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Welcome letter from Dr. McMasters

Welcome to the latest issue of Sutureline, a newsletter about the Department of Surgery at the University of Louisville (UofL). In this issue, we include a special feature about two of our alumni who have dedicated their lives and careers to serving our country, information about our Surgical Critical Care Fellowship program, faculty and alumni accomplishments, and much more.



Kelly McMasters, M.D., Ph.D.

Since 1837, the UofL Department of Surgery has had three missions: research, teaching, and patient care. These days, the Department's ability to continue to excel in these three missions depends, to a large degree, on philanthropy.

Many people, including several of you, have been extremely generous in making significant gifts to the Department of Surgery. We thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the future of this department. I would like to call attention to a handful of individuals who have been exceptionally generous in the past year.

First, we recognize Dr. James Holloway and his wife Kaye for a very significant and thoughtful gift to support education and research in Department of Surgery. This gift will greatly facilitate our research and teaching programs and allow us to continue to attract the best and brightest surgical trainees and faculty members. Even though he was not a resident at UofL, Dr. Holloway recognizes it is one of the country's top surgery departments.

Second, we applaud Dr. Bob DeWeese for his gift to establish a lectureship for the Department of Surgery that will support our educational mission in perpetuity. In addition to his very generous gift, Dr. DeWeese has been a strong advocate for our program throughout the state.

Third, we are very grateful for a major gift from former Plastic Surgery resident Dr. Jim Payne and his wife Diane. Half of their very substantial gift goes to the Hiram C. Polk,

Jr., MD Endowment while the other half goes toward the Leonard Weiner Endowment. The Paynes' generosity will ensure that we continue to train some of the nation's best residents in two separate disciplines.

Finally, thanks to the extremely generous donation by Dr. Charlie Shields, we are proud to officially announce the completion of the Polk Endowment. This significant milestone is a true testament to the impact Dr. Polk has made in the lives of our students, faculty, staff, patients and friends. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all who have donated to the Polk Endowment to see his legacy realized.

While we have had a very successful year in raising these much-needed funds for the department, we still have significant unmet needs. I would like to encourage you to consider helping us build on the momentum gained this year.

Warmest wishes for the holidays and the year ahead,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelly M. McMasters'.

Kelly M. McMasters, M.D., Ph.D.

*Ben A. Reid Sr., MD Professor and Chairman
Department of Surgery, University of Louisville*

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Polk Endowment Completed

The Department of Surgery is pleased to announce the completion of the Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD Endowment. This endowment was established in 2005 to recognize the more than three decades of service Dr. Polk gave to the Department of Surgery, University of Louisville, hundreds of patients and the academic surgery community worldwide.

The Department of Surgery is the first department in the UofL School of Medicine to have achieved this feat. The Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD Endowment is designed to create an ongoing endowment that provides research support for young investigators in the Department of Surgery.

"This endowment is vital to our ongoing effort to recruit and retain the best and brightest faculty with an interest in independent investigation," said Dr. Kelly McMasters, Chairman, Department of Surgery. "As the NIH budget dwindles, it has become increasingly difficult for young academic surgeons to launch and maintain their research programs. This endowment will provide startup and bridge funding to assure that surgical investigators have the best possible chance to develop and maintain their research projects."

Such research funding is crucial to the future of the Department of Surgery. The ability of surgery faculty to

conduct research and generate new knowledge that improves the quality of life for surgical patients is a fundamental goal of the Department of Surgery.

"It also allows us to remain at the leading edge of academic surgery and provide the latest and best treatments for our patients, as well as the best educational opportunities for our residents and students," Dr. McMasters said.

Many people contributed to the success of this endowment, including former residents, patients, faculty and staff. In addition, in 2007, The Oxley Foundation pledged a \$1 million gift to the Polk Endowment, which was matched by Bucks for Brains money from the state. The total amount raised to date exceeds \$5.4 million.



Dr. Hiram C. Polk, Jr. (L) with Dr. Jason Smith (R) at the 2011 Chief Residents' Dinner in June.

Career of Service:

Dr. Jack L. Hamman, Recipient of 2011 Samuel Gross, MD, Career of Service Award

The Department of Surgery established the Samuel Gross, MD, Career of Service Award in 2006 to honor physicians who have dedicated their lives to medicine. This year's recipient was lifelong friend of the Department of Surgery and dedicated surgeon **Dr. Jack L. Hamman**.

