William S. Rilling, MD
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology;
Vice Chair, Clinical Affairs

Evan Robinson, DO
Emergency Medicine

Ehab R. Saad, MD
Medicine, Nephrology

Michael H. Salinger, MD
Medicine, Cardiovascular Medicine

Joyce Sanchez, MD
Medicine, Infectious Diseases

Jennifer J. Schiller, PhD, D(ABHI)
Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin

Pippa M. Simpson, PhD
Pediatrics, Quantitative Health Sciences

Cynthia Solliday-McRoy, PhD
Transplant

Parag P. Tolat, MD
Radiology, Diagnostic Radiology

Sean M. Tutton, MD
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

Njeri. Wainaina, MD
Medicine, Infectious Diseases

Sarah B. White, MD, MS
Radiology, Vascular and Interventional Radiology

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Director, PGY 2-3 Curriculum

Christopher Davis, MD, MPH
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John C. Densmore, MD
Associate Director, Residency Program

Rana M. Higgins, MD
Associate Director, Residency Program

Kathleen L. Lak, MD
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Associate Director, Residency Program
Director, PGY 1 Curriculum

Caitlin R. Patten, MD
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Co-Director, PGY 4-5 Curriculum

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Director, M4 Clerkship

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Lisa Olson
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Marilyn Zarka, MBA
Education Program Coordinator I

Our five-year residency program is framed by ACGME Core Competencies of patient care, medical knowledge, professionalism, practice-based learning and improvement, interpersonal communication skills, systems-based practice, and the achievement of operative expertise a surgeon needs in order to make a difference in the lives of their patients and families. The Medical College of Wisconsin's affiliated hospitals provide a breadth of patient diversity and surgical conditions that enriches each resident's learning and patient management experience within community-based, university-based, and Veterans Administration hospital systems.

FELLOWS

Bennett Berning, MD
Surgical Critical Care Fellow

Shanley Deal, MD
Minimally Invasive/Bariatric Surgery Fellow

Olivia M. Delozier, MD
Endocrine Surgery Fellow

Simon Fraser, MD
Vascular Surgery Fellow

Christopher Laird, MD
Pediatric Critical Care Fellow

Ali Mejaddam, MD
Pediatric Surgery Fellow

Becky Mitchell, MD
Surgical Critical Care Fellow

Erin P. Ward, MD
Complex General Surgical Oncology Fellow

Osamu Yoshino, MD, PhD
HPB Fellow

PGY

1

THE YEARS OF RESIDENCY

A post-graduate year (PGY) 1 and PGY 2 resident begin training as a members of an interdisciplinary team committed to comprehensive patient care of commonly presenting surgical conditions. Progressing through the PGY 3 and PGY 4 years, the resident assumes a principal role with the team managing patients on the clinical services, before culminating as a PGY 5 competent to lead teams and manage the pre-, post- and intra-operative care of complex patient conditions.



Abebrese, Emmanuel



Anderson, Eric



Bacos, Jonathan
Plastics



Bennett, Jackson
Preliminary



Gellings, Jaclyn



Josephson, Michael



Kaiser, Jennifer



Ramamurthi, Adhitya



Shah, Nayan
Urology



Stoddard, Timothy
Plastics



Turner, Halen



Waldoch, Brendan
Urology



Watts, Andrew
Urology



Wilson, Danielle

Seven residents are chosen each year for categorical positions in the General Surgery Residency Program. The program is a broad-based program and prepares residents for one of three tracks:

- Community practice as a general surgeon;
- An academic career with a research focus;
- Advanced fellowship training.

During the first two years, the resident will manage patients and gain preliminary operative experience through rotations in general surgery, trauma surgery, transplant surgery, the surgical intensive care unit, cardiothoracic surgery, vascular surgery and pediatric surgery. While on these services, the resident attends the teaching and work conferences of these specialty services.

