Greetings from the Department of Anesthesiology. As the department’s Interim Chair, I have had the opportunity to review the tremendous work achieved by the faculty in the previous academic year, and I am proud to say that they continue to produce stunning results. Perhaps our greatest achievement is our 22 newly graduated anesthesiologists from residency as well as 17 additional ones finishing fellowships in critical care medicine, acute perioperative pain medicine, chronic pain, and cardiovascular anesthesiology. These 39 physicians represent a continued and enduring contribution to anesthesiology for the next 30 to 40 years. These same graduates will go through a life-long learning process termed “maintenance of certification in anesthesia” (MOCA) to maintain their hard-earned board certifications. Our department is thrilled to have achieved ASA-endorsed status certification to assist time-limited ABA Diplomates in completing their required components to maintain active certification. In fact, these simulations are already underway and available sessions are quickly filling. This endorsement builds on the vision of Joachim S. Gravenstein, MD, a tireless pioneer and promoter of simulation in healthcare. In research, we continue to build year-over-year growth toward discovery and innovation. This year, the faculty produced 51 peer-reviewed publications with $1,957,085.98 of external research funding. This upward climb has led us to “Blue Ridge” NIH rankings of #27 in a field of over 100 academic anesthesiology programs. Clinically, we passed the million ASA unit mark for the last academic year while anesthetizing over 40,000 patients with a “top 10” case mix index among academic medical centers.
In April of this year, the 40th annual Gulf Atlantic Residents’ Research Conference (GAARRC) took place in Jacksonville, FL, and was hosted by Mayo Clinic. For those not familiar, GAARRC is an annual professional meeting for anesthesia residents in the Southeastern United States. Its purpose is to provide a safe, low-stress environment in which anesthesia residents can learn to present academic subject matter in front of their peers. Topics can be chosen within three categories: original research, case reports, and literature review. The presentations are generally done in PowerPoint with an expected length of about 10 minutes and an additional 2-minute Q&A at the end. Faculty members from each participating institution are present for judging each of the presentations. The top three presentations in each category are given awards. One new twist that was started last year is that, in partnership with the International Anesthesia Research Society (IARS), the residents with the top two overall presentations are then able to present their topics at the IARS later that year, all expenses paid.

This year, we had 10 excellent presentations from our residents, who worked very hard on them. These residents were: Ajay Antony, MD; Meghan Brennan, MD, MS; Ashley L. Screws, MD; Justin Bremer, MD; Richard N. Fair, MD; Jennifer Mallek, MD; Timothy Replogle, MD; Anastacia Munro, MD; Clifford A. Cutchins, MD; and Cameron R. Smith, MD. We are proud to announce that Meghan Brennan was selected as second overall and went on to present her original research material in Montreal, Canada, at IARS. This achievement is most impressive by virtue of the fact that Meghan was only an intern this year. Congratulations Meghan!

Faculty advisors for GAARRC this year included Sean Kiley, Sonya Mehta, Brit Smith, Chris Giordano, and Alley Haller. Dr. Haller, who has been a GARRC faculty advisor for a number of years, will be heading the charge next year as we hope to make a strong showing in beautiful Puerto Rico for the 41st annual GAARRC!

Let’s Welcome Our New Residents!

It’s that time of year again… our halls are filling up with the new faces of incoming interns and residents. As we strive to fulfill one of our important missions, that of education, we seek out the best and brightest to come to UF and become part of the Gator Nation to learn from our great clinicians and faculty. Please welcome them to our community and take some time to get to know them. As a starting point, here is some background information:

PGY1/Interns

Pavel Balduyeu, MD – Mogilev, Belarus
Belarusian State Medical University

Carl Berasi IV, MD – Columbus, OH
Duke University School of Medicine

Danielle Cobb, MD – Orlando, FL
University of Florida College of Medicine

Nikolaus L. Gravenstein, MD – Gainesville, FL
University of Florida College of Medicine

Mark Hotchkiss, DO – Panama City, FL
Nova SE University College of Osteopathy

Yu ning Margaret Hsu, MBCB – Taipei, Taiwan
Royal College of Surgeons-Ireland School of Medicine

Spencer Hyde, DO – Bountiful, UT
Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Jordan Miller, MD – Daytona Beach, FL
USF Health Morsani College of Medicine

