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HONORS & AWARDS

Connie C. Schmitz, PhD, received the “Distinguished Educator of the Year” award from the Association of Surgical Education during its annual meeting in Orlando, Florida (April 24, 2013). This award, which recognizes education research and service to the profession as well as teaching excellence, has been given to a PhD educator only twice before in its 17-year history.

The American College of Surgeons and the Association of Surgical Education launched the “ACS/ASE Medical Student Simulation-Based Surgical Skills Curriculum” during the annual “Surgical Education Week” in Orlando, Florida (April 23-27). This online curriculum, which contains 25 modules covering procedural and technical skills training for the first three years of medical school, serves as a national resource for medical school and clinical faculty. Robert D. Acton, MD, spearheaded this multi-year effort and serves as the curriculum’s Chief Editor.

PRESENTATIONS

Accepted for podium presentation:


DOS RESEARCH GRANT AWARD OPPORTUNITY

Deadline: May 20 (5pm)

$10,000 grants will be awarded to support research projects in the Department of Surgery. Proposals will be accepted from research trainees (non-faculty) in the department. All clinical & research trainees are eligible (grad students, post docs, residents, research associates, fellows, etc). One of the goals is to help trainees learn how to write a grant application. The RFA with more specifics is attached, but please contact btr@umn.edu for more information.
4th Annual DOS Research Day
Invited Presentations & Poster Sessions
Monday, June 10

10:00am – 3:00pm Invited Presentations (Moos 2-690)
Keynote: Brian Herman, PhD – Vice President for Research, University of Minnesota
DOS Faculty Presentations & Young Investigator Abstracts
Presentations from 2012 DOS Trainee Grant winners

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.

All faculty, residents, staff (including post docs, fellows, scientists, etc) and students in the Department of Surgery are invited to submit an abstract. Abstracts recently presented at meetings are encouraged. Please email a copy of your abstract along with the name and contact information of the presenting author to btr@umn.edu to reserve your space. Abstracts should be submitted by Friday, May 24, 2013. Authors will be notified whether their abstract has been accepted for oral or poster presentation before June 3. Please direct any questions to Erin Brudvik at 625-9798 or erinb@umn.edu.

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

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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