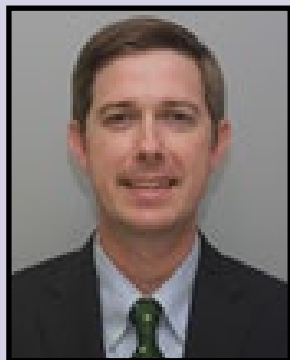
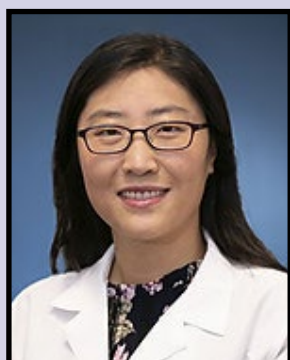


Welcome

Please help us welcome the new Department of Surgery Faculty Members.



James Lindberg, MD grew up locally in West Boylston, MA. He attended Boston College where he received a BS in Biology and his MD at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. After graduation, he completed his general surgery residency and a Surgical Oncology Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in pancreatic cancer translational research at the University of Virginia. Following residency, he matriculated at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, where he recently completed his fellowship in Complex General Surgical Oncology. Dr. Lindberg notes, "I am excited to be returning home to start my practice in general surgical oncology with a focus on diseases of the pancreas, gastrointestinal tract, and peritoneal surface malignancies. My research interests include optimizing treatment sequencing strategies in pancreatic cancer and expanding indications for cytoreduction and HIPEC for patients with peritoneal surface malignancies. My wife, Kathleen Barry, is a Family Medicine Physician working with the UMass Hahnemann Family Medicine Clinic. We live with our five-year-old daughter and two-year-old son in Boylston." With his arrival Dr. Lindberg will be the Surgical Oncology rotation director.



Feiran Lou, MD has joined the Division of Thoracic Surgery as a general thoracic surgeon with interests in minimally invasive thoracic surgeries and lung cancer outcomes research. She completed her General Surgery training in SUNY Downstate and Cardiothoracic Surgery fellowship at Vanderbilt University. During general surgery residency, she completed two years of research, studying methods in clinical research and biostatistics. Much of her research to date pertains to lung and esophageal cancer surveillance after surgical resection.



Mark Maxfield, MD joins UMass as a new thoracic surgeon. He studied biomedical engineering at Columbia School of Engineering and then went to Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons for medical school. He completed his general surgery training at Yale-New Haven Hospital. He spent two years at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a Cardiothoracic Surgery fellow. Dr. Maxfield's clinical interests include robotic thoracic surgery, minimally invasive (VATS) thoracic surgery, benign and malignant esophageal disease, surgical management of lung cancer, complex airway disease, mediastinal masses, pleural disease, and chest wall reconstruction. Research interests include resident education, resident wellness, emerging technologies in thoracic surgery, and outcomes for benign and malignant lung and esophageal disease. He lives in Wellesley with his wife, an ENT surgeon at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and their two young daughters, Scarlett and Reese. Dr. Maxfield will be taking over for Dr. Uy as the Thoracic Surgery rotation director.

Accomplishments

- Congratulations to the Divisions of Cardiac Surgery, Thoracic Surgery, and Colorectal Surgery for their recent naming by US News & World Reports as 2018-2019 High Performing Programs in Heart Bypass Surgery, Lung Cancer Surgery, and Colon Cancer Surgery, respectively.
- **George DeBusk, MD** was recently named to assist with formation of a Medical Advisory Board for Massachusetts' Law Enforcement agencies. Dr. DeBusk was also the recent recipient of the UMMS F19 Public Service Grant, which will be used to support the Central Massachusetts Stop the Bleed Campaign and Bleeding Control instruction in public schools Congratulations!
- **Mitch Cahan, MD's** work entitled "Inactive bears don't get blood clots like humans" was recently published in *Atlas of Science*.
- The UMass Department of Surgery was well-represented at the 99th Annual New England Surgical Society in September 2018. **Dr. Ryan Hendrix** was inducted as a Candidate Member and had two poster presentations for his work with **Giles Whalen, MD** and with the General Surgery Residency Program.
 - Characterization of Peripheral Blood T-Lymphocyte Populations Following Intratumoral Anti-PD-1 Injection in a Humanized Mouse Model
 - Wellbeing Program Demonstrates Early Improvement in General Surgery Residency



Jennifer LaFemina, MD and Ryan Hendrix, MD at the 99th Annual New England Surgical Society meeting in September 2018