PGY

2



Biesboer, Elise



Drezdzon, Melissa



Flanagan, Colleen



Jaraczewski, Taylor



Jean, Xavier



Klein, Spencer
Plastics



Markova, Zarina



McMains, Connor
Plastics



Scheidler, Katherine



Seadler, Benjamin



Stumpf, Monica

PGY

3



Buchanan, Erin



Dyrud, Paul



Fredrickson, Kyla



Georgeades, Christina



Krepline, Ashley



Marquart, John



Peterson, Kent
Research



Thomas, Arielle
Research



Witte, Amanda

RESIDENCY CURRICULUM

Each resident participates in the Protected Block Curriculum based on their program year, during which time residents develop camaraderie through peer learning, support and mentoring. The curriculum is competency-based and presented and facilitated by faculty and staff using multiple educational tools including didactic lectures, peer-reviewed articles, skill sessions, hands-on workshops, and case-based discussions. For the PGY 1 and 2 years, residents are relieved of all clinical duties during the curriculum in order to prepare for and fully participate in curriculum activities. Over a five year period, the Protected Block Curriculum represents nearly 1,000 hours of concentrated learning.

PGY

4



Bence, Christina



Bowder, Alexis
Research



Boyle, Kelly



Chow, Bonnie



Gibson, Emma



Goelz, Andrew



Hu, Katherine



Lake, Zoe



Madion Jr.,
Matthew



Smith, Nathan
Research



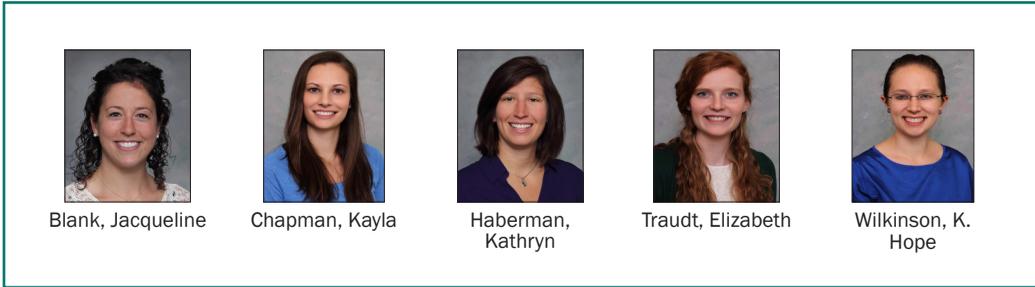
Strong, Erin



Thalji, Samih
Research



PGY 5



CHIEF RESIDENCY AT MCW SURGERY

In the final year, the Chief Resident puts it all together - perfects clinical judgment with expanded responsibility for patient management and as well, has a supervisory and educational role with junior residents and medical students. Operative experience is gained in complicated trauma, gastrointestinal, hepatic, pancreatobiliary, endocrine, laparoscopic surgery, vascular disorders and a variety of malignant conditions.

Successful completion of a year as Chief Resident qualifies the resident for examination by the American Board of Surgery.

Through the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals (MCWAH), the College and affiliated institutions combine their extensive and varied resources to offer 72 separate accredited residencies and fellowships.



2020-2021 Research Residents



Alexis Bowder, MD

Mentor: David Gourlay, MD

“My research in global surgery is focused on access to and outcomes for pediatric surgical care in Brazil and Haiti, increasing research capacity for clinicians in Haiti, and gender equity within the Surgical, Anesthesia and Obstetric specialties world-wide. My local research is focused on exploring trauma recidivism populations in the Milwaukee pediatric population, and intussusception and TEF outcomes for pediatric patients.”

Kent Peterson, MD

Mentors: Tim Ridolfi, MD, MS; Carrie Peterson, MD, MS

“I am working with the Veterans Health Administration and the Colorectal Surgery Department at the Medical College of Wisconsin to perform clinical research. Specifically, I am investigating surgical outcomes and prediction models for the response of neoadjuvant chemoradiation therapy in rectal cancer patients.”



Sam Thalji, MD

Mentor: Susan Tsai, MD, MPH

“I am working primarily on investigating the utility of various biomarkers for prognosis and clinical decision-making in the treatment of pancreatic cancer. We are also exploring ways that precision medicine (molecular profiling, individual response to treatment) can guide optimal selection of neoadjuvant therapies for pancreatic cancer patients. I am working with other members of the department on surgical outcomes related to sarcoma, breast, and liver cancers.”



Arielle Thomas, MD

Mentors: Brendan Campbell, MD, MPH; Avery Nathens, MD, PhD; Anne Stey, MD, MSc

“I am taking time away from clinical years to join the American College of Surgeons as their Firearm and Injury Prevention Clinical Scholar in Residence. My interest in public health focuses on the way in which marginalized groups are most affected by medico-legal discourse, policies, and programs involving health both domestically and globally. My specific focus is a combination of outcome research on firearm injuries as well as the impact of state legislation on at-risk populations.”



