

Departmental Updates



2017-2018 Department of Surgery

Congratulations to **Paulo Martins, MD, PhD** from the Division of Transplantation who recently received the Rising Star Award at the International Liver Transplant Society's Annual Congress in Lisbon, Portugal. His award recognizes his research into improving the quality of liver grafts by machine perfusion preservation and gene modulation with RNA interference. Read [UMASSMEDNOW](#) article.



September Grand Rounds

The Department of Surgery will host several internationally and nationally recognized speakers during Grand Rounds this year. Preliminary scheduling of these speakers includes:

September 12:

Hilary Sanfey, MD

September 19:

Catalado Lecture - Ray Price, MD

September 26:

Jennifer Tseng, MD

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Congratulations to the 2017-2018 General Surgery Chief Resident Graduates

(Left to right) Michael Winton, Soleil Niknam-Bienia, Brandon Colvin, Demetrius Litwin, Jennifer LaFemina, Kate Dinh, Dan Hetherman, Jason Wiseman

2017-2018 Awards



Congratulations to **Rich Perugini, MD**, who was named the *2017-2018 Frederick J. McCready, MD Teacher of Year*. The Teacher of the Year award is given annually in memory of Dr. McCready, a staff member at St. Vincent's Hospital, who found joy in teaching residents and students. (Left to right) **Brandon Colvin, MD**, and **Rich Perugini, MD**



Congratulations to **Karl Uy, MD**, who was awarded the *2017-2018 Brian F. Bednarz, MD Faculty Award*. This award is presented annually to the surgical faculty member, selected by the graduating General Surgery chief residents, for his/her extraordinary influence and dedication in mentoring residents. (Left to right) **Karl Uy, MD**, and **Brandon Colvin, MD**



Congratulations to **Brandon Colvin, MD**, who was awarded the *Resident Teacher of the Year Award*. This award is given to a senior resident in the General Surgery residency who best exemplifies the quality of an outstanding teacher by sharing knowledge with fellow residents and students and best exemplifies the qualities others seek in a surgeon: patience, conscientiousness, organizational ability, knowledge, and technical skill. (Left to right) **Frank Yuan, MD**, **Sanaz Leilabadi, MD**, and **Brandon Colvin, MD**

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2017-2018 Awards (continued)



Congratulations to **Jason Wiseman, MD**, who was awarded the *H. Brownell Wheeler Award*. This award is presented to the surgical resident, who by agreement by the faculty and residents, has best demonstrated those human values desirable in a surgeon. This individual has demonstrated the ability to comfort and encourage patients and families, to elicit trust and confidence, to work cooperatively with colleagues, and to treat all others with respect, dignity, and kindness. (Left to right) **Abe Jaffe, MD**, and **Jason Wiseman, MD**



Congratulations to **Janet McDade, NP**, who has been named the *Clinical Coordinator for the Division of Colorectal Surgery*. Janet has served as a nurse practitioner for the division for nearly 20 years. In her new role, she will help develop and enact measures to improve patient access, patient satisfaction, communication, operations, efficiency, and employee satisfaction.



In late June, Dr Maykel attended the COLOR III Investigators Meeting in London, England representing the US research sites. COLOR III is a Phase 3 international clinical trial for rectal cancer patients looking at surgical procedures. The Division of Colorectal Surgery at UMass Memorial was the first research site in the United States for the COLOR III Trial. Dr Maykel was an early adopter of the transanal TME (TaTME), a specific surgical technique used to improve the quality of resection in the management of complex rectal cancer patients.

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Drs. **Paulo Martins**, **Babak Movahedi**, **Aaron Ahearn**, and **Adel Bozorgzadeh** recently presented their work “Intentional Transplantation of Hepatitis C Positive Livers into Hepatitis C Negative Recipients—First Reported Case Series in the English Literature” in oral form at the Annual Meeting of the International Liver Transplant Society (ILTS) in Portugal. The work was also featured in a second

presentation by the organizing committee, called “The Best of the ILTS,” as one of the most interesting papers of the meeting.

In collaboration with the Pathology Department, the group also presented additional work at the same meeting, entitled “Telepathology in liver biopsy for transplant: The value of smartphone and microscope adapter for real-time expert evaluation.”

Upcoming Events

1. The 65th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018** at the Westin Copley Hotel in Boston, MA. Abstract submission deadline for this event will be Monday, August 13, 2018 at 11:59 pm EST.
<http://meeting.mcacs.org/>
2. The University of Massachusetts Medical School will be conducting **Teaching of Tomorrow**, a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed Faculty Development Program. This program focuses on building and refining foundational skills for effective clinical teaching in inpatient and outpatient settings. The 2018-2019 conference will take part in Northampton, MA on November 30-December 1, 2018 and March 29-30, 2019. Additional information about the program and registration can be found at: <https://www.umassmed.edu/cfdc/teaching-of-tomorrow/>
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September 26: Jennifer Tseng, MD

November 28: Bednarz Lecture — Caprice Greenberg, MD

March 6: Rocco Ricciardi, MD

April 3: Steven Libutti, MD

Thank you for all of your submissions for the newsletter!