

## ALUMNI LECTURE SPOKE OF MOHS MICROGRAPHIC SURGERY



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## MESSAGE FROM DR. KORTBEEK

The Department of Surgery was pleased to host Dr. Bryce Cowan as this year's Alumni Lecturer. Dr. Cowan holds an appointment as Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia's Departments of Surgery and Medicine and represents an outstanding example of a graduate of Calgary surgical programs.

We were pleased to profile the immediate educational and career plans of our graduates. We wish them all success.

We are also excited to welcome our new faculty who represent the future of surgery in Calgary. Their varied backgrounds, experience and expertise will add to our rich traditions and heritage.

The Faculty of Medicine is now 43 years old and this year's Surgeons' Day, while cut short by the flood, was the 31<sup>st</sup> annual event. It is time to capture our legacy and Dr. Norm Schachar has stepped forward and has agreed to write a perspective of the first half century of academic surgery in Calgary. No doubt it will be an entertaining read delivered in Dr. Schachar's unique style.

A special congratulations to Dr. Cy Frank, who was appointed President and CEO of Alberta Innovates - Health Solutions. Dr. Frank demonstrates once again that we can make a difference.

The changes that have and continue to occur in the world of surgery are amazing and bode for an exciting future.

Sincerely,

John B. Kortbeek, MD, FRCSC, FACS  
Department Head, Surgery  
Alberta Health Services  
Professor and Head, Department of Surgery  
Professor, Department of Critical Care Medicine  
University of Calgary, Faculty of Medicine



Dr. John Kortbeek  
Head of the Department of Surgery

## CALLING ALL DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY ALUMNI

The Department of Surgery would love to continue to send you copies of our alumni newsletter, The Blade. Many Residents and Fellows move on to new and exciting careers outside of Calgary and we would greatly appreciate if you would let us know where you are going and how we can reach you in the future. If you would like to continue to receive our newsletter, please contact Christine Bourgeois, Administrative Assistant to Dr. Kortbeek, to update your contact information. You may phone her at (403) 944-1697 or email her at [Christine.Bourgeois@albertahealthservices.ca](mailto:Christine.Bourgeois@albertahealthservices.ca). Thank you, and we look forward to hearing from you.

## 2012/2013 HIGHLIGHTS

TO THOSE WHO HAVE RECEIVED RECOGNITION THROUGH AWARDS, APPOINTMENTS, ACCREDITATION AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY REACHED THEIR GOALS THROUGH SCHOOL AND LONG-TERM SERVICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY WISHES TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR SUCCESS.

2011-2012 Gold Star Award for Teaching in Clerkship

- Dr. Frankie Fraulin (Paediatric Plastic Surgery)
- Dr. Indraneel Datta (General Surgery)
- Dr. John Graham (General Surgery)
- Dr. James Nixon (General Surgery)

The Department of Surgery would like to thank the following Section Chiefs for their dedicated and exemplary years of service.

- Dr. Brian Whitestone - Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery
- Dr. Brent Haverstock - Podiatry
- Dr. Walley Temple - Surgical Oncology
- Dr. Kenneth Romanchuk - Ophthalmology

Southern Alberta Transplant Program

- Dr. Serder Yilmaz will end his 10-year term as Medical Director. We thank him for his dedicated and exemplary service.
- Dr. Lee-Ann Tibbles appointed Interim Medical Director.

Dr. May Lynn Quan (General Surgery)

- Promoted to Associate Professor

Dr. Mary Brindle

(Paediatric General Surgery)

- Promoted to Associate Professor

Awarded the Associate Dean's Letter of Excellence for Introduction to Clerkship:

- Dr. Andrew Wong (Paediatric General Surgery)

- Dr. Steve Lopushinsky (Paediatric General Surgery)
- Dr. Doug Johnson (General Surgery)
- Dr. William Buie (Colorectal)

CAMSS – President Elect and RGH President

- Dr. John Graham (General Surgery)

Awarded a \$1.1M Grant from the Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (AIHS) to further work on improving wound healing and scar outcomes.

