



Meet Dr. John Kortbeek!

Dr. Kortbeek is a practicing Trauma Surgeon at South Health Campus, and a professor within the Departments of Surgery and Critical Care. He has recently completed 10 years as the Zone Clinical Department Head for the Department of Surgery.



A graduate from the University of Alberta, he completed a transitional residency at St. Thomas Hospital in Akron Ohio and a General Surgery residency at the University of Calgary. He trained as a Critical Care Fellow at the University of Calgary and as a Trauma Fellow at Carraway Methodist Medical Centre in Birmingham Alabama. He has held an appointment at the University of Calgary since 1991.

Dr. Kortbeek was drawn to the field of Trauma Surgery early on in his career thanks in part to strong mentors, such as Dr. Bill Dunlop, throughout his time in Intensive Care training at the General Hospital. During his time as chief resident on the Critical Care rotation he found working in Trauma to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

Reflecting on his time as Department Head, Dr. Kortbeek states that his most memorable experience was to see people succeed in building amazing programs in clinical service, education, and research. He is proud of the strong culture within the department and the work being done to create excellence in clinical care and academic surgery.

Dr. Kortbeek is looking forward to working with the South Health Campus team full time and helping to build their culture of clinical service and academics, and to work more with Critical Care medicine. Always looking for ways to elevate education, he is actively involved in bringing residents and graduate students from Oman to work with the University of Calgary Faculty and Residents. He is also looking forward to volunteering with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, and with Dr. Gwen Hollaar in the Office of International Surgery.

You will be able to find Dr. Kortbeek and Family enjoying their long awaited vessel this October, when his boat, Bear North, will be complete and ready for the open water!

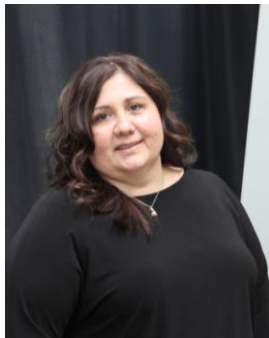
I am grateful, like so many others in the Department of Surgery, for John's stewardship over the last decade. He has set the standard in leadership, through his equipoise, work ethic, integrity, and resilience. For me, his spirit of tenacity is best captured in the immortal words of Henry Ford, "Don't Find Fault, Find a Remedy".

Dr. Fiona Costello,
Director, Office of Surgical Research

Your leadership has inspired us to more deeply discover who we are, individually and collectively; to realize our full potential by challenging fears and barriers; and through this process, has helped us build character and a unified identity. Thank you John for teaching us what Jimmy Dean said best ... we may not be able to change the direction of the wind, but we can always adjust our sails to reach our destination!

-Dr. Elizabeth Oddone Paolucci
Community Health Sciences

Congratulations!



The Department of Surgery is pleased to announce that Dr. Elizabeth Oddone-Paolucci has accepted the position of Director, Graduate Program, Community Health Sciences effective July 1, 2016.

Dr. Oddone-Paolucci has been the Associate Director for the Office of Surgical Research and has made great strides in elevating the level of research being done through the support of residents and faculty within the department.

We wish her all the best on her new adventure!

Ethics and You: What to Know?

TIP: Privacy Matters!
Describe in detail how patient privacy and confidentiality will be protected in your research study.



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"It has been an honour and a privilege to work with Elizabeth over the past few years. For the last decade, she has been the body, heart, and soul of the OSR and her presence will be greatly missed. She has worked tirelessly and generously, to advance the quality of academic research in the Department. I have come to cherish Elizabeth as both a colleague and a friend. I am excited to watch how she will flourish in her new role with the Department of Community Health Sciences, and I wish her enormous success in this next phase of her academic career".
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Thank YOU! 34th Annual Surgeons' Day Research Symposium

The 34th Annual Surgeons' Day Research Symposium was held on June 10th, 2016 the Libin Theatre, Foothills Hospital in the Health Sciences Centre. This event highlights the research endeavors of trainees in our department through both poster and podium presentations.

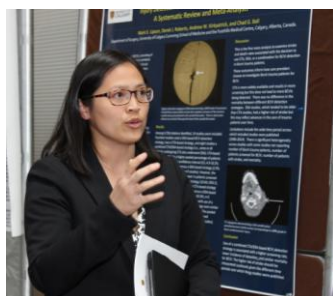
Our McPhedran Lecturer was Dr. Thomas Waddell, he is currently the Pearson-Ginsberg Chair from the Division of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Toronto and Head of the Division of Thoracic Surgery at University Health Network (UHN), including Toronto General Hospital. The title of his lecture was *"What a Long Strange Trip it's Been" - regenerative medicine approaches to lung and airway disease.* Our McMurtry Lecturer and co-judge was Dr. Sean Grondin, a Clinical Professor of Surgery from the Section of Thoracic Surgery at the University of Calgary. The title of his lecture was *"Tips For Successfully Starting and Finishing A Research Project."*

The 34th Annual Surgeons' Day Research Symposium Award Recipients included:



Dr. Alison Laws – Best Overall Research – *"Intra-operative margin assessment in breast-conserving surgery: A population-level comparison of techniques."*

Dr. Arezoo Astanehe – Honourable Mention, Overall Research – *"An enhanced recovery after surgery pathway for autologous breast reconstruction decreases postoperative pain, nausea, and length of hospital stay."*



Dr. Sarah Lai – Best Poster – *"Medium chain triglycerides are more potent than long chain triglycerides in inducing jejunal adaptation after massive ileocecal resection in rats."*