Dr. Hamman completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Tennessee in Memphis in 1962. He then completed a fellowship in Thoracic Surgery at the University of Tennessee.

He has been on the clinical faculty of the University of Louisville's Department of Surgery for almost 40 years. He has been integral in the department's rural residency rotation at the Trover Clinic at Regional Medical Center in Western Kentucky.



2011 Gross Award Recipient Dr. Jack Hamman (R) with Dr. Kelly McMasters (L), Chairman, Department of Surgery, at the 2011 Chief Residents' Dinner in June.

Dr. Hamman has been awarded numerous awards for his role as a clinical faculty member including a Faculty Teaching Award, the Alpha Omega Honor Society Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award, the University of Louisville Lifetime Achievement Award and the Loman C. Trover Health Care Award.

Dr. Hamman served as Chief of Staff of Regional Medical Center in 1974, 1981 and 1997. He also served as Chairman of the Division of Surgery at the Trover Clinic and on its Board of Directors. He was instrumental in establishing the Open Heart Surgery Program, the Women's Center for Health and the Heart & Vascular Center at Regional Medical Center.

It is the Department's honor to recognize Dr. Hamman with our Department's highest honor.

Excellence in Surgical Training

Surgeons of Service: Former Residents Proud to Serve Our Country

Dr. Anne Mancino's husband used to have a bumper sticker that said, "Half My Heart is In Iraq" while she was deployed there. When Dr. Mancino, who completed her surgical residency training at UofL, returned home from her tour of duty, he gave it to her because he no longer needed it.

For Dr. Mancino, it was the perfect reminder that now half her heart remained in Iraq with the family she made among the soldiers there.

"I was in a small town, and I took care of the soldiers there. I got to know half the squad," Dr. Mancino said. "When you lose someone over there, it is like losing someone who was part of your family."

Dr. Mancino is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences College of Medicine and Chief of General Surgery for the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System. She completed her surgical residency at UofL in 1991 and joined the Army Reserves during her residency at UofL.

In 2003, Dr. Mancino spent four months in Landstuhl, Germany helping treat wounded military men and women out of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2005, she spent six months in Tikrit, Iraq as Deputy Commander for Clinical Services of the Reserve's 228th Combat Support Hospital Unit. She and her fellow soldiers experienced all aspects of the war in Iraq, from being shot at to becoming close to Iraqi citizens and fellow soldiers to dealing with the threat of roadside bombs. She also worked long hours treating the wounded.

She then went back to Iraq in 2008. On that tour, she worked in a combat support hospital as Chief of Surgery in Al-Asad. Last year before retiring at the end of 2010, Dr. Mancino spent some weeks in Nicaragua providing medical support for the Navy.

"What I liked about serving is the people I got to meet, and I had lots of opportunities to take care of things I would not normally take care of. I got exposed to things I would normally not see or do," she said. "It was hard, too. It was more stressful to lose a soldier. These are young men."

Dr. Eric Bentley, who also completed his surgical residency at UofL and is an Army Reservist, agreed.

"The young ones cannot quite know what they are risking. A 40-year-old knows exactly what he may be giving up," he said. "They are all willing to go out there, stand up and get shot at protecting our country."

Dr. Bentley joined the Army reserves in 2003 when he was in his mid-40s because he knew his skills as a general surgeon would benefit the country, and he felt the need to help. He went to Iraq soon thereafter as Lieutenant Colonel and Commander of the 933rd FST (Forward Surgical Team), which is a 20-person team, including surgeons,

anesthetists and nurses who provide immediate medical care for soldiers on the battlefield, assessing and treating their injuries before they are transported to field hospitals for long-term care.

"Being a forward on a battlefield means being close to where the combat troops are. We're right at the very front of the battlefield, which allows us to provide advanced surgical care to critically wounded soldiers," said Dr. Bentley, who is now a Major in the Army Reserves. "Often a hospital is at least an hour away, and soldiers may die before they get there. We work to stop their bleeding and increase their chance of survival before transporting them to a hospital. It's pretty intensive, but we're able to provide high-quality care to wounded soldiers faster and more effectively, increasing their chance of survival."

