



Surgical Notes

From the Chair

Colleagues,

As we move into the Fall semester here at VCU, I want to take this opportunity to extend my warmest welcome to the 2017-18 General, Plastic, and Urology Residents and all of our Fellows. If you haven't already done so, please take time to introduce yourself.

Welcome to VCU!

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VCU Evans-Haynes Burn Center

It is with great pleasure we announce that the Evans-Haynes Burn Center has been re-verified as an Adult and Pediatric Burn Center by the American Burn Association (ABA).

Founded in 1947 by Dr. Everett I. Evans, the Evans-

Haynes Burn Center provides care and reconstructive services to burn survivors and those injured by fire, chemicals, scalds, electrical burns and skin loss injuries as a result from disease.

Under the impeccable direction of Dr. [Michael Feldman](#), Assistant Professor within the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery, the Center has blossomed. In its evaluation by the ABA, there were no criterion deficiencies. Instead, many program strengths were mentioned to include the strong administrative and multidisciplinary support for the burn unit and its strong community education program.



To learn more about the Evans-Haynes Burn Center, [go here](#).

American College of Surgeons



The [American College of Surgeons](#) (ACS) is a scientific and educational association of surgeons that was founded in 1912 to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient by setting high standards for surgical education and practice. The Virginia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons is dedicated to improving the care of the surgical patient and to safeguarding standards of care in an optimal and ethical practice environment. It also strives to improve the quality of surgical care by encouraging surgeons in the state to connect and network.

Dr. [Paula Ferrada](#) was given the title of President-elect for the Chapter in the June meeting after serving for 3 years as the secretary-treasurer. Nationally, Dr. Ferrada serves as the Chair for the education subgroup of the Young Fellows Association (YFA). The YFA includes all Fellows of the ACS 45 years and younger.

Bi-Annual Hume-Lee Transplant Center Town Hall

Dr. [Marlon Levy](#), Professor and David M. Hume Endowed Chair for Transplant Surgery, held its bi-annual [Hume-Lee Transplant Center](#) Town Hall meeting on Thursday July 20th. The presentation was held to provide an overview of accomplishments and goals for the future.

Among the many topics of discussion, Dr. Levy addressed the new transplant community clinics recently opened in Stony Point, the new Pediatric Clinic at the Children's Pavilion beginning August 2nd, and the 5,000th transplant that took place in June.

Dr. Levy also announced the plans for potential clinic expansions in Williamsburg, Farmville, Fredericksburg, and/or South Hill.



"At the Hume-Lee Transplant Center we have worked hard to make our goals a reality. We celebrate our accomplishments, and look forward to the growth and impact we can make by providing our patients with a second chance at life."

The Center, which conducted its 50th liver transplant in July, will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in December. Details about this special celebration to come.

Lewis Ginter Sessions



Dr. [Michel Aboutanos](#), Division Chair for Acute Care Surgical Services, presented "Injury Prevention and the Importance of a Level I Trauma Center" on Thursday July 20th at VCU Health's Lewis Ginter sessions.

During his talk, Dr. Aboutanos discussed the many services available at [VCU's Level I Trauma Center](#), why it's important that we have one in our community, and how people can be proactive in reducing the risk of injury.

In addition to his role as Division Chair for ACSS, Dr. Aboutanos also leads the [Injury & Violence Prevention Program](#) which seeks to reduce and prevent injuries through ongoing education, research, and community engagement, all under the auspices of the Trauma Center and Department of Surgery.

International Trauma Education

James "Jay" Gould and Basil Asay, Director and Assistant Director of the [Center for Trauma and Critical Care Education](#) are heading to Australia as newly appointed international faculty to teach Prehospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) in a two-day workshop at the Australian Catholic University.

About their upcoming trip, Asay states, "Our division wants to improve the accessibility and quality of trauma care and injury prevention through education both here at home and around the world." The course aims to provide students the protocols and guidelines as well as necessary trauma skills for assessing and treating severely injured patients. In addition, Gould and Asay will train others who will go on to become PHTLS instructors.



The Center, established in 1980 aims to provide comprehensive training programs for medical centers and community care providers both here in Central Virginia and beyond.

To read more, [click here](#).

AUA State of the Art Lecture

Dr. [C.D. Anthony Herndon](#), Professor within the Division of Urology and Director of Pediatric Urology at the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU, has been asked to present The State of the Art Lecture for the American Urological Association (AUA) meeting this coming Spring. Dr. Herndon's talk will be "Prenatal Urinary Tract Dilation: Role of Antibiotics and Imaging."