- Dr. Jeffrey Biernaskie
- Dr. Vincent Gabriel

Awarded the Associate Dean's Letter of Excellence in Course 1: Introduction to Medicine/Gastrointestinal/Blood:

- Dr. Donald McPhalen (Plastic Surgery)
- Dr. Andrew Wong (Paediatric General Surgery)
- Dr. Rohan Lall (General Surgery)
- Dr. Steven Lopushinsky (Paediatric General Surgery)
- Dr. Doug Johnson (General Surgery)

Dr. Fiona Costello

- Appointed to Director, Office of Surgical Research

Dr. Maureen O'Brien

- Appointed Faculty Ombudsman and Advisor on Diversity

Dr. Marie-France Guimond

- Appointed Resident Ombudsman

# HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

**Dr. Francois Harton**

- Appointed Section Chief, Podiatric Surgery

**Dr. A. Robertson Harrop**

- Appointed Section Chief, Plastic Surgery

**Dr. James Brookes (Otolaryngology)**

- Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Dr. Joseph Warshawski (Otolaryngology)**

- Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Dr. Ian Le (Orthopaedics)**

- Promoted to Clinical Assistant Professor

**Dr. Marcia Clark (Orthopaedics)**

- Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor

**Dr. Kenneth Thomas (Orthopaedics)**

- Promoted to Clinical Associate Professor

**Dr. Elijah Dixon (General Surgery)**

- President Elect - American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association

Received a CIHR planning grant for \$24,900 for project titled: "Establishment of the Hepatopancreaticobiliary Community of Surgical Oncologists: Clinical, Evaluative, and Prospective:

- Drs. E. Dixon (General Surgery), J. Barkun, G. Porter and A. Wei

**Dr. Fabio Ferri-de-Barros (Paediatric Orthopaedic Surgery)** successfully defended his Masters of Science Thesis.

**Dr. Oliver Bathe (General Surgery/Surgical Oncology)**

- Article entitle "Feasibility of Identifying Pancreatic based on Serum Metabolomics" published in the January 2011 issue of *Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers and Prevention (CEBP)*. Was one of the 10 most frequently cited CEBP articles of 2011.

2013 Research Development Fund Award Winners:

- **Dr Shannon Puloski (Orthopaedics), Dr. Deirdre Church (Internal Medicine), Dr. Michael Parkins (Internal Medicine), Elizabeth Henderson RT, PHD, Dr. Kristen Brown** for Improving the microbiologic diagnosis of orthopaedic device associated infections: \$12,500.
- **Dr. Tom Stelfox (Internal Medicine), Dr. William Ghali (Internal Medicine), Dr. Andrew Kirkpatrick (General Surgery)** for Iterative Development of and Electronic Intensive Care Unit Discharge Tool. \$12,500.

Teaching Contribution in the Integrative Course

- **Dr. Donald McPhalen (Plastic Surgery)**



## ALUMNI LECTURE FOCUS WAS HEALTH OUTCOMES, QUALITY OF LIFE



Dr. Bryce Cowan  
Photo Courtesy of Dr. Bryce Cowan

At the end of February 2013, Dr. Bryce Cowan was invited to be the lecturer at the 2013 Alumni Lecture. His presentation was titled "Saving Face – Skin Cancer and Mohs Micrographic Surgery 2013".

Dr. Cowan's presentation focused on how there is a substantial rise in the number of non-melanoma skin cancer in Canada. This is due to mainly two different factors. The first is the increasing general age of the population, and the second is the poor sun practices in many of the 'baby boomer' generation.

Not only is there a rise in non-melanoma skin cancer in Canada, but it will continue to rise because of recent trends like tanning beds. Government has placed regulations on these trends, such as warning labels being required to be placed on tanning beds, similar to the warning labels that are on a pack of cigarettes, there is now an increased demand on the medical system to address these tumors.

According to Dr. Cowan, Mohs micrographic surgery is the worldwide gold standard for treating these tumors.

In the 1930's the lifetime risk of getting skin cancer was approximately 1 in 1500 according to Dr. Cowan. As of 2000 that number has jumped to about 1 in 100. This is caused by two major factors. The first is that people are generally living longer, and the second is that we still do not utilize good sun protection. Wide brim hats are not in style and many people do not like to rub suntan lotion all over themselves.

Dr. Cowan says that if you do not get sunburned before the age of 18 you can reduce the chance of getting skin cancer by about 78%.

Micrographic surgery is a microscope guided fresh tissue resection of tumor. A surgically based method of removal of skin cancers under local anesthetic with the use of a specific mapping process to allow all of the tissue that is resected from the patient to be histologically analyzed and mapped in such a way that the entire tumor base and margin gets evaluated during the removal process.