Dr. Bentley completed his general surgery residency in 1990. He said the training he received at UofL helped him prepare for his role on the FST unit.

"I received really excellent trauma training at UofL, so I never lacked confidence on the battlefield," he said.

Dr. Bentley has been the Chairman of the Level III Trauma Center at Taylor County Hospital, medical director for EMS services in Taylor and Green counties, and a member of the Kentucky Board of EMS. He also is a general surgeon in Lebanon, KY.

He recently returned from a three-month tour of duty in Afghanistan.

"While it is not financially rewarding, it is emotionally and personally rewarding," Dr. Bentley said of his experience as a surgeon in the Army. "You see our soldiers close up and the smiles on their faces. They are doing their jobs, and they don't ask questions. It is an eye-opening experience."

Dr. Mancino agreed.

"It has been a really rewarding experience," she said. "I get to stay a part of it through my work with the VA taking care of soldiers. Soldiers look at you differently when they know you also have served."

Dr. Mancino said her training at UofL helped her prepare for her role as a surgeon in the military.

"My training at UofL in trauma was excellent, so I was more comfortable taking care of trauma patients on duty," she said. "I learned how to do good team care for trauma patients while at UofL and how to not freak out and to just get it done."

UofL's Department of Surgery would like to thank both Drs. Bentley and Mancino for serving our country, as well as all our other alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have served. We truly appreciate your sacrifices and dedication to our nation.

ALUMNI & DEPARTMENT NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations to Golden Alumni Drs. **BOB DEWEESE** and **GORDON GUTTMAN** who graduated from UofL's School of Medicine 50 years ago. Also, West 13th Street has been renamed for the esteemed Dr. Guttman. It is now **GORDON GUTTMAN BOULEVARD**. The Department of Surgery congratulates Dr. Guttman on the tremendous honor of having a street named for him!

DR. JEFFREY BUMPOUS, J. Samuel Bumgardner Endowed Professor and Chief, Division of Otolaryngology, has been named the Surgical Co-chair to a national RTOG Clinical trial: Tryhard: A Phase II, Randomized, Double Blind, Placebo-Controlled Study of Lapatinib (Tykerb®) For Non-HPV Locally Advanced Head and Neck Cancer With Concurrent Chemoradiation. This study looks at novel targeted therapy for p16 negative patients, currently the group of patients with most challenging disease and worse prognosis.

DR. SWAPNA CHANDRAN, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology, has been named Medical Director of the Norton Voice Care Center. She also received intramural funding from the UofL School of Medicine Research Committee for her research proposal, *"Interdisciplinary Team Approach to Improve Voice Quality of Life Outcomes After Therapy in Patients Treated for Advanced Laryngeal and Hypopharyngeal Cancer."*

DR. MARY FALLAT, Hirikati S. Nagaraj Professor and Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery, received the Roger Fox Award from Kosair Charities. Dr. Fallat received the award for her dedication to children.

JORGE G. GOMEZ-GUTIERREZ, PH.D. received a grant from the Lung Cancer Research Foundation (LCRF) to create "A New Model for Viral Therapy for Lung Cancer." This research focuses on a new method for potentially more effective viral gene transfer to treat lung cancer.

DR. LAMAN GRAY, Professor Emeritus and former Chief of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, received the Humanitarian Award from Kosair Charities. The Humanitarian Award is given for having a national and global impact within medicine. Kosair Charities donated \$5 million for Dr. Gray's pediatric cardiac research, which has allowed some heart surgeries to be performed prior to birth, lessening the need for open-heart surgeries.

Department of Surgery Alumni **DR. SHAWN JONES** has been named President of the Kentucky Medical Association. Originally from Frankfort, KY, Dr. Jones has been Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology since 1994. Dr. Jones serves as the Medical Director of Surgicare (Lourdes Ambulatory Surgical Center). Dr. Jones has served on the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Medical Association for 10 years.

DR. KELLY MCMASTERS' book, *Hepatocellular Carcinoma*, was published in January 2011.

