NEWS

Roger and Barbara Hunt NEXT 2023 Claude Zagar, Visiting Professorship
Roger and Barbara Hunt have established the NEXT 2023 Claude Zagar, Visiting Professorship in Surgery. This appointment will bring a distinguished surgeon and scholar to the Department of Surgery to present a public lecture, lead a grand rounds, and mentor junior faculty members. The recipient, to be named Claude Zagar Professor, will work with the Surgery Department to develop a program that will improve outcomes for patients and train the next generation of surgical leaders.

Molly Feltner at the Top of 2023 Best Hospitals List
Molly Feltner has been named to the Top 2023 Best Hospitals List for Emory University Hospital. This recognition is based on patient experience and outcomes, and it is the result of a comprehensive assessment of the hospital’s performance in providing the highest quality of care.

Sarah Alagha Named Assistant Director of Women's Health Critical Care
Sarah Alagha has been named Assistant Director of Women’s Critical Care at Emory University Hospital. In this role, she will be responsible for overseeing the critical care services of the women’s health service line, ensuring that patient care is delivered in a safe, effective, and patient-centered manner.

James Landau-Nadeau: Growing Quality Care for Women With Serious Injury
James Landau-Nadeau, MD, has been appointed to the position of Medical Director of Women’s Critical Care at Emory University Hospital. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing the critical care services of the women’s health service line, ensuring that patient care is delivered in a safe, effective, and patient-centered manner.

APPOINTMENTS

Virginia Shaffer Appointed Chair of the Department of Surgery
Virginia Shaffer, MD, has been appointed Chair of the Department of Surgery. In this role, she will be responsible for overseeing the academic, clinical, and operational activities of the department, and for ensuring that the highest quality of care is provided to patients.

Dr. Anthony Meena Wins Karmody ePoster Competition

THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY'S 21ST ANNUAL WILLIAM C. WOOD RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM
The Department of Surgery's 21st Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 in the Emory University Steiner Auditorium, with the keynote address delivered by Dr. Charles Staley. The symposium featured presentations from some of the best and brightest minds in surgical research.

Emily Town Assuming Role of Interim Senior Manager, Clinical Services and Operations
Emily Town has been appointed as Interim Senior Manager of Clinical Services and Operations. In this role, she will work closely with Dr. Edward Lin, division leadership, providers, and the clinical and operational teams on research, educational, and clinical operations priorities for our Surgical Services Team this month as Interim Administrator for the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Michael Schmitt, PT, DPT, MS has been appointed as the Administrator for Palliative Medicine. In this role, Michael will retain his leadership responsibilities as the Administrator for Palliative Medicine. In addition, he will work directly with Dr. Charles Staley and Dr. Glen Balch and other leadership team members to focus on research, educational, and clinical operations priorities for the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery.

Cindi Tillery Joining Surgical Services as Interim Administrator
Cindi Tillery has been appointed as Interim Administrator for the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. In this role, she will work closely with Dr. Edward Lin, division leadership, providers, and the clinical and operational teams on research, educational, and clinical operations priorities for our Surgical Services Team this month as Interim Administrator for the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Virginia Shaffer Appointed Vice Chair of Faculty Affairs
Effective May 1, 2023, Virginia Shaffer, MD, has been appointed Vice Chair of Faculty Affairs. In this role, she will provide guidance and oversight in complex faculty affairs, advise on recognition programs across the department, and create a community of engaged faculty. Dr. Shaffer will serve as a senior advisor to the department chair and the chair leadership team, and will work closely with the Department Chair and the Associate Chairs to advance the overall mission and vision of the Department of Surgery.

Surgery Faculty Nominated for National Faculty Day
The Department of Surgery has been nominated for the National Faculty Day, which recognizes the important role of faculty in medical education. The Department of Surgery has a long history of excellence in both clinical and academic pursuits, and has produced many leaders in the field of surgery.

B.W. Whitey L. Venue Research Symposium: Winners
The Department of Surgery hosted the 2023 B.W. Whitey L. Venue Research Symposium, which featured presentations from some of the best and brightest minds in surgical research.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Wendy Greene, MD
Wendy Greene, MD has been named the American College of Surgeons President-elect. Dr. Greene has served in various clinical and operations leadership roles within Emory for the past nine years, and has been recognized for her contributions to surgical education, research, and patient care.

Robert Fang, MD
Robert Fang, MD has been appointed as the Chief of Staff at Emory University Hospital. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing the clinical operations of the hospital, and for ensuring that the highest quality of care is provided to patients.

Cletus A. Arciero, MD, FACS
Cletus A. Arciero, MD, FACS has been appointed as the Chief of Staff at Emory University Hospital. In this role, he will be responsible for overseeing the clinical operations of the hospital, and for ensuring that the highest quality of care is provided to patients.

THE WORLD’S BEST HOSPITALS 2023
We are proud to share that Emory hospitals have been named as four of the top five hospitals in the world. Emory University Hospital, Emory University Hospital Midtown, Emory University Hospital East, and Emory University Hospital West were all recognized for their outstanding care and innovation.

Emory University Hospital is also the only Georgia hospital named in the publication’s Top 250 Gastroenterology & GI Surgery. This recognition is based on patient experience and outcomes, and it is the result of a comprehensive assessment of the hospital’s performance in providing the highest quality of care.

Emory’s Department of Surgery continues to excel in cutting-edge research, educational, and clinical pursuits. The Department is consistently ranked among the top in the nation, and has produced many leaders in the field of surgery.