Nathan Smith, MD

Mentor: David Joyce, MD, MBA

“My research is primarily focused on advanced heart failure, cardiogenic shock, and how best to utilize the vast array of temporary mechanical circulatory support devices available to cardiac surgeons. Our current projects are centered around the use of these devices in high-risk coronary artery bypass grafting, acute respiratory distress syndrome due to COVID-19, and end-stage heart failure patients who are not transplant candidates.”



MCW Surgery Resident Research Fund

Providing surgical residents an opportunity to initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests

The Department of Surgery at the Medical College of Wisconsin has long been a leader in excellence in education, academic achievement, and patient care. Alumnae of the General Surgery Residency program have become very successful clinicians, educators, scientists, and administrative leaders. However, some of the attributes that have made our program so successful in the past are now threatened by financial constraints. The goal of the Resident Research Fund is to promote continued academic achievement and professional development for the future generation of surgeons.

The Department of Surgery Resident Research fund provides surgical residents an opportunity to initiate and complete research projects related to their professional interests in basic science, health services research, and clinical and translational research. The experience of translating scientific knowledge from 'the bench to bedside' provides the foundation for lifelong inquiry in the pursuit of continued excellence and equity in patient care.

In 2020, a capital campaign was launched, thanks to the generosity of the family of Robert Condon, MD, Chair of the Department of Surgery from 1979-1997. A master surgeon, Dr. Condon was a leading expert on the topic of hernia repair and the namesake for the Robert E. Condon Hernia Institute. In his honor, the Condon family agreed to match all donations to the Resident Research Fund in 2020. Thanks to this gift and under the leadership of Mary Otterson, MD, Chair of the Resident Research fund Committee, \$120,933 was raised. We are incredibly grateful to the many donors, who are listed on pages 48-50 of this report.

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If you would like to make a gift online using a credit card, please visit our secure site to support the [Resident Research Fund](https://www.mcwsupport.mcw.edu/residentresearchfund), or scan the QR code.



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The Edwin Ellison Surgical Society

Connecting MCW Surgery alumni around the world

The Edwin Ellison Surgical Society (EESS) is the Alumni Society of the Medical College of Wisconsin General Surgery Residency. It is named in honor of the internationally-recognized surgeon Edwin H. Ellison, MD. Dr. Ellison united all the surgical residency programs in the Milwaukee area into one program and served as the first Chair of Surgery at MCW.

The Department of Surgery is excited to announce the Edwin Ellison Surgical Society. The idea of creating an alumni association for graduates of the Medical College of Wisconsin general surgery training program began in late 2019, to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the Carl W. Eberbach Memorial Lectureship. Subsequently, a seven-member planning committee was formed by Dr. Tracy Wang to develop the society.

Several naming options were discussed, all of whom were amazing MCW surgeons with whom any of us would be proud to be associated. Ultimately, the committee chose the surgeon who could best represent all who have graduated from the program. A surgeon who united all the residency programs in the Milwaukee area into one MCW program and developed the Department of Surgery into the foundation of MCW's clinical practice, Dr. Edwin H. Ellison. Dr. Ellison was the distinguished Chairman of the Department of Surgery at MCW from 1958 until his untimely death in 1970. We have reached out to Dr. Ellison's son (E. Christopher Ellison, MD, MCW Medical School Alumni, previous Chair of the Department of Surgery at the Ohio State University, and current CEO of the OSU Faculty Group Practice) and grandson (Jonathan Ellison, MD, current MCW Pediatric Urologist) and they are both excited to launch this society.



Join the **EESS**

Scan the QR code to fill out a survey and register to join the Edwin Ellison Surgical Society.



2020 EESS Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Society consists of the Current and Past President(s), the President Elect, Secretary, Alumni Representative, Faculty Representative, Resident Representative(s), Program Director, Program Manager, and Department Chair. The 2020 Executive Committee was chosen by the planning committee.



