

*Certainly since our last email, we have all faced challenges with EPIC. Thank you for your ongoing superhuman efforts and commitment to patients.*

### **While EPIC has been implemented a lot of great things have been happening:**

The Division of Trauma underwent a site visit with successful reaccreditation. In fact the visit was such a success that both the Adult and Pedi Trauma programs were commended with no deficiencies, Pedi trauma was upgraded to Level I status, and multiple strengths noted were:

- Trauma “auto accept” policy in the ED
- Robust hospital administrative support
- Low “off service” admission rate
- Trauma Program Manager & Director: engaged/involved
- Operating Room:
  - Orthopedic Trauma Room
  - Dedicated Trauma Room
- 4 dedicated trauma Orthopedic Surgeons
- Organ Donation process
- 9 Emergency Radiologists
- PRS support for burns/soft tissue coverage issues
- Trauma M&M: weekly
- Implementation of TQIP Benchmark reports in Quality Improvement
- Web-Based Trauma Manual
- Numerous in-house trauma education opportunities
- Weekly Trauma Bedside Rounds

***Congratulations on a spectacular job!***

**George DeBusk, MD** was voted to serve on the Board of Health in Sturbridge. It is a great opportunity to engage in public health and community outreach in the town.

**Shauneen Valliere, ACNP**, member of the Division of Vascular Surgery and Clinical Research Nurse Coordinator in the Center for Clinical Research & Trials in Surgery, was deployed as part of the emergency recovery response team putting forth efforts in Florida following Hurricane Irma. Shortly thereafter, she was then deployed to support efforts in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

Worcester Medicine, published by the Worcester District Medical Society, featured an article written by **Michael Winton, MD** and **Jennifer LaFemina, MD** on the Wellbeing Program in the General Surgery residency. For those interested, select the pdf link below.

[http://wdms.org/PDF/0917WOMED\\_final.pdf](http://wdms.org/PDF/0917WOMED_final.pdf)

**Dr. Paulo Martins'** abstract “Silencing p53 pathway of apoptosis alleviates ischemia-reperfusion injury (IRI) in the Liver” has been selected for a **Poster of Exceptional Merit (POEM)** for the category of Transplantation/Tissue Engineering at the Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting.

Also, the trauma case many of you participated in entitled Successful Treatment of Complete Traumatic Transection of the Suprahepatic IVC with veno-venous bypass (portal + IVC to IJV) and cardiopulmonary bypass with hypothermic circulatory arrest will be presented by Dr. Martins in the general session entitled “spectacular cases” at the American College of Surgeons meeting as well.

## Upcoming events

1. **University of Massachusetts Medical School Reception at the 2017 ACS Annual Meeting**  
Monday, October 23, 2017; 6:30-8:30 pm; San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina;  
Temecula 3-4 Room; 333 W. Harbor Drive; San Diego, CA
2. **Department of Surgery 1st Annual Fall Fest: This Saturday!!** Tougas Family Farm; 234 Ball Street, Northborough, MA; Saturday October 14, 9am-11am; Picking costs: \$5 per person to enter (if you are picking apples or pumpkins, this price goes toward your total picked produce cost!)
3. **Save the Date!!** General Surgery Residency Holiday Party. Friday, December 8 in the evening.
4. **FYI: Benefits “open enrollment” is coming up soon.** Email announcements will arrive within one week, and enrollment guides will arrive at your home after October 23. This year you will not have to re-enroll in any benefits you plan to keep - they will carry forward except your flexible spending account. Web access begins October 30, and the deadline for completion is November 17.