DR. MARVIN E. MORRIS, Instructor, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapeutics, has received intramural funding from the UofL School of Medicine Basic Grant Program to further utilize the novel approach of invitro blood vessel mimics (BVM) to elucidate and inhibit neointimal hyperplasia. Neointimal hyperplasia is a dynamic and challenging clinical problem with no clear therapeutic intervention. The ultimate goal of Dr. Morris and his research team at the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute (CII) is to identify a locally delivered, clinically useful therapeutic entity to inhibit this process.

DR. HIRAM C. POLK, JR., Ben A. Reid Sr., MD Emeritus Professor, has received the prestigious Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of England. An Honorary Fellowship is given to a limited number of individuals of outstanding academic merit or other outstanding contributions to the profession. Those who receive this accolade are recognized worldwide in their particular specialty.

DR. KEVIN POTTS, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, has been named a Fellow of Otolaryngic Allergy by the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy. This is a significant accomplishment, and Dr. Potts is only one of a handful of fellows of Otolaryngic Allergy in region.

DR. J. DAVID RICHARDSON, Professor of Surgery and Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, was named the 2011 Ephraim McDowell Physician of the Year by the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare Foundation. He also was elected Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). As chair of the Board of Regents, Richardson will work closely with the ACS Executive Director, and he will chair the Regents' Finance and Executive Committees. The college's 22-member Board of Regents formulates policy and is ultimately responsible for managing the affairs of the college.

DR. CHARLES ROSS, Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapeutics, is the Principal Investigator of a new clinical trial for Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) using adipose (fat) adult stem cell-coated vascular grafts. The trial, sponsored by Tissue Genesis, Inc., is the first FDA-approved trial using patients' own adipose-derived adult stem cells (ASCs) at the point of care. These were developed by Stuart Williams, Ph.D, Chief Science Officer for Tissue Genesis and Executive and Scientific Director of the Cardiovascular Innovation Institute.

DR. CHARLES SCOGGINS, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, was named Vice Chair for Operations and Finance for the Department of Surgery and Medical Director of University Physicians Associates Services, Inc. UPA is made up of more than 600 doctors and dentists, all members of the University of Louisville School of Medicine faculty, who work together to care for patients from prenatal days to the senior years. As Medical Director, Dr. Scoggins will manage all credentialing of the UPA physicians.

DR. MARK SLAUGHTER, Chief, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, received the 2011 Excellence in Education Award from the Jewish Hospital & St. Mary's Healthcare Foundation. In addition, Dr. Slaughter will play a key role in the effort to turn engineering innovations into medical breakthroughs using a \$3.33 million award from the Wallace H. Coulter Foundation.

DR. JASON SMITH, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery, has been granted a K23 Award from the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The purpose of the NIH's K23 program is to support the career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research. This \$607,112 research grant will enable Dr. Smith, a critical care and trauma surgeon, to achieve his goal of becoming an independent investigator focusing on clinical and translational research in hemorrhagic shock and inflammation.

DR. GORDON TOBIN, Professor of Surgery, Division of Plastic Surgery, received the 2011 Leonard Tow Award for Humanism in Medicine from the Arnold Gold Foundation.

DR. ANDREA YANCEY, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapeutics, was profiled in the *Courier-Journal* and on WHAS-TV about her volunteer work in Landstuhl, Germany helping treat wounded military men and women out of combat in Iraq and Afghanistan.

DRS. BRIAN G. HARBRECHT, ROBERT C.G. MARTIN, II and **DAVID MULLIGAN** were elected to the American Surgical Association. Drs. Harbrecht and Martin are faculty in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Mulligan is Chair of Transplantation Surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix. This is a great honor not only for these superb surgeons but also a credit to the outstanding training they received at UofL.

The **DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY'S DIVISION OF OTOLARYNGOLOGY** is ranked 17th of 260 programs in the country based off of the national in-service test scores.

CALL TO ALUMNI:

We value your friendships and personal accomplishments. Please keep in touch and let us know what you would like to hear about or what is important to you. We would like to use this newsletter to create stronger ties with our alumni and friends of the Department. Please share your news and let us know what is happening with you, your practice and your family. We apologize in advance for any errors of omission. Please send your news items to RTBomb01@louisville.edu or call 502.852.5444.



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Thirteen Department of Surgery Physicians Recognized as 'Top Doctors' By U.S. News & World Report

U.S. News & World Report has listed 13 Department of Surgery physicians as Top Doctors as part of the publication's online health services program, which provides referral information on thousands of physicians nationwide.