Founded in 1902, the American Urological Association aims to provide support through education, research, and health policy to promote and advance urological clinical



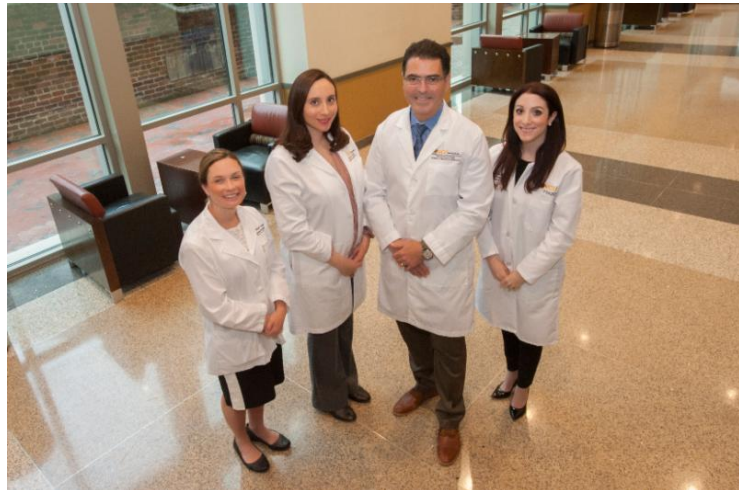
care. Each year, at their annual conference, researchers and clinicians from across the Nation are asked to present breaking research and novel ideas as part of their State of the Art Lecture series. To learn more about AUA, [go here](#).

Congratulations, Dr. Herndon!

Anthem Blue Distinction Specialty Care Center

The Department of Surgery's Bariatric program at VCU is now an Anthem Blue Distinction Specialty Care center.

Anthem recognizes physicians, clinics and hospitals with their prestigious Blue Distinction for safe, effective, and cost-efficient care of patients. This distinction then allows patients and consumers to more easily locate both quality and value specialty care.



Led by Dr. [Guilherme M. Campos](#), the Bariatric program is accredited as a Comprehensive Center by the American College of Surgeons's Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP). To learn more about the Bariatric Program, [go here](#).

To learn more about Anthem's Blue Distinction program, [click here](#).

Updates to Cerner

It was brought to our attention after the last Faculty and APP meeting that there was no way to determine which notes have not been completed. This concern was expressed to various groups and we are happy to announce that a solution has been found!

Please see the [attached document](#) which explains a number of new updates to Cerner which include:

1. A simple view of a provider's daily schedule
2. **New way to see notes that have NEVER been started or completed**
3. See where patients are in their flow throughout their visits

We hope that this will be very helpful to each of you and the completion of your notes!

New STAR Service Website

VCUHS has implemented a new website where supervisors and colleagues can more easily recognize their fellow Health System team members.

In lieu of the paper Star Bursts, employees can now log on to the STARservice.vcuhealth.org site to submit Star Bursts and Service Stars online, get STAR service information, and compete with peers using the new Star Burst Department Leader Board.



VCU Employee Recognition



And for our VCU Colleagues, in an effort to eliminate redundancy and expand flexibility, VCU HR has created the [Exceptional Recognition Acknowledgement form](#) which combines and clarifies other forms for VCU employee recognition.

Aiming to recognize exceptional or extraordinary performance, this form serves as one of the many tools to better support the goals of the [Great Place: HR Redesign](#).

Upon completion of the form by a supervisor and approval by departmental and Central HR, recipients are then eligible for up to \$2,000 or 5 days of leave. Questions may be directed to Jessica Carey at jessica.carey@vcuhealth.org or 828-9662.

Upcoming Events

Department of Surgery Quarterly Faculty/APP Meeting

Monday, August 14th
5:00-6:00 PM
Main Hospital, Learning Center

We will be discussing the newly formed Surgery Office of Research, Biomedicine, and Technology (ORBIT), Tableau-Surgery Dashboard, and Surgery Scheduler Centralization. Please plan to attend.

Questions? Email Nicole.Meador@vcuhealth.org

School of Medicine New Faculty Orientation

Wednesday August 30th
3:00 - 6:00 PM*
MMEC 6-205A/205-B

All faculty who have never attended an orientation session are welcome to attend. RSVP by August 25th. See flyer [here](#) for more information.

Please register at <http://vcuhealth.libcal.com/event/3361264>

Questions? Email deborah.stewart@vcuhealth.org

*Check in starts at 2:30



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