Basically, any residual cancer that is identified at any of the stages where the tissue is removed allows the micrographic surgeon to specifically pinpoint the exact location of any remaining tumor and to systematically go back and remove that remaining tumor with additional surgical stages. This gives the added benefit of having the surgery done in one sitting. Patients do not have to get a tumor taken out and then analyzed for several days just to be told that there is still more tumor to get.

It is also convenient because the micrographic surgeon functions in a couple of different roles. They resect the tumor, function as a pathologist and are trained as reconstructive surgeons as well.

"It's a one stop shop; you come in, we remove it, we analyze it, we confirm that it's gone and we rebuild you," says Dr. Cowan

"It's super efficient, with a high cure rate."

What the surgeons do is identify a tumor and cut within millimeters of the margin of the cancer initially so you don't have to take too much flesh from around the tumor. Then they analyze the specimens that are removed under a microscope to determine whether there are any more roots growing off the side of the tumor. If there is, then the surgeon marks the residual tumor routes on a micrographic surgical map and they use the map and take additional tissue in the spots where the tumor is. They continue this process until the cancer is completely gone.

About 90% of patients only need to two stages of the surgery according to Dr. Cowan, but some require more. It is still important to remember that this is all done in one sitting.

The surgery usually goes for about 6-8 hours, but can go longer depending on how many stages need to be done.

This method that we use allows us to ensure complete removal of the cancer and is able to provide the highest

removal rate. Micrographic surgery also preserves the greatest amount of normal tissue possible in some pretty critical anatomic areas, such as on the nose, lip or eyelid.

It also has the highest cure rate according to Dr. Cowan of about 99.2% in infiltrating basal-cell carcinomas.

"Mohs surgery can be used in a wide variety of tumors but it works the best on tumors that grow contiguously," says Dr. Cowan.

Dr. Cowan has been a clinical instructor in both plastic surgery and dermatology at the University of British Columbia's Skin Care Centre, Vancouver General Hospital, and University of British Columbia hospital. He is one of two members of the teaching faculty for Canada's first and premier ACMS fellowship training program and annually trains surgical fellows. Dr. Cowan is currently an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia's Departments of Surgery and Medicine.

## SPORTS IN SURGERY

The third annual General Surgery softball game was held July 25 at the Parkdale Baseball Diamond.

The evening started off with the residents getting practice in as the few faculty members that were playing trickled in.

Everyone enjoyed some delicious catered barbecue provided by LifeCell.

When everyone was ready to begin playing the residents were already warmed up into a well oiled machine, and were outplaying the faculty badly.

Eventually the faculty began to hit their stride and catch up, but it was too late and the residents ended up winning 26-17.

Dr. Chad Ball, who also organizes the event, went into the game feeling confident. After losing last year, he was out for revenge.

However, Dr. Heather Stuart, who plays for the residents was also feeling good.

"We lost the first year, and we kicked ass the second year... They had to cap our score. I think the staff is still pretty bitter."

Dr. Stuart enjoys the annual softball game because it really brings people together.

"I think the more you do stuff together outside of the hospital, the happier you are when you're inside the hospital," she says.



Dr. Mike Dunham brings in a run for the Faculty.



## UP A TREE WITHOUT A PADDLE

**By: Dr. John Kortbeek**

The flooding of the Bow and Elbow Rivers in 2013 affected many Calgarians, including our Faculty in many ways. Many individuals continue to recover from the hardships imposed by the flood.

One lighter story and perhaps one of the more unique experiences was that of Dr. Ed Rendall. Dr. Rendall, a fitness enthusiast and Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Rockyview General Hospital, was returning home on a customary run through the Weaselhead. On the approach to the bridge over the Elbow River, a long flat passage is crossed and he noted the rising waters. He had experienced a similar event during the last flood and was able to cross with ease at that time so felt assured that this would be the case once again. The approach to the bridge is approximately 800 meters. After traversing two-thirds of the distance with a friend, Dr. Rendall realized that the waters were rising. They were also bitterly cold. He and his companion therefore

decided to turn around and make for the north bank. The worsening conditions and cool temperatures necessitated a different strategy as Dr. Rendall and his companion abruptly terminated their run and climbed a tree to escape the raging flood waters.

