

We hope you enjoy these updates on the accomplishments of the members of our Department.

Departmental Updates



- **Giles Whalen, MD** was awarded the 2017 Worcester District Medical Society Career Achievement Award during the 2017 Fall District Meeting on November 1, 2017 (left).



- The Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, under the leadership of MA-ACS President, **Anne C. Larkin, MD**, recently held its Surgical Advocacy Day on October 16 at the Massachusetts State House. Members of the Department of Surgery, including surgical residents, Vijaya Daniel, MD and Stacy Sanders, MD, took part in this event focusing on the Surgeon's Response to the Opioid Epidemic (above).



- Jeanne Bigelow, Geri Reilly, and Samantha Ortiz recently assisted with the pediatric inpatient trick or treat event. Our team stood on the "parade route" for the children and surprised other children with "reverse" trick or treating in their rooms. As one child noted, "this was the best day ever"(left).

- Members of the Department of Surgery recently attended the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. **Paulo Martins, MD, PhD** presented “Successful Treatment of Complete Blunt Transection of the Suprahepatic IVC with Liver Venovenous Bypass and Cardiopulmonary Bypass and Hypothermia Circulatory Arrest” with co-authors **Drs. DeBusk, Movahedi, Torres, Emhoff, Walker, and Bozorgzadeh** in the “Spectacular Cases” session at the ACS. This talk, which represented the collaborative expertise of the divisions of Transplantation, Trauma, and Cardiac Surgery, was received with great accolade by the panelists and members of the audience (top right).
- Dr. Martins’** work on “Silencing p53 pathway of apoptosis alleviates ischemia-reperfusion injury in the liver” was selected as a Poster of Exceptional Merit.
- Christopher Schlieve, MD** presented his work in an oral presentation on “Directed Differentiation of Human Pluripotential Stem Cells Generates Tissue-Engineered Liver Populated by PROM1 and EpCAM Hepatic Stem/Progenitor Cells.”



- Residents **Ashley Russo, MD, Natalie Bath, MD, Ryan Hendrix, MD, and Rob McLoughlin, MD** attended the Surgical Resident Program - “Starting Surgical Practice: Essentials for Success.” **Rob McLoughlin, MD** and **Natalie Bath, MD** also took part in the Association of Academic Surgery (AAS) Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course. **Vijaya Daniel, MD** took part in the AAS Early Career Development Course (above).



- The Department of Surgery recently had its First Annual Fall Fest at Tougas Family Farm. A great time was had by faculty, residents, and families! We look forward to continuing this annual tradition (above).



Upcoming Events

- 1. Friday, November 17. Craniofacial Anomalies Team and Patients Celebrate Release of "Wonder:"** "Wonder," a popular children's book turned movie about a young boy with craniofacial differences who overcomes bullying, opens in theaters nationwide on Friday, November 17. To help bring awareness to children with facial differences, the Craniofacial Anomalies team at UMass Memorial Medical Center is joining with the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA) and inviting their patients to a private showing of the major motion picture Saturday, November 18 at 9:30 am at Showcase Cinema Worcester North. The movie will be followed by a one-hour Q&A session and reception led by surgeons **Janice Lalikos, MD, Joyce McIntyre, MD, and Douglas Rothkopf, MD**. Any employees interested in attending the viewing are welcome to do so for a donation of \$10. Additional donations will graciously be accepted for the Craniofacial Clinic fund which, amongst many things, donates bottles and supplies to parents of newborn patients. Contact *Holly O'Neil* for more information and to RSVP.
- 2. Thursday, November 16.** The UMass Cancer Center of Excellence is kicking off its interdisciplinary **Comprehensive Cancer Care Conference**, open without cost to all caretakers, on Thursday, November 16, 3:30-5:00pm in the Medical School Amphitheatre II. This inaugural session will highlight Appendiceal Cancer and Peritoneal Carcinomatosis and will feature **Laura Lambert, MD** from the Division of Surgical Oncology.
- 3. Wednesday, November 29.** A Farewell Reception for **Laura Lambert, MD** will take place in the Faculty Conference room from 5-7 PM.
- 4. 2nd Annual Department of Surgery Thanksgiving Food Drive.** Last year our department provided three families of children who attend the **Belmont Elementary School in Worcester** with all the groceries necessary for a healthy and delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Your generosity made this community outreach event a true success. Families and school administrators were immensely grateful.



This month, as part of the Residency's Wellbeing Program, we will again collect food and donations for these families and a few more of the neediest in our community. Any donation to the Food Drive would be appreciated. An email was sent this week with the list of food items most needed. Thank you again for whatever you may be able to give and for all you do for our Worcester community. Contact **Stacy Sanders, MD** with any questions.

- 5. Saturday, December 2.** The **64th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons** will take place on Saturday, December 2 at the Westin Copley Hotel in Boston. The link to the registration and program is: <http://meeting.mcacs.org/>.
- 6. Friday, December 8.** The **Annual General Surgery Residency Holiday Party** will take place Friday, December 8 in the evening. Details to follow.
- 7. Thursday, December 14.** **Annual Department of Surgery Holiday Luncheon.** December 14, Lunch from 11am to 2pm. Location to be announced.