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MS
2020-2022



Resident Rep.
Elizabeth Traudt, MD '16
2020-2022



President-Elect
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GME '11
2022-2024



Resident Rep.
Jacqueline Blank, MD
2020-2022



Secretary
Betsy Appel, MD '11, GME '16
2020-2022



Program Director
Matthew Goldblatt, MD '97,
GME '04



Alumni Rep.
Chris Fox, MD '98, GME '04
2020-2022



Program Manager
Lisa Olson



Faculty Rep.
Tracy S. Wang, MD, MPH
2020-2022



Surgery Chair
Douglas B. Evans, MD

MCW Surgery Administration

Working behind the privacy curtains to support physicians and advance surgical infrastructure

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Patty Hoath
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Karen Larson
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Ruthie Lewis
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Jon Mayer
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Cyndi Nebel
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Suzanne Piotrowski
Reimbursement Manager

Mary Rueth
Senior Reimbursement Manager

Tom Sisson
Desktop Support Technician III

Lillian Ubovic
Reimbursement Analyst I



ABOUT OUR TEAM

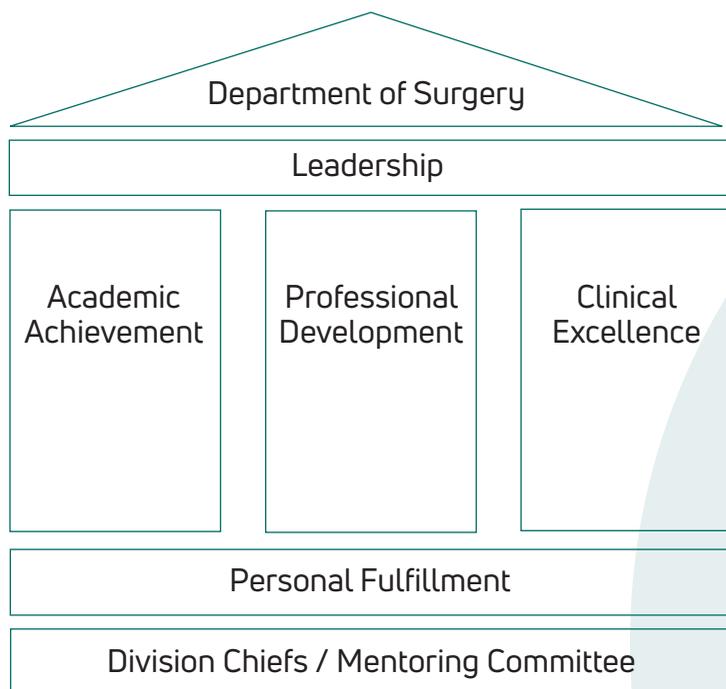
The MCW Surgery administrative team brings a love of academic medicine and a deep, personal commitment to patient care to their goal of making the Department of Surgery the best academic department in the world. This talented group is fully integrated with the physicians, APPs, and residents and provides the infrastructure necessary for everyone to succeed. The financial and personnel management side of medicine can be fun – and we have the team to prove it! From philanthropy to the stewardship of the We Care Fund, grant submission, manuscript preparation, and much more, this team derives their extra energy from the realization that we all are here for the patients of today and the patients of tomorrow – and those patients of tomorrow include us all. Our administrative team makes this all possible!

Department of Surgery Mentoring Committee

Providing a structure for faculty mentoring in order to foster academic success

The value of mentorship in academic medicine is increasingly being recognized as vital to the success of its faculty. Multiple studies demonstrate improvements in a number of parameters including career goal setting, understanding of paths to promotion, faculty retention, achievement of local, regional, or national leadership positions as part of broad professional activities, enhancement of faculty grant productivity, and overall faculty career success. A recent survey of chairs provides a glimpse of mentorship programs in departments of surgery in the US, with an accompanying commentary stressing the importance of career development for surgical faculty. Given the increasingly complex nature of MCW with two new regional campuses, new schools, and multiple promotion tracks, it is more imperative than ever that faculty are provided a mentoring and professional development infrastructure to succeed. Since an institutionally-based mentoring program for all faculty is not yet available, the Department of Surgery has instituted its own Mentoring Committee focused initially on the academic success of faculty.

THE THREE PILLARS OF MENTORSHIP



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Michael Zimmerman, MD

Department of Surgery Vice Chairs

In 2017, we created program-specific Vice Chair positions to advance our mission of education, research, and clinical care, and capitalize on the talent and expertise of our growing faculty.