Fortunately, he was in possession of a cell phone and after alerting emergency services a rescue team was dispatched. After a period of several hours up the tree, Dr. Rendall and his friend were rescued and taken by raft to the riverbank and then returned to visit his colleagues in the emergency department at the Rockyview Hospital where he was embraced with warm blankets and a bear-hugger. No harm was done apart from a slightly bruised ego.

Dr. Rendall is now the proud possessor of a tale that will endear him to his grandchildren in decades to come.



*Photo Courtesy of The City of Calgary*

## SPORTS IN SURGERY CONTINUED

This year the Annual Ophthalmology Golf Tournament was held on June 10, at Sirocco Golf Club. It was a cloudy day out, but luckily it did not rain, and many different teams competed.

After the tournament there was a beautiful banquet put on by Sirocco as well as a silent auction and other prizes. All the silent auction items were donated by local businesses and the money went to the University Eye Foundation.

Dr. Amin Kherani, President of the University Eye Foundation says that The Foundation has been purposefully directed towards education and research so the money will be used towards resident education and research development.

“This year we are trying to finish off the simulation suites project, and we’re also going to purchase the diode laser

for retinopathy of prematurity laser treatments,” says Dr. Kherani.

“Our program has really become very active, it has become a group effort, team building, collaborative strength and everyone has come together to move the program in the right direction.”

Dr. Kenneth Romanchuk, the Ophthalmology Section Chief says that surgical simulation is the “way of the future. You wouldn’t put a pilot in a plane without going through many flight simulations, so I think it is the way of the future to at least act as an introduction for surgery,” he says.

Dr. Jamie Bhamra and his team won the tournament, which in total raised over \$15,000 for the University Eye Foundation.



Dr. Kherani and Dr. Kortbeek get registered with the volunteers





The various trophies awarded at the tournament.



Dr. Kenneth Romanchuk taking a swing.

# NEW FACULTY

## Dr. Jonathan Wong

Dr. Jonathan Wong joined the Section of Ophthalmology December 1, 2011. He completed his undergraduate degree at Princeton University, and then returned to Calgary, where he is originally from, to obtain his MD from 2002-2005. Dr. Wong then completed his residency at Queen's University from 2005-2010. After his residency he studied at the University of California San Diego completing a one year glaucoma fellowship. Outside of medicine, Dr. Wong enjoys all sorts of sports including tennis, basketball and soccer. He also recently climbed Machu Pichu in Peru.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Wong*

## Dr. Stephanie Dotchin

Dr. Stephanie Dotchin joined the Section of Ophthalmology on September 1, 2013. Dr. Dotchin completed her MD at the University of Saskatchewan in 2005 and then went on to do her residency at Dalhousie University until 2010. She has completed two fellowships. The first was at Moorsfields Eye Hospital in London and was in Adult and Paediatric Strabismus. Her second was at the Children's Hospital in Philadelphia in Paediatric Ophthalmology. When she is not busy with medicine she enjoys being active. She is an avid swimmer and cyclist. Dr. Dotchin also plays the violin.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Dotchin*

## Dr. Farrah Yau

Dr. Farrah Yau joined the Section of Plastic Surgery October 1, 2012. She completed her MD at the University of Alberta and graduated in 2006 with honors. She then went on to complete her residency in Vancouver, graduating in 2011. After her residency she completed a fellowship in Reconstructive Microsurgery at the Buncke Clinic in San Francisco in 2012. Outside of medicine, Dr. Yau enjoys badminton, squash, tennis, hiking, skiing and rollerblading. She is very excited to join the Plastic & Reconstructive surgical team here and looks forward to helping those who require plastic surgical care.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Yau*

### Dr. Christina Hiscox

Dr. Christina Hiscox joined the Section of Orthopaedics on August 1, 2013. After growing up in Thunder Bay, she went to medical school at the University of Manitoba, which she graduated from in 2006. She then went on to complete her Orthopaedic Surgery Residence at the University of Calgary in 2011. She completed two fellowships. This first, in Upper Extremity and Microvascular Surgery, and the second in Upper Extremity/Trauma. Dr. Hiscox's greatest achievement are her two kids, Dani and Johnathan.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Hiscox*