The Department of Surgery represents 38 percent of the 34 total physicians from the Louisville Metro area named to the list.

According to *U.S. News*, physicians selected as "Top Doctors" have been "nominated by their peers and named to a highly selective list of America's top physicians by achieving national recognition for outstanding work."

The 13 Department of Surgery providers recognized by U.S. News are:

- **Sheldon J. Bond, MD**, Pediatric Surgeon
- **Jeffrey Bumpous, MD**, ENT-Otolaryngologist
- **Robert N. Cacchione, MD**, Surgeon
- **Mary E. Fallat, MD**, Pediatric Surgeon
- **Michael B. Flynn, MD**, Surgical Oncologist
- **Susan Galandiuk, MD**, Colon and Rectal Surgeon
- **Michael H. McCafferty, MD**, Colon and Rectal Surgeon
- **Kelly M. McMasters, MD**, Surgical Oncologist
- **J. David Richardson, MD**, Surgeon
- **Mark S. Slaughter, MD**, Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgeon
- **Gordon R. Tobin, MD**, Plastic Surgeon
- **Gary Vitale, MD**, Surgeon
- **Bradon J. Wilhelmi, MD**, Plastic Surgeon

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Seventh Annual Samuel Gross, MD Lectureship

May 11, 2012

with speaker **Mitchell C. Posner MD**, Thomas D. Jones Professor and Vice-Chairman and Chief, Section of General Surgery and Surgical Oncology, University of Chicago

2012 Residents' Dinner - June 21, 2012

Academic Excellence

New Faculty Hires

The Department of Surgery continued to build on its tradition of excellence in providing a full scope of unparalleled surgical services to adult and pediatric patients by adding six new top-notch physicians:



DR. MATTHEW BENNS, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery. Dr. Benns' clinical expertise includes general surgery, trauma surgery, and critical care. Dr. Benns attended medical school at Indiana University School of Medicine in Indianapolis. He then completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in Surgical Critical Care at the University of Pennsylvania.

University of Pennsylvania.



DR. KELLI BULLARD DUNN, Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery. Dr. Bullard Dunn's clinical expertise includes the diagnosis and treatment of colorectal and anal cancers, precancerous conditions, hereditary (familial) malignancies, inflammatory bowel disease and other benign colorectal conditions. Dr. Bullard Dunn attended medical school at Harvard Medical School. She then completed her

General Surgery residency at the University of California, San Francisco, followed by a fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the University of Minnesota.



DR. BRENT KEELING, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. Dr. Keeling's clinical expertise includes adult cardiac surgery, minimally invasive valve procedures and aortic surgery. Dr. Keeling attended medical school at University of Louisville Medical School. He then completed his General Surgery residency at the University of South Florida School of

Medicine in Tampa, followed by a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta.



DR. RAMESH SINGH, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. Dr. Singh's clinical expertise includes adult cardiac surgery and aortic surgery. Dr. Singh attended medical school at The Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland in Dublin. He then completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, followed by a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Aurora.



DR. ERICA SUTTON, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of General Surgery. Dr. Sutton's clinical expertise includes advanced minimally invasive procedures and surgical endoscopy. Dr. Sutton attended medical school at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. She then completed her General Surgery residency at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, followed by a fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.



DR. JEFFREY WEIHING, Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Communicative Disorders. Dr. Weihing's clinical expertise includes electrophysiology and balance disorders. Dr. Weihing completed his Doctorate at the University of Connecticut.

Faculty Appointed to Endowed Professorships



Dr. Kelly McMasters, Chairman of the Department of Surgery, has been named the Ben A. Reid Sr., MD Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery.

Dr. Robert Martin, Division Director, Division of Surgical Oncology, has been named the Sam and Lolita Weakley Professor of Surgical Oncology.



Louisville native Dr. Ben. A Reid Sr., established the Ben A. Reid Sr., MD Endowed Chair in 1989. A dedicated general surgeon, Dr. Reid spent more than half a century treating

patients. While his true love was surgery, he also was a former athlete who continued to support UofL athletics throughout his lifetime. Up until the very last years of his life, Dr. Reid could be found in the stands cheering on the UofL basketball team. Former Chairman **Dr. Hiram Polk, Jr.** is the Ben A. Reid Sr., MD Emeritus Professor.