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Jon C. Gould, MD
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Department of Surgery Endowed Chairs

As one of our institution's permanent and sustaining assets, and Endowed Chair is one of MCW's most important faculty honors. Endowed Chairs are awarded solely for the purpose of recruitment, retention, and/or recognition of nationally and internationally distinguished faculty at MCW.



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Children's Wisconsin;
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Chair



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MD, PhD**
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Chair for Surgical
Research

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Appointed Historian of Wisconsin Surgical Society

Kellie R. Brown, MD

Chief of Staff, Froedtert Hospital
Section Editor, *Rutherford Textbook of Vascular Surgery*

Section Editor, *Rutherford Textbook of Operative Techniques in Surgery*
Editorial Board, *Journal of Vascular Surgery: Cases and Innovative Techniques*

Section Editor, *VESAP 5*

Casey Calkins, MD

Associate Editor – *Pediatric Surgery International*

Chair, American Pediatric Surgery Association Program Committee

Thomas A. Carver, MD

Received the 2020 Interdisciplinary Care Partner Award from the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin

Christopher Dodgion, MD

Promoted to Associate Professor, Vice Chair, Association of Academic Global Surgery Rules and Regulations Committee

Institutional Representative, ACS Operation Giving Back Hawassa University Partnership

College of Surgeons of East Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) Oral Board Examiner

Representative, Association for Academic Surgery to the Global Alliance for Surgical, Obstetric, Trauma, and Anaesthesia Care
Lead, Association for Academic Global Surgery Rules and Regulations Committee

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Disaster Medicine*

John C. Densmore, MD

Promoted to Professor of Surgery
Received the Excellence in

Professionalism Award for MD/DO/PhD from Children's Specialty Group/Children's Wisconsin

Received Outstanding Performance Child and Family Experience Award, Children's Wisconsin

Francisco Durazo, MD

OPTN/UNOS National Liver Review Board

Marc A. de Moya, MD

Chair, Association of Surgical Education Program Committee
Chair, Western Trauma Association Publication Committee

Chair, Surgical Critical Care Program Directors Society Education Committee

Co-director, Cuban Society of Surgery International Symposium
Chair, Pan-American Trauma Society Disaster Response Committee

Terri A. deRoos-Cassini, PhD, MS

Received the 2020 President's Community Engagement Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin
Received the 2020 President's Diversity and Inclusions Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin

Mario G. Gasparri, MD

President, Chest Wall Injury Society
Chair, Thoracic Surgery Expert of the AO Technical Commission

Matthew I. Goldblatt, MD

Elected President of the MCW/ Marquette Medical Alumni Association

Chair, SAGES Hernia Committee

Jon C. Gould, MD, MBA

Elected Recorder and to the Executive Council of the Central Surgical Association

Nominated and inducted to the Beta Gamma Sigma International Business Honor Society

Received the Professionalism Award from the MCW graduating Chief Resident class of 2020

CSA Representative, American College of Surgeons

David Gourlay, MD

Received the Excellence in Professionalism Award for MD/DO/PhD from Children's Specialty Group/Children's Wisconsin

Johnny C. Hong, MD

Editorial Board, Transplantation Proceedings

OPTN/UNOS National Liver Review Board

Viktor Hraska, MD, PhD

Associate Editor – *World Journal for Pediatric & Congenital Heart Surgery*

Andrew S. Kastenmeier, MD

Inducted to the Medical College of Wisconsin Society of Teaching Scholars

Joohyun Kim, MD, PhD

Editorial Board, Transplantation Proceedings
OPTN/UNOS National Liver Review Board

Tammy L. Kindel, MD, PhD

Promoted to Associate Professor
Received the Early Career Achievement Award from The Ohio State University College of Medicine
Named the 2020 Michael H. Keelan Jr., MD Scholar presented by the

Medical College of Wisconsin Cardiovascular Center
Received the American College of Surgeons George Clowes Career Development Award
Received Research Affairs Committee Research Grant
Received SAGES Excellence in Medical Leadership Award

Amanda L. Kong, MD, MS

Promoted to Professor of Surgery
Vice Chair, Society of Surgical Oncology Training Committee

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President, Children's Wisconsin Medical Staff

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Editor-in-Chief, Case Reports in Gastroenterology

Editorial Board, Epigenomes

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Received Junior Faculty Award from the Society of Asian Academic Surgeons