- At the same meeting, Natalie Pozzi, MD (St. Mary's Research Resident working with Dr. Cahan) presented work with **Drs. Mitch Cahan** and **Demetrius Litwin** in an oral presentation entitled "Disparities Between Medicaid and Privately-Insured Patients Extend to Emergency Surgery: Medicaid Patients can Expect Less Surgery and More In-hospital Morbidity."
- As part of the meeting, **Dr. Giles Whalen** was an invited speaker, discussing "Frontiers in Surgical Oncology: Melanoma," with a focus on the future of immunotherapy.
- With members of the Division of Trauma, WEMS, WPD, Boylston Police Academy, and WFD, **George DeBusk, MD** kicked off the First Annual BCon Training for the UMMS Class of 2022. (photo below)



- **Jennifer LaFemina, MD** was recently invited to the deliver the 2nd Grand Rounds for the Behind the Knife podcast, focusing on Updates in Melanoma. This talk is delivered with a focus on training residents, other trainees, and surgeons treating melanomas. The talk is available for free for streaming or download on iTunes or at <http://behindtheknife.libsyn.com/>

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Accomplishments *continued*

- Congratulations to the members of the Division of Plastic Surgery **Dr. Jing Bai Qin** (right) and **Dr. Janice Lalikos** for their research on the “Effectiveness of Topical Chlorhexidine Gel on Preventing Postoperative Drain Site Infection.” Their quality improvement research was presented at the recent 2018 Annual Meeting for the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) in Chicago, Illinois.



Faculty Development Opportunities

- Recently Dr. Hilary Sanfey visited our Department as a Visiting Professor. She gave a truly remarkable talk on resident evaluation. She has provided materials on how to compile an educational portfolio. We will be holding a faculty development talk on this topic over the year; if you would like to see these materials in advance, please contact Dr. LaFemina.
- The University of Massachusetts Medical School will be conducting **Teaching of Tomorrow**, a nationally

recognized and highly acclaimed Faculty Development Program. This program focuses on building and refining foundational skills for effective clinical teaching in inpatient and outpatient settings. The 2018-2019 conference will take part in Northampton, MA on November 30-December 1, 2018 and March 29-30, 2019. Additional information about the program and registration can be found at: <https://www.umassmed.edu/cfdc/teaching-of-tomorrow>

Other Announcements

- The UMMS Surgical Interest Group has created a new monthly newsletter. If you would like to be included on its distribution, please contact medical student, Vanessa Lee and/or Dr. Mitch Cahan for inclusion on their distribution list for upcoming mailings, events, and updates.
- GME recently transitioned resident evaluation systems to MedHub. This significantly improves the ease with which evaluations can be completed. JobAids for logging in and workflow are available on MedHub or from the Surgical Education office.

It is National Breast Cancer Awareness month and I am hoping that you will support breast cancer patients by purchasing a “Trauma T-shirt.” Almost half of the cost of the T-shirt will be donated to help breast cancer patients at UMass.

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point. We all know someone who has fought the fight! The good news is that most women can survive breast cancer if it’s found and treated early. National Breast Cancer Awareness Month (October) is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of detecting breast cancer early. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms, and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

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Thank you for your support,
Cindybeth Palmgren, NP

Upcoming Events

1. The UMass Department of Surgery Reception at the American College of Surgeons, held this year in Boston, will be on **Monday, October 22** at the Marriott Copley Hotel, Grand Ballroom Salon CD, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Please join us!

Additional highlights will be the ACS Operation Giving Back Global Surgery Program Leaders meeting held on Monday, October 22 from 3-5 pm at the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel as well as the numerous presentations by our faculty and residents!

2. Save the Date! Annual General Surgery Residency Holiday Party will be *tentatively* held on **Friday, December 14**. Contributions are welcome and can be submitted to the Surgical Education Office. Let us take this time to celebrate as a Surgical Family this Holiday Season.
3. Interview season has officially kicked off, and we look forward to another amazing year. General Surgery interview dates will be:

- Wednesday, November 14, 2018 - 9am to 2pm

- Friday, November 30, 2018 - 9am to 2pm

- Thursday, December 13, 2018 – 9am to 2pm

- Friday, December 21, 2018 – 9am to 2pm

Thank you for all who have volunteered to review applications and to interview candidates. Receptions will be held the night prior at approximately 6 pm. Details to follow.

4. The 65th Annual Meeting of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Surgeons will be held on **Saturday, December 1, 2018** at the Westin Copley Hotel in Boston, MA.

Dr. Czerniach will be working with residents soon to select our Top Gun team. For residents interested in being our “Survivor” representative, please contact Dr. Lafemina.

5. The Department of Surgery will host several internationally and nationally recognized speakers during Grand Rounds this year. Preliminary scheduling of these speakers includes:

- November 28: Bednarz Lecture - Caprice Greenberg, MD

- December 12: Jennifer Tseng, MD

- March 6: Rocco Ricciardi, MD

- April 3: Steven Libutti, MD

Thank you for all of your submissions for the newsletter!