### Dr. Eldridge Batuyong

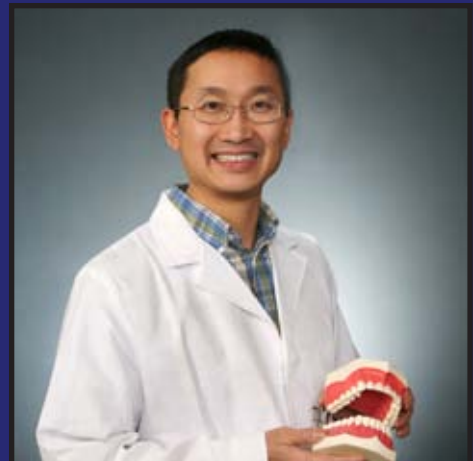
Dr. Eldridge Batuyong joined the Section of Orthopaedics on August 15, 2013. He completed his MD at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario. He then came back home to Calgary to complete his residency. He finished his residency in 2011 and continued on to do a fellowship in Foot and Ankle Surgery and another fellowship in Adult Hip and Knee Reconstruction. In his free time he likes to play basketball, snowboard, play the piano, travel and watch sports. He really enjoys travelling and is hoping to do more of it, although, he has already been to Europe and Asia.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Batuyong*

### Dr. Ta Sen Lu

Dr. Ta Sen Lu joined the Section of Dentistry and Oral Health on August 15, 2013. Originally from Hong Kong, Dr. Lu went on to get his DDS at the National Defense University in Taiwan. He graduated in 1987. His biggest achievement is establishing a group practice dental office in Calgary for the last 10 years. In his free time he enjoys hiking, badminton, soccer and photography.

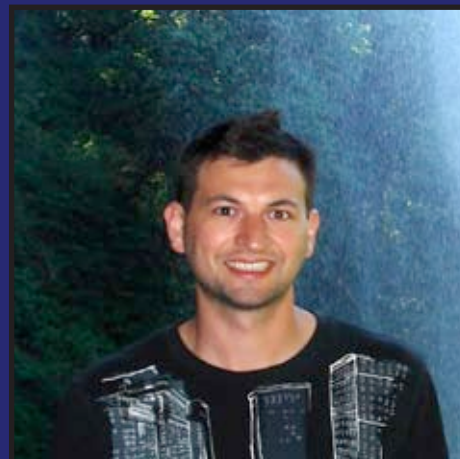


*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Lu*



### Dr. Daniel Charland

Dr. Daniel Charland joined the Section of Dentistry and Oral Health on September 1, 2013. He was born and raised in Toronto, which is where he completed his DDS in 2008. He then went on to complete his MSc and Paediatric Dentistry at the University of California San Francisco from 2008-2011. Dr. Charland enjoys cycling, running, camping, hiking and skiing, all of which he enjoys to do with his beautiful wife of the past three years.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Charland*

### Dr. Farida Saher

Dr. Farida Saher joined the Section of Dentistry and Oral Health on July 1, 2013. She graduated from the Department of Dentistry at the University of Alberta in 2007. After that, she completed a General Practice Residency at the University Hospital in Edmonton. In 2010, after completing specialty training in Paediatric Dentistry she moved back to Calgary and began private practice. She currently owns Dental Care for Children. In her spare time, she enjoys travelling and has volunteered in Brazil, Columbia, Costa Rica, and Haiti.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Saher*

### Dr. Tom Wierzbicki

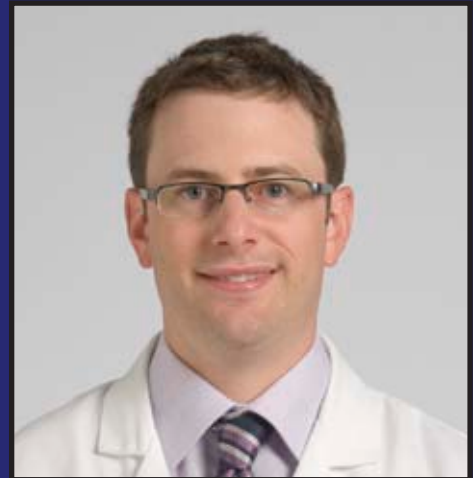
Dr. Tom Wierzbicki joined the Section of Dentistry and Oral Health on July 1, 2013. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Alberta in 2007. He went on to complete his Periodontal residency training at the University of Manitoba in 2012. On May 28, 2013 Dr. Wierzbicki and his wife welcomed a baby boy, Vincent Julian into their lives. Dr. Wierzbicki enjoys going to local cafes, music venues and restaurants with his family. He also enjoys travelling. Dr. Wierzbicki is dedicated to teaching, research and promoting oral health.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Wierzbicki*