Linda Moleon, MD – Miami, FL
Howard University College of Medicine

Teresa Ojode, MD – Nairobi, Kenya
University of Michigan Medical School

Mohamed Osman, MD – Zulfi, Saudi Arabia
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine

Andrew Redfern, DO – Jacksonville, FL
Nova SE University College of Osteopathy

Richard Sims, MD – Marianna, FL
Florida State University College of Medicine

Gevalin Sriskoosai, MD – Thailand, Thailand
University of Florida College of Medicine
EDUCATION (continued)

PGY2/Residents

Rishi Agarwal, MD – Yorba Linda, CA
University of CA/San Diego School of Medicine

Rachel Cavennaugh, MD – Houston, TX
University of Texas Medical School at Houston

Eric Chanowski, MD – Ypsilanti, MI
University of Michigan

Kenechi Ebede, MD – Boston, MA
Perelman School of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania

Angela Fugate, MD – Michigan City, IN
Indiana University School of Medicine

Zachary Greene, MD – Pensacola, FL
University of Florida College of Medicine

Michael Kaminsky, DO – Cincinnati, OH
Philadelphia College of Osteopathy

Shazia Mohammad, MD – Miami, FL
University of Florida College of Medicine

Wasef Muzaffar, MD – Ft. Worth, TX
University of Alabama School of Medicine

Daniel Pietras, MD – Manhasset, NY
University of Cincinnati College of Medicine

Meredith Whitacre, MD – Raleigh, NC
Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

This year, we celebrated the hard work and excellence of an exceptional class with a beautiful commencement ceremony on Saturday, June 7th, 2014. Along with family and friends, the Department of Anesthesiology came together to send off our graduating residents with all the pomp and circumstance they deserved. In the spirit of growing the Gator Nation and keeping in touch, here is a list of where you can find everyone going forward:

- Ryan Anolick, MD
  Cardiovascular Fellowship, The Texas Heart Institute, Houston, TX

- Erick Baker, MD
  Fellowship in Acute and Perioperative Pain Medicine, UF

- Jennifer Chang, MD
  Catherine Coleman, MD
  Emily Davoodi, MD
  Fred Cole Dooley, MD
  Pediatric Anesthesiology Fellowship, Arkansas Children’s Hospital

- Jason Drennan, MD
  Ryan Ensminger, DO
  Valley Anesthesiology Consultants, Phoenix

- Ryan Goldsmith, MD
  Regional Perioperative Pain Fellowship, UF
  Abbey Guillory-Herman, MD
  OPS faculty (until her husband finishes RAD Onc Residency)

- Jonathan Hadaway, MD
  Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship, UF

- Jay Hammerling, MD
  University of Michigan Critical Care Fellowship

- Daniel Hernandez Barajas, MD
  Cardiothoracic Anesthesiology Fellowship, UF

- Tomas Kucera, MD
  Fellowship Pain Medicine, NYU School of Medicine

- Morgan Mathie, DO
  Valley Anesthesiology Consultants, Phoenix
  Anastacia Munro, MD
  Regional Perioperative Pain Fellowship, UF

- Amy Murphy, DO
  St. Michael’s Hospital, Stevens Point, WI

- Renee Myers, MD
  Fellowship in Chronic Pain Medicine, UF

- Timothy Replogle, MD
  Pain Medicine Fellowship, Duke University

- Tracy Sisk, DO
  Cardiothoracic Fellowship, Rochester University

- Stephen Vose, MD
  Acute and Preoperative Pain Medicine Fellowship, UF

- Matthew Waldron, MD
  Cardiothoracic Fellowship Northwestern Univ., Chicago

- Daniel Wiest, MD
  Community Anesthesia Providers, Fresno, CA

- Yury Zasimovich, MD
  Acute and Preoperative Pain Medicine Fellowship, UF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Florida Society of Anesthesiologists requests the pleasure of your company at The FSA Florida Reception to be held at The ANESTHESIOLOGY™ 2014 Annual Meeting.

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7:00 to 8:30 p.m. | Sunday, October 12, 2014
New Levee Room | New Orleans Downtown Marriott at the Convention Center | 859 Convention Center Blvd.