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Received the 2020 President's Diversity and Inclusions Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin
Appointed Chair, Trauma Center Association of American Military – Civilian Committee
Appointed State Vice Chair, American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma

Michael E. Mitchell, MD

Invited Reviewer, NIH, NCAT, Rare Disease Clinical Trial Readiness ZTR1 RD-2
Invited Reviewer, NIH, Bioengineering, Technology and Surgical Sciences (BTSS) Study Section Meetings
Invited Reviewer, American Heart Association, Transformational Project Award Clinical Sciences

Rachel L. Morris, MD

Awarded Collaborative for Healthcare Delivery Science Research Fellowship, Michael Zinner Fellow (Surgical Outcomes Club)
Appointed, Outpatient Clinic Service Line Director
Received 2021 EAST Multicenter New Investigator Award

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Board of Directors and Publications Committee Chair, Global Initiative for Children's Surgery
Executive Committee and Editorial Board – *Pediatric Surgery International*

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Timothy J. Ridolfi, MD, MS

Received the 2020-2021 Association of Veterans Administration Surgeons Foundation Karl Storz Award
Program Committee Chair for the 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS)

Thomas T. Sato, MD

Received the Outstanding Performance Child and Family Experience Award from Children's Wisconsin

Andrew Schramm, PhD

President, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's Wisconsin Chapter

Sabina Siddiqui, MD

Chair, Global Initiative for Children's Surgery Education Committee

Mary Elizabeth Schroeder, MD

Research Work Group Lead, American College of Surgeons Operation Giving Back Hawassa Training Hub Initiative
Editorial Board, *American Journal of Surgery*

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Invited Reviewer, Eunice Kennedy Shriver NIH National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Celebrate the Promise 2020 Innovator Honoree

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President, Society of Asian Academic Surgeons
Chair, Society of University Surgeons Social and Legislative Issues Committee

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Associate Editor, *Journal of Surgical Education*
Editorial Board, *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*
Editorial Board, *Geriatric Fast Facts*
Chair, American College of Surgeons General Surgery Review Course
Co-chair, American College of Surgeons SESAP 18 Planning Committee

Ronald K. Woods, MD, PhD

Associate Section Editor (Congenital) – *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*

Tina W. F. Yen, MD, MS

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President, Central Surgical Association

Michael A. Zimmerman, MD

Editorial Board, *Transplantation Proceedings*
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Since fall 2019, I have been a member of the MCW community in the capacity of building out a philanthropy program within our Cardiovascular Programs, and I am thrilled to take on the role of representing the Department of Surgery. It is evident that there is vast philanthropic opportunity within the Department of Surgery, mostly due to the remarkable patient care and abundance of gratitude from the community. I am excited to better understand the priorities across the department and marry them with the generosity of grateful patients and community members.

I have a mixed background of political, nonprofit, and healthcare development. My first career was in political fundraising—having run presidential, senatorial, and congressional major donor fundraising efforts across the state of Texas. Seeking more meaning in my day to day, I transitioned to healthcare and represented my alma mater, the University of Michigan, to secure major gifts for the now Michigan Medicine Rogel Cancer Center. Most recently, I worked for Charles Koch Foundation, Stand Togeth-

er, building national relationships and securing significant philanthropic support for higher education, non-profits, and policy reform.

As John Kennedy said, “Philanthropy is truly a jewel of an American tradition.” And it is truly a pleasure to work with those benefactors who wish to freely give their hard-earned dollars out of gratitude and hope for medical discoveries. I look forward to building upon the department’s existing philanthropic successes and partnering with our excellent faculty to identify grateful patients who wish to leave their mark through giving.

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Bringing hope and innovative treatment plans to patients and their families depends on translating new medical discoveries from the laboratory for use in the operating room, the bedside, and the clinic. The mission of the We Care Fund is to support researchers and physicians who are creating cutting-edge therapies and clinical programs that benefit patients in Wisconsin and throughout the world.

Our Goal

The We Care Fund supports research in the fields of cancer, cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal diseases, diseases of the newborn/child, organ transplantation and trauma. Traditional funding mechanisms supporting basic science and clinical care can take months, even years to secure. Some of the most promising and exciting solutions simply cannot wait that long. Our goal is to accelerate the development of those advanced, life-saving solutions by engaging the local community to help bring the best in healthcare research to Milwaukee.

