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PRESENTATIONS

The following presentations were made by J. Ernesto Molina, M.D., Ph.D. at the XXII Congress of the Mexican Society of Cardiac Surgery, held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico:

- Treatment and Prevention of Postoperative Sternal Dehiscence with Mediastinitis.
- Results 20 years later after direct widening of the left main coronary artery
- Treatment of Paget-Schroetter Syndrome

Department of Surgery Hosting Training for RPRR and NIHMS

Beginning in March 2013, NIH has replaced the eSNAP Progress Report with the new RPPR (Research Program Progress Report). Use of the RPPR is mandated for eSNAP eligible awards and Fellowship Awards with budget start dates after Jul 1, 2013. This includes all K awards and R series activity codes with the exception of R35s, R41s and R43s. Non-Fast Track Phase I SIBR and STTR, clinical trials, T, P and U series awards are currently excluded from the use of RPPR progress reports. AHRQ, CDC and FDA plan to implement RPPR in late 2013. DOD, NSF, DHS plan to implement RPPR in January 2014.

Use of the NIH Manuscript Submission (NIHMS) system tool “My NCBI/My Bibliography” is mandated to document compliance with the NIH Public Access Policy for all NIH awards. Non-compliant awards will be delayed.

The Department of Surgery will be holding roundtable training sessions on RPPR and NIHMS submission on May 10, 7:30-8:30 am in 11-129 PWB. Lisa Rogers will provide instruction for the new processes.

Additional resources can be found at
http://grants.nih.gov/grants/RPPR/
7th Annual John S. Najarian, M.D. Lecture in Transplantation

ALG and Opportunistic Infections: Minnesota 1968 - 87

Featuring a Pioneer in Transplantation:
Richard L. Simmons, M.D.
Distinguished Service Professor of Surgery
Chairman Emeritus, Department of Surgery
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Tuesday, May 7, 2013
Mayo Memorial Auditorium
3:30 p.m. Reception
4:00 p.m. Lecture

For more information, call (612) 625-5609.

Minneapolis Surgical Society Meeting

Controversies in Blunt Trauma Management – When is it Okay to Observe Free Air?

Arthur L. Ney, M.D.
Trauma Director & Assistant Chief of Surgery, Hennepin County Medical Center
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Clinical Scholar Track, University of Minnesota

6:00 – 6:30 Social
6:30 – 8:30 Meeting
Monday, May 13, 2013
Minneapolis Club
729 Second Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN

77th Annual Surgery Course

Update in Gastrointestinal Surgery and Bariatric Education Days

June 5-8, 2013

A 4-day course presenting evidence-based practices for care of the bariatric patient on days one and two and updates in emerging trends in GI surgery “top to bottom”-esophagus to hemorrhoids on days three and four.
For more information, see here
Surgical Alumnus of the Year Presentation

Surgical Buy-In

Karen J. Brasel, M.D., M.P.H.
Professor
Department of General Surgery
Division of Trauma/Critical Care
Medical College of Wisconsin

Graduation Day
June 11, 2013
7:30 – 8:30am
PWB 11-157

RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Congratulations to April's Employee Recognition Award recipient: Lisa Iverson

Staff Award
Nominated for Mission – Clinical Excellence, Compassionate Patient Care; Values – Patient First, Professionalism, Innovation and Discovery

Lisa Iverson, office manager for the Division of Pediatric Surgery, was nominated by Dr. Daniel Saltzman. He had the following to say about Lisa in his nomination:

Lisa "has exemplified the role beyond all expectations. [She] orchestrated a difficult move of all Divisional activities from the East Bank to our new offices adjacent to the Amplatz Children's Hospital. She keeps all 4 surgeons' schedules and does it exceptionally well. She coordinates all of our conferences and educational activities.

Recently, our Division signed a contract with HCMC to provide surgical services at that site - Lisa orchestrated all of the details to get us credentialed and integrated into that system. Recently, she discovered that a site we have a contract with was not remunerating our Division appropriately and, because of her attention to detail, this was rectified. Lisa is driven to be outstanding and excellent in every respect. She has single-handedly coordinated our clinical research studies and carefully balances the U of M, UMP, and Fairview entities amazingly well. Lisa communicates with our patients on a daily basis and does this with impressive compassion and efficiency. Numerous patients have singed her out as someone to give praise to for her efforts for compassionate patient care.

In summary, Lisa is simply outstanding in every respect. Her "can do" attitude is infectious and amazing to be a part of. She has garnered a tremendous respect from all who interact with her because of this. In short, she exemplifies the type of person we want to highlight for this award."

Lisa has worked for Pediatric Surgery for the past 2 years. Before joining this division, she was in Otolaryngology for 12 years. She considers her colleagues an amazing and close knit group of people who work well together. It is a joy to come to work every day and I truly love my job.

Lisa is married and has two grown sons who are both teachers. She and her husband have a cabin up north that they visit on the weekends, and both love boating, fishing, and snowmobiling.
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.

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