## Dr. Aaron Bois

Dr. Aaron Bois joined the Section of Orthopaedics on August 15, 2013. Dr. Bois is originally from Sudbury, Ontario. He then went on to complete his MD at the University of Ottawa, which he finished in 2005. After medical school, Dr. Bois began his residency at the University of Saskatchewan. He completed his residency in 2010 and then began an Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic from 2010-2011. He then completed a Shoulder and Elbow Fellowship at the University of Texas Health Center at San Antonio from 2011-2012. When not practicing medicine, Dr. Bois enjoys sports and spending time with his two young children.



*Photo Courtesy of Dr. Bois*

## NEW EXTENDED RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS 2013-2014



Dr. Renelle Daigle R6  
Colorectal Surgery  
Dalhousie University



Dr. Sarah Lai R7  
Paediatric General Surgery  
University of Alberta



Dr. Carlos Sanchez-Glanville R6  
Paediatric General Surgery  
University of  
Puerto Rico



Dr. Antoine Bouchard-Fortier R6  
Surgical Oncology  
Universite Laval, Quebec



Dr. Janet Edwards R6  
Thoracic Surgery  
Dalhousie University



Dr. Nicholas Peti R6  
Vascular Surgery  
University of Saskatchewan



Dr. Farid Bouhouf  
Combined Spine  
National Institute of  
Higher Education In  
Medical Sciences, Algeria



Dr. Kate Campbell  
Combined Spine  
Royal Australian  
College of Surgeons



Dr. Sebastian Gunkel  
Hand & Wrist  
University Hospital  
Zurich, Switzerland



Dr. Kristine Haugo  
Combined Spine  
University of Saskatchewan

## NEW EXTENDED RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS CONTINUED



Dr. Joby John  
Joint Reconstruction  
North Trent Deanery, UK



Dr. Pablo Krainz  
Paediatric Spine  
Universidad de  
Valparaiso, Chile



Dr. Karakot Maliwankul  
Foot & Ankle  
Prince of Songkla  
University, Thailand



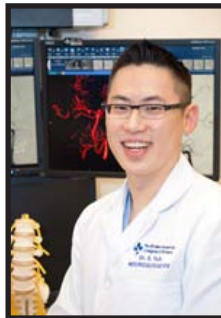
Dr. Martin Mangupli  
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Cordoba, Argentina



Dr. Jacob Oh  
Combined Spine  
National University of  
Singapore



Dr. Jonathan Sharr  
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University of Ottawa



Dr. Jean Butte Barrios  
HPB Surgery  
Universidad Austral de  
Chile



Dr. Raj Patel  
AAES Endocrine  
University of Otago  
New Zealand



Dr. Daniel Yanko  
Recons/Func. Urology  
University of  
British Columbia



Dr. Tom Gonder  
Retina  
University of Calgary



# NEW RESIDENTS 2013-2014



Dr. Ben Rogala R1  
Dentistry & Oral Health  
University of Manitoba



Dr. Isher Shergill R1  
Dentistry & Oral Health  
New York University



Dr. Jocelyn Yang R1  
Dentistry & Oral Health  
University of British Columbia



Dr. Adam Schofield R1  
General Surgery  
University of Calgary



Dr. Evan Jost R1  
General Surgery  
University of British Columbia



Dr. Ikennah Browne R1  
General Surgery  
University of Alberta



Dr. Michael Driedger R1  
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University of Alberta



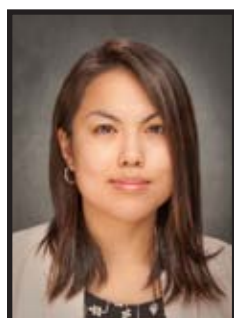
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Dr. Ruben Dehaeck R1  
General Surgery  
University of Sydney



Dr. Tito Daodu R1  
General Surgery  
University of Manitoba



Dr. Helen Chung R1  
Ophthalmology  
University of Alberta



Dr. Devon Livingstone R1  
Otolaryngology  
University of Calgary



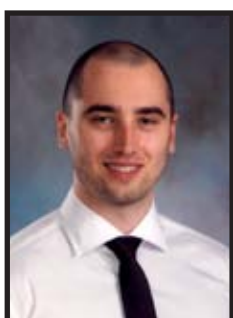
Dr. Danielle Dumestre R1  
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Dr. David Cinats R1  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Calgary