Please also join your UF colleagues at 6:30 p.m. in the same location for a brief Anesthesiology Alumni Association of Florida, Inc. business meeting.
Our Fantastic Research Office: What We Can Do for You!

The Department of Anesthesiology’s Office of Research is here to assist trainees and faculty with the development of research grants pre- and post-award, research project design, coordinate the IRB process, to help with grant writing, and to provide statistical assistance. We are also a research repository with our creation and maintenance of the Anesthesiology Data Vault. The Office of Research is comprised of Research Administrator Joyce Hudson, MBA; Clinical Research Nurse Coordinator Judith Wishin, BA; Senior Grant Specialist Dana Wolford, MS; IRB Grant Specialist Jessica Lee; Data Vault Coordinator Cynthia Lugo; and Biostatistician Terrie Vasilopoulos, PhD.

In this fiscal year, 2013-2014, our department has submitted 57 new grant proposals to various agencies (federal, state, foundation, industry, etc.). We received 15 new awards from various sponsors (NIH, Pfizer, Astute, St. Jude, I. Heermann Anesthesia Foundation, AHA, Veteran’s Administration, Boston Scientific, Medtronic Inc., and the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research).

Department of Anesthesiology’s 2014 Annual Celebration of Research Day

The Office of Research held its 4th Annual 2014 Celebration of Research Day event to highlight the Department of Anesthesiology’s research accomplishments. Thirty-nine faculty presented abstracts and posters. Our invited speaker, Dr. Evan D. Kharasch, MD, PhD, Vice Chancellor for Research, Professor of Anesthesiology, Washington University in St. Louis, enlightened us about the long-term acting effects of methadone. He also judged the three oral presentations.

We thank everyone who took the time and put in the long hours of research, study, and creativity to research and present at this special event. We value research in our department and throughout the University of Florida and we honor our fantastic faculty researchers who are always on the cutting edge of new developments.

AWARDS

We would like to congratulate all of the department’s award winners! Here is a list of who’s who:

DEPARTMENT OF ANESTHESIOLOGY CELEBRATION OF RESEARCH:

The oral presentation recipient who received this years “Jerome H. Modell, M.D. Research Award” and $1,000 was awarded to Jenna Leclerc (PI Sylvain Doré): Haptoglobin Genotype Predicts Development of Cerebral Vasospasm and Functional Outcome Following Aneurysmal Subarachnoid Hemorrhage.

Second place and $500 was awarded to Jared Tanner (PI Mark Rice): Preliminary Study: Presence of Patent Foramen Ovale and Cerebral Emboli during Total Knee Arthroplasty in Older Adults.

Third place and $250 was awarded to Ferenc Rabai (PI Steve Robicsek): Contralateral and Third Ventricle compression are Early CT Signs Heralding Secondary Infarcts in Non-Penetrating Severe Traumatic Brain Injury.

Fourth place and $100 was awarded to Jennifer Bunch (PI Robert Hurley): Survey of Top Publishers in Academic Anesthesiologists in the United States.

UF COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CELEBRATION OF RESEARCH

CTRND and Doré Research Team member Chase Chambers, Bioengineer undergrad student, was awarded 2nd place for his poster and presentation at the 2013 UF College of Medicine Celebration of Research Poster Presentation held at the O’Connell center on March 11, 2013. He has now graduated and been accepted to medical school.

LAWRENCE M. GOODMAN RESEARCH AWARD

Congratulations to Peter Cai (MD student) who received the Lawrence M. Goodman Research Award on the Cat G stroke study during the Annual Medical Student Research Day. This was the only award of the four awards given to a Basic Science Project.

SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE AWARD

Monique Mendes was awarded first place and $500 for her oral presentation on the HI and CO project. She attended a Southeastern Conference and received great feedback from all the judges on the progress of the project.

GAARC

We are proud to announce that Meghan Brennan was selected as second overall winner at this year’s GAARC and went on to present her original research material at IARS in Montreal, Canada. This achievement is most impressive since Meghan was an intern this year. Congratulations, Meghan!

The Department of Anesthesiology is a Publishing Powerhouse!

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of the faculty and staff of the Department of Anesthesiology, we, as a department, published 51 peer-reviewed publications in the past fiscal year. This is a fantastic amount of study design, research, grant proposal and processing, writing, and journal submission, and it shows a great collaborative effort among a talented group of faculty researchers, clinicians, administrators, and staff.