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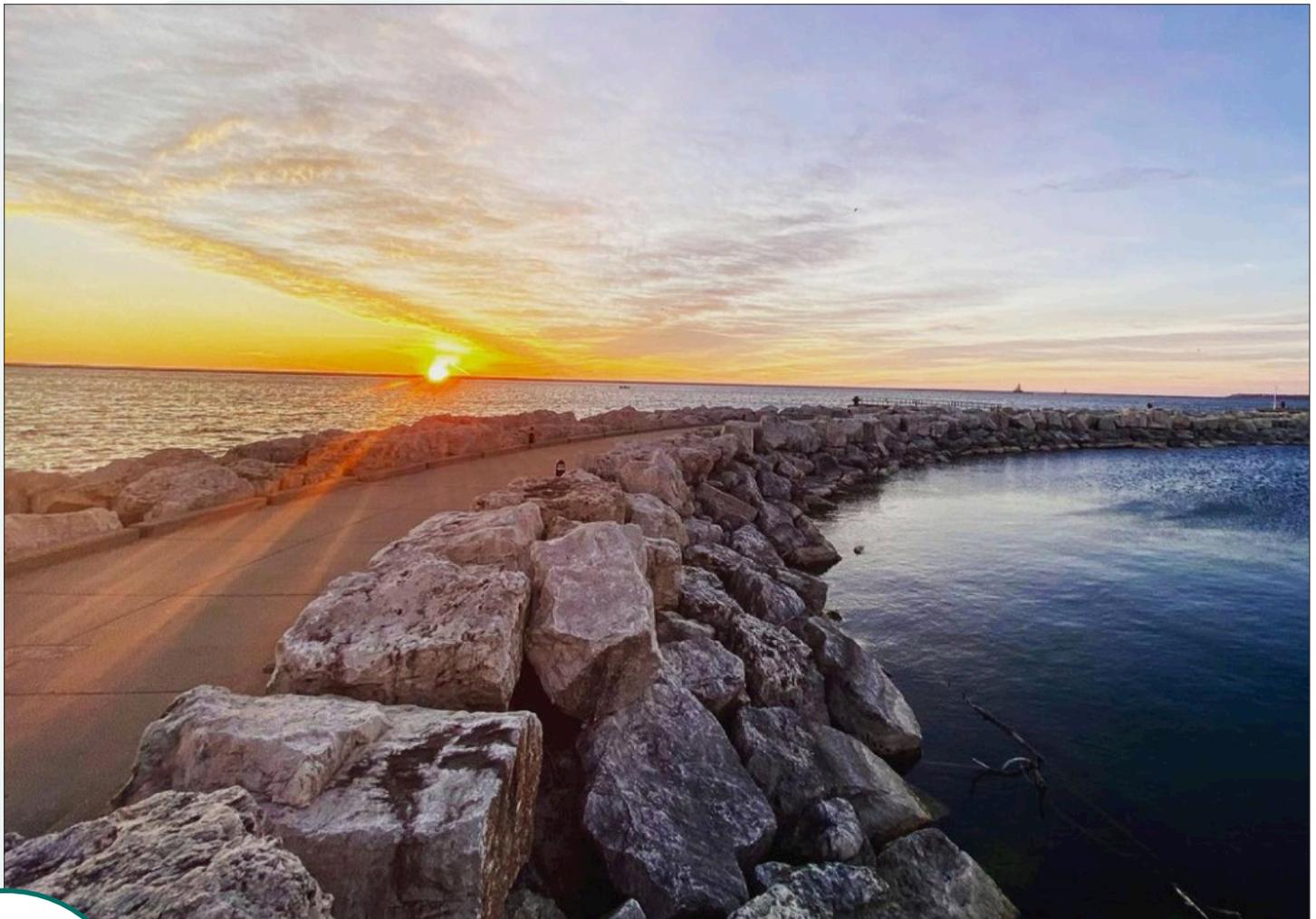
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Since the publication of our 2019 Annual Report, we have faced a global pandemic that has had profound effects on all of our personal and professional lives, including how we care for our patients. This annual report reflects the commitment and resilience of our entire department and we extend our deepest gratitude to the Department of Surgery faculty, APPs, fellows, residents, administrators, administrative assistants and staff and, most importantly, our patients and their families.

