

## Departmental Updates

### Center for Complex Aortic Disease Celebrates 200 Cases

- On Tuesday April 3, the UMass Memorial Center for Complex Aortic Disease celebrated a big milestone, repairing their 200<sup>th</sup> complex aorta patient. Incidentally, it was also the patient's birthday, which was celebrated together with the patient and team with birthday cupcakes. The patient did very well following his repair, and at age 82 years old, was able to be discharged home on post-operative day 1.

Per **Dr. Schanzer**, "It is an honor and a privilege to have been able to offer 200 patients minimally invasive repair of their complex aortic aneurysms. These patients have come to us from all over the United States and Europe to receive this transformative repair strategy and at our current volume, we are now positioned as the second busiest complex aortic center in the United States."



Dr. Schanzer celebrating with the recipient of the 200<sup>th</sup> complex aortic repair.



The Complex Aortic Disease Team Members

<https://ournewsandviews.org/2018/04/17/center-for-complex-aortic-disease-celebrates-200-cases/>

- Board Certification: Congratulations to the 2016-2017 General Surgery Residency Chiefs who all successfully passed the American Board of Surgery QE and CE on the first attempt. Congratulations to Drs. Courtney Collins, Aneel Damle, Rachelle Damle, Connie Lee, Pei-Wen Lim, Bankole Samuel and Ting (Dana) Xu. Congratulations also to all of their faculty and peers who helped them achieve this great accomplishment!
- Congratulations to Frank Yuan, MD (General Surgery PGY4) matched in the University of Cincinnati Plastic Surgery Fellowship, to begin after his graduation from residency.

## Awards

- Congratulations to **Mitch Cahan, MD** on being awarded the Emergency Medicine Consultant of the Year.



Mitch Cahan, MD being honored by Dr. Greg Volturo

- Congratulations to **James Carroll, MD** who was recently selected by the University of Massachusetts Medical School Class of 2018 as this year's Outstanding Medical Educator. This award was given in "recognition of [his] dedication to the field of medicine, [his] outstanding qualities as a teacher as well as being a role model [the] students would like to emulate in their professional careers.



James Carroll, MD

## Upcoming Events

1. **Sunday, May 27.** The 14<sup>th</sup> Run to Remember Race will take place at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston on Sunday, May 27. Please sign up to join the MA-ACS team, "Cut to the Chase." Registration can be found at: <http://www.bostonsruntoremember.com/boston/index.html>
2. **Friday, June 8.** Please help support the Division of Colorectal Surgery by supporting their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Clubs for Colorectal Cancer, on Friday, June 8 at 12 pm at Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton, MA. For more information, please call 508-334-8195.
3. **Thursday, June 14.** UMass neuroanesthesiologist Dr. Shaheen Shaikh and neurointensivity Dr. Susanna Muehlschleageal will host an ENLS Course on June 14. Information and registration can be found at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/emergency-neurological-life-support-enls-course-tickets-43127610845>
4. **Saturday, June 16.** Please save the date for the General Residency Welcome/Goodbye BBQ on the afternoon of Saturday, June 16, rain or shine.
5. **Saturday, June 23.** Please save the date for the General Surgery Change Show and Graduation.

### Calling for Submissions!

We will be publishing our annual Department Newsletter this summer. We are hoping to include submissions from any member of the department to submit works (such as essays, poems, artwork, anything...) to highlight your talents, perhaps with a connection to why you come to work every day and what brings you passion. For those interested in video submission, we also would love these and will highlight yours submissions on our Department website.

If you would like to contribute, please forward to Jennifer LaFemina.