Peer-Reviewed Publications for the Fiscal Year 2013-2014


**UF Health Shands board approves funding for new hospital**

_By: Melissa Blouin_

The **UF Health Shands board** approved funding for the construction of a new specialty hospital that will house towers for neuromedicine and cardiovascular services. The new hospital will accommodate anticipated growth in these areas, plus accommodate continued growth in our main hospital, UF Health officials said today.

“We are grateful to the board for supporting this effort to expand our medical services for patients who entrust us with their care,” said David S. Guzick, MD, PhD, senior vice president for health affairs at UF and president of UF Health.

“The new hospital will establish the highest standard for heart, vascular and neurological care anywhere in the Southeast.”

The plan for the new hospital is part of the long-term strategic plan for UF Health, “Forward Together.” The addition of the hospital will address growing patient needs in two key medical fields. The building costs will amount to approximately $415 million.

The new specialty hospital will be located on Archer Road just east of the UF Health Shands Cancer Hospital, and will feature 216 beds, including 120 ICU beds and 20 state-of-the-art operating rooms. There will also be a parking garage with 600 spaces to accommodate patients and families. The neuromedicine and cardiovascular towers will provide care to patients with neurologic, neurosurgical, heart or vascular conditions.

Work on the site will begin in November. Construction will begin in early 2015, and will be completed in the fourth quarter of 2017. Officials anticipate the tower opening for patients in 2018.
UF Anesthesiology Mourns the Loss of Brad Brian

Along with family and friends, the University of Florida Department of Anesthesiology said goodbye to a dear friend and colleague, Brad Brian, who was killed Wednesday, May 7, 2014, when a small plane he was co-piloting crashed in Utah’s Santa Clara Reserve.

Brad left behind his wife, Camille, and four children, Kaitlyn, Landon, Cammi, and Connor.

He will be remembered as a great father, husband, friend, and doctor, as well as someone who cared about others. According to the family’s statement: “Brad had dreamed of becoming a pilot his entire life and was finally making that dream become a reality. As a family, we will cherish the memories we have of our son, brother, husband and father. He will be dearly missed by his neighbors, his patients and colleagues at Dixie Regional Medical Center, and his family members and friends in Wayne County. We appreciate the outpouring of love and support of so many and find peace and comfort through faith.”

Brad is remembered fondly for his time at UF by many who worked with him. He was known for his professionalism as well as his upbeat manner, and always managed to cheer up those around him with his “goofy smile.” Although his love of country music could be viewed from various angles, depending on who he was working with, no one denied that Brad defined the role of a team player. Over and over, his commitment to making sure all the work was done, that he helped out, that he dedicated himself to the team, came through loud and clear. All of this made him wonderful to work with.

Brad Brian was remembered in a memorial service Saturday, May 17, 2014 in Loa, Utah.

New Faculty Announcements

Nicholas Algarra

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Nicholas Algarra, who joined us on Monday, July 21st as an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. Dr. Algarra earned his BS at the University of Colorado and went on to earn a BA in Modern Languages from Metropolitan State University, as well as a Master’s from the University of Texas. Most of his medical education, including his MD and residency, was earned at the University of Kansas, but he completed his fellowship in neuroanesthesia at the University of Washington. He comes to us from the University of Kansas where he was an Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology. He has great enthusiasm for teaching and research, and his areas of interest include neuroprotection and long-term outcomes and effects of traumatic brain injury; transcranial Doppler monitoring and research; research curriculum for residents and students; and world health care. Dr. Algarra was the recipient of the 2012 American Society of Anesthesiologists Research Award. Congratulations! Let’s do our Gator best to welcome him to UF and to help him become part of our fantastic community!