Dr. Simon Blais R1  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Ottawa



Dr. Pierre Zaharia R1  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
McGill University



Dr. Denis Joly R1  
Orthopaedic Surgery  
University of Ottawa

# GRADUATING RESIDENTS 2013

## DENTAL AND ORAL HEALTH

**Dr. Natasha Nazarali** will be starting specialty training in orthodontics at the University of Alberta.

## GENERAL SURGERY

**Dr. Julie Leal** is planning to complete a 2 year research fellowship at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in NY followed by a hepatobiliary and pancreas clinical fellowship with the hope of returning to Canada to work in a tertiary care center focusing on liver metastasis and the optimal surgical and oncologic treatment of these.

**Dr. Steve Johnson** is starting a vascular surgery fellowship in Vancouver.

**Dr. Trevor Hamilton** is going to be entering a 2 year fellowship in Surgical Oncology at the University of Toronto.

**Dr. Janet Edwards** is starting a thoracic surgery fellowship here in Calgary.

**Dr. Andrew Smith** will be completing a MIS/Bariatrics Fellowship at the University of Toronto. He then intends on pursuing an additional fellowship in Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy following his time in Toronto.

**Dr. Paul Cantle** will begin a vascular surgery fellowship in Ottawa next year.

**Dr. Sultan Al Sheikh** is completing his vascular surgery fellowship at the University of Toronto.

## PLASTIC SURGERY

**Dr. Christopher Doherty** will be starting a hand fellowship in London Ontario at the University of Western Ontario Hand and Upper Limb Centre.

**Dr. Jennifer Matthews** is completing a locum at FMC until January. Then she will begin a breast fellowship in Kelowna through UBC.

## COLORECTAL

**Dr. Mantaj Brar** will be starting his Master's degree in Medical Statistics at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Also, while in London he and his wife are expecting their first child.

## SURGICAL ONCOLOGY

**Dr. Yarrow McConnell** is starting practice as a Surgical Oncologist at Vancouver General Hospital and BC Cancer Agency.

## OTOLARYNGOLOGY

**Dr. Monica Hoy** will be staying in Calgary starting a Master's of Medical Education at the University of Calgary and joining the University of Calgary faculty as a staff member in the Section of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery.

## GENERAL SURGERY PAEDIATRICS

**Dr. Richy Lee** will be joining a group in Las Vegas as staff Paediatric Surgeon.

## ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY

**Dr. Luke Harmer** will begin an Orthopaedic Trauma Surgery fellowship at Carolina's Medical Center in Charlotte NC for one year and then starting a Shoulder and Elbow Surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester MN the following year.

**Dr. Christina Bakir** will be starting a Foot and Ankle Fellowship in Houston Texas with the FOARR group. (Foundation of Orthopaedic and Athletic Related Research.)

**Dr. Ryan Hodgins** will be starting a fellowship in Sports Medicine and Arthroscopy at University of British Columbia.

**Dr. Randa Lawrence** is currently enrolled in a one year fellowship in Ottawa (Orthopedic Surgery - Shoulder/Elbow; July 2013-June 2014), and then she will complete a second one year fellowship in Winnipeg (Orthopedic Surgery Upper Extremity Reconstruction/Sport Medicine at the PanAm Clinic) from July 2014-June 2015. She will also be finishing her Master's of Science in Healthcare Quality through Queen's University over the next two years.

# CONGRATULATIONS, RESIDENTS!

# ALUMNI LECTURESHIP

The Alumni Lectureship Series was established in 2007 to showcase distinguished graduates of the University of Calgary surgical training programs. A surgeon, recognized for his or her achievements, is invited to deliver this lecture, and is asked to participate in postgraduate educational activities while in Calgary. We were fortunate to have Dr. Bryce Cowan deliver the seventh Lecture this year. For more about Dr. Cowan, please read the article on page five of this newsletter, "Alumni Lecture Focus was Health Outcomes, Quality of Life."

In 2007, seed money toward the lectureship was made available by Alberta Health Services and the University of Calgary. Our goal is to make this endeavour self-sustaining. Please consider a directed donation toward this effort. A tax receipt will be issued.

If you know of any deserving candidates who you would like to nominate to give future Alumni Lectures, please feel free to contact me.



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