UPDATE

The Department of Surgery Update is sent to department faculty, fellows, residents, and staff. To submit an item for publication in Update, send the information to surgupdt@umn.edu.

PUBLICATIONS

Daniel Saltzman, M.D. and his lab were featured in the May 2014 edition of Minnesota Medicine in an article titled "Surviving the Shortfall: Decreased research funding from traditional sources has led some investigators to get creative." Read the article here or find it attached to this email.

DOS RESEARCH DAY

5th Annual Department of Surgery Research Day
Invited Presentations & Poster Session
Monday, June 9

The Executive Research Council is hosting a Department of Surgery Research Day on Monday, June 9, 2014. Like previous years, this will include an oral session featuring a keynote lecture, DOS faculty presentations, as well as presentations from young investigators, with a poster session and reception to follow.

Schedule
10:00am – 3:30pm Invited Presentations (Moos 2-690)
Keynote lecture – Brooks Jackson, MD – VP for Health Sciences & Dean of the Medical School
DOS Faculty Presentations & Young Investigator Abstracts

3:00 – 6:00pm Poster Session & Reception
This will be held in the 2nd floor of Moos Tower, in the corridor. All poster presenters are expected to be available during this time to answer questions regarding their research. This is an excellent opportunity to hear more about the research being conducted by your colleagues and prizes will be awarded for best poster presentations in various categories at 5:30pm.

Please direct any questions to Erin Brudvik at 625-9798 or erinb@umn.edu.

DOS RESEARCH RESIDENT PRESENTATIONS

The 2014 Department of Surgery Resident Research Presentations are scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014, immediately following Grand Rounds in PWB 11-157.

Two Resident Research awards will be given – one for excellence in clinical research and one for excellence in basic science research. Award recipients will be announced at the 2014 Graduation and Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, June 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Erin Brudvik via phone at 612-625-9798 or via e-mail at erinb@umn.edu.
HONORS & AWARDS

Board of Regents Approves Promotion of Department of Surgery Faculty Members

Congratulations to Dr. Rajinder Dawra and Dr. Balamurugan (Bala) Appakalai on their promotions from Assistant to Associate Professor.

Dr. Rajinder Dawra joined the Department of Surgery faculty in 2006. His major research interest is on exocrine pancreas with focus on pancreatitis, a disease for which no targeted treatment is available. He has contributed extensively in this area, by advancing the understanding on the mechanism of disease initiation and by developing new experimental pancreatitis models. Alcohol abuse is a major association with pancreatitis, but how this leads to increased propensity to develop the disease is not clear. He continues to investigate this area to understand the mechanism and to identify potential therapeutic targets. His research findings have appeared in prestigious journals, have generated a lot of interest and are well recognized. Additionally, he has received funding from the NIH and the National Pancreas Foundation to support his work.

Dr. Balamurugan (Bala) Appakalai is an "Isletologist" and the Director of the Islet Core at the Schulze Diabetes Institute and has been a member of our faculty since 2007. His research career focuses on advancing pancreatic islet cell isolation and transplantation for the treatment of type-1 and surgical induced diabetes. He is a creative investigator with 20 years’ experience in the specialized field of islet cell biology and transplantation and leads a very active islet core, which processes >200 islet isolations (human and higher animal) annually. He continuously proposes novel and innovative concepts to improve in-process monitoring of islet isolations and to evaluate new strategies for the purpose of maximizing the mass of viable islets prepared for transplants in people with type-1 and surgical induced diabetes. Additionally, he has widely published research articles, reviews and book chapters and won numerous awards for best paper presentations at various international conferences.

LECTURES

John G. BULS, M.D.
Lecture in COLON AND RECTAL SURGERY

Using enhanced recovery pathways to improve outcomes on colorectal surgery

ANDREW A. SHELTON, M.D.
Clinical Professor of Surgery
Stanford University School of Medicine

Tuesday, June 3, 2014
7:00-8:30 A.M.
11-157 PWB
RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department’s success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Two Employee Recognition Awards will be given out each month—one for staff and one for faculty, fellows, and residents. All Department of Surgery employees can nominate another employee in the department, including the Surgical Administrative Center.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.

To submit an item for publication in Update, send the information to surgupdt@umn.edu
Past issues of Update may be found online at http://www.surgery.umn.edu/Publications/home.html