Drs. Sam and Lita Weakley donated major gifts to UofL's School of Medicine to endow Chairs in both Surgical Oncology (1995) and Anesthesiology (1999). Dr. Sam Weakley, who was on the clinical faculty of the department from 1955-2004, was perhaps the most respected senior surgeon in Kentucky. Dr. Lita Weakley was a highly revered anesthesiologist. Drs. Sam and Lita Weakley dedicated their lives to service – both medical and community – and were tireless advocates for educational excellence. Dr. McMasters previously held the Weakley endowed chair in surgical oncology.

Program Profile:

Surgical Critical Care Fellowship

The Department of Surgery is proud to offer an ACGME-accredited Surgical Critical Care Fellowship. The goal of the 15-year-old program is to produce a well-rounded surgeon with clinical competence in the care of critically ill patients.

And according to Surgical Critical Care Fellow **Dr. Gregory Huang**, who completed his fellowship this year, the program not only meets but also exceeds this goal.

"I wanted to train somewhere that had been doing surgical trauma training for a long time and where as a fellow I would get good ICU experience, have strong attendings and where I also got to operate. UofL was that place," Dr. Huang said. "I had four to five general trauma calls per month and a good mixture of ICU exposure during the day. I also had a fair amount of penetrating trauma. Now, I am confident in my capabilities because of what I learned there."

Dr. Huang now works as a general surgeon and trauma/critical care specialist for St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Youngstown, Ohio. He also is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

The majority of the training in the Critical Care Fellowship program is completed at the University of Louisville Hospital (ULH), the Level-I Trauma Center that services Kentucky and Southern Indiana and thus offers extensive clinical experience from a broad and diverse population base. In addition, fellows are given the opportunity to pursue elective rotations at Kosair Children's Hospital, Jewish Hospital (transplant critical care), and Norton Hospital (bariatric and oncologic critical care).

Training includes learning techniques for both life-saving and diagnostic procedures, not only for performance but also the

correct interpretation within the scope of the critical illness. Trainees become competent in the interpretation of radiographic studies, abdominal ultrasound, and vascular angiographic studies. Fellows become knowledgeable in the application of monitoring techniques applicable to surgical critical care and aware of the indications and contra-indications to these approaches.

"As a fellow at UofL, you get a lot of responsibility. Yet, you always have a strong attending for back up," Dr. Huang said. "Each attending often took a different approach to the same problem. So I was able to pick and choose from each person to make my own system and apply what I learned to my own practice."

Dr. Huang also said he appreciated the experience of the surgeons training him.

"All the attendings were true surgical critical care doctors as opposed to a medical doctor like it is at other places," Dr. Huang said. "They were on top of applying the newest critical care treatment options to their practice."

Dr. Huang earned his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and completed his general surgery residency at Allegheny General in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Huang said the fact that 95 percent of UofL's Surgical Critical Care Fellows pass their boards on the first try is significant.

"That says a lot about a place," he said. "I was very happy that I chose to do my critical care fellowship at UofL."

To learn more about the Critical Care Fellowship, visit <http://www.louisvillesurgery.com/fellowshipsTrauma.html> or contact **Machenzie Sprenger**, Critical Care Fellowship Coordinator, at **502.852.1895** or **mabroo03@exchange.louisville.edu**.

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2011 Chief Residents Drs. Meredith McMahon, Jason Kennard, John Trombold, Beatrix Slomiany, Michael Mays, Debra VanZandt and Ryan LeGrand with Dr. Kelly McMasters, Chairman, Department of Surgery, at the 2011 Chief Residents' Dinner in June.

Where Are They Now

2011 Residents

DR. JASON KENNARD, Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, Indiana University

DR. RYAN LEGRAND, Private Practice, St. Louis, MO

DR. MICHAEL MAYS, Private Practice, Houston, TX

DR. MEREDITH MCMAHON, Private Practice, Louisville, KY

DR. BEATRIX SLOMIANY, Private Practice, Versailles, KY

DR. JOHN TROMBOLD, Colorectal Surgery Fellowship, University of Louisville

DR. DEBRA VANZANDT, Private Practice, Tulsa, OK

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