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We hope you will take a moment to view the photos on page 7, of the MCW campus and of a beautiful sunset in downtown Milwaukee. Special thanks to Dr. Tim Fenske (Department of Medicine) and our own Dr. Motaz Selim (Division of Transplant Surgery) for their permission to include their photos. To see more of Dr. Selim's talents, follow him on Instagram (@mz_in_mke).

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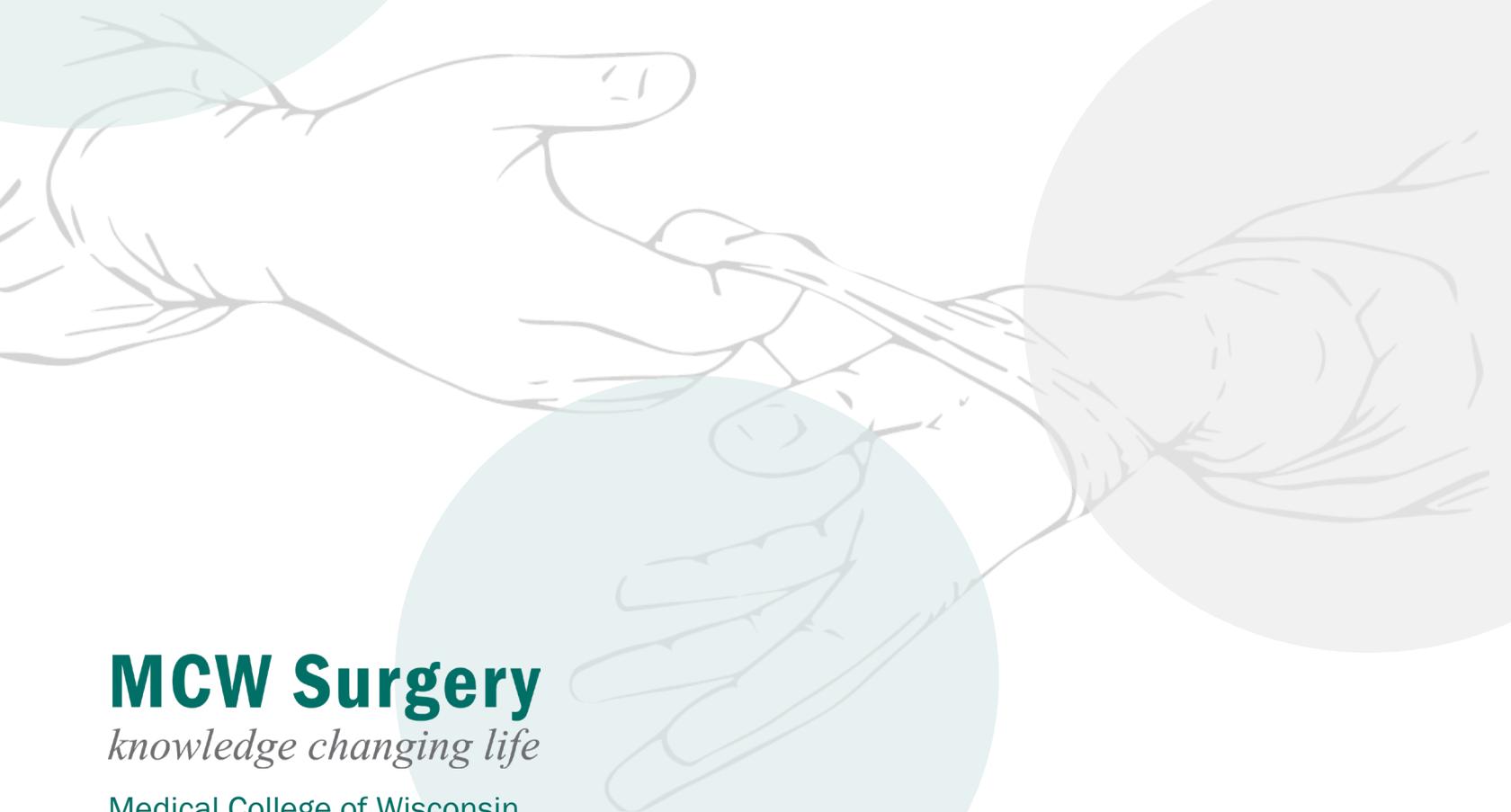


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