René Przkora

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Rene Przkora to the Department of Anesthesiology. Dr. Przkora joined us on Wednesday, October 1st as an Associate Professor, and comes from the Department of Anesthesiology at The University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Dr. Przkora received his original medical education in Germany and earned his MD from the University of Würzburg and his PhD from the University of Bonn. He completed his residency in Surgery at the University of Regensburg Medical Center, and served his “Resident Position” in the Department of Trauma, Orthopedic, and Reconstructive Surgery at the Charite University Medical Center in Berlin. Directly after this, Dr. Przkora made his way to Texas, where he did a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship at Shriners Hospital for Children in the Department of Surgery. We know him because he came to UF after this and did a four-year residency in anesthesiology with us. Dr. Przkora finished his anesthesiology education by doing his fellowship in the Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. We are happy to welcome him back to Gainesville and to make him part of the Gator Nation once again! Let’s do our best to make Dr. Przkora a member of the UF family.
PEOPLE (continued)

Promotion and Tenure
For the academic year 2013-2014, the following faculty members received promotion and tenure.

Congratulations to them all!

Tammy Euliano, MD – Assoc. Prof. to Professor
Linda Le-Wendling, MD – Asst. Clin. Prof. to Associate Clinical Professor
Mark Rice, MD – Assoc. Clin. Prof. to Clinical Professor
Christoph Seubert, MD – Assoc. Clin. Prof. to Clinical Professor
Adam Wendling, MD – Asst. Clin. Prof. to Assoc. Clinical Professor

Gravenstein Scholars’ Program—How Do You Define Success?
By: Shirley Graves, MD, DSc

Some may define success as the “completion of a goal.” That would be only part of our definition of success. The initial Gravenstein Scholars’ Program (GSP) goal of $1 million, when fulfilled, is certainly a measure of successful completion of the stated goal, but that goal is still evolving. We recognize that it will take $2 million to fully fund the program; however, there is ongoing success in the program based on the outstanding Scholars who have completed or are currently engaged in the program. So, success is a measure that can be defined in numerous ways. Take a look at our Scholars.

Patrick Tighe, MD | David Edwards, MD, PhD
Nawar Al-Rawas, MD | Cameron Smith, MD, PhD
Hemant Joshi, MD, PhD

As of March, 2014, together these individuals have published 82 peer-reviewed scientific manuscripts, competitive abstracts, and book chapters and have given 43 presentations at regional and national meetings. In addition, they have received competitive grant funding from the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation, the Foundation for Anesthesia Education and Research, and the National Institutes of Health. Drs. Tighe and Edwards have completed the program and are both continuing their careers in academics. Dr. Tighe is Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Orthopedics and Program Director of the Perioperative Analytics Group at the University of Florida and subspecializes in pain medicine and regional anesthesia. Dr. Edwards is pursing his academic career at Massachusetts General Hospital, Harvard Medical School.

Now that is clearly a story about success! With Scholars such as the above, the program is a measure not only of individual success, but departmental success as well.

Personal successes are at the heart of this program; however, it could not have moved forward without the generous support of all our donors. Donations have come from many sources, but primarily from our alumni, faculty, and friends. In 2008, Dr. Yoeng Tang, an alumnus, made an initial generous donation and asked his colleagues to do the same. That was the beginning of the GSP. The forward movement of the program has been enhanced by the Department of Anesthesiology Chair Persons since that time. Drs. Shirley Graves and Jerome Modell have continuously led the charge to bring this program to its financial goal during these past five plus years. They and the department are grateful for all the support that has come forth from all of the donors.

As of June 1, 2014, there are 257 individual donors who have given 1,115 donations totaling $328,761, and outstanding pledges of $11,300, representing a total of $340,061. The State match for dollars given will be $77,551. Thus, the total to date will be $417,612.

Thus, if we define success as reaching the initial $1 million goal, we are closing in on the half-way point. If we define success by the Scholars personal accomplishments, it is nothing short of miraculous! The future of the GSP, the Scholars, and the Department is bright and continually ascending to new heights. Now that’s success.

Support the Gravenstein Scholar’s Program

Join the Department of Anesthesiology faculty and alumni in supporting medical education and research. At this time, our philanthropic focus is on completing the Gravenstein Scholars Program endowment. The Gravenstein Scholars Program, named in honor of the Gravenstein family members who have contributed so significantly to anesthesiology at the University of Florida, was established to accomplish the following:

1. To increase the number of anesthesiology residents at the University of Florida who choose academic careers.
2. To increase the research productivity and contributions of anesthesiology residents.
3. To prepare anesthesiology residents to conduct productive, independent research.

To contribute, you can donate online at:
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