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News from the Department of Surgery

FEATURED STORY

CRAIG COOPERSMITH SELECTED FOR 2023 ACCM DISTINGUISHED INVESTIGATOR AWARD



Craig Coopersmith, MD, FACS, MCCM, has been selected by the American College of Critical Care Medicine (ACCM) as the recipient of their 2023 ACCM Distinguished Investigator Award. **This is the highest recognition given by the College**, and is awarded to "an individual whose scientific and educational contributions to the art and science of critical care demonstrates career commitment and excellence." Dr. Coopersmith will be presented with his award during the combined ACCM Convocation/Society of Critical Care Medicine Awards Ceremony on January 22, 2023, and will give a brief presentation the following day.

Dr. Coopersmith is Vice Chair of Research in the Emory Department of Surgery, Program Director of the department's Surgical Critical Care Fellowship, and Director of the Emory Critical Care Center. He has established himself as one of the top investigators of sepsis and shock in the country, and was a member of an international task force of experts that redefined the terms "sepsis" and "septic shock" in 2016.

Congratulations to Dr. Coopersmith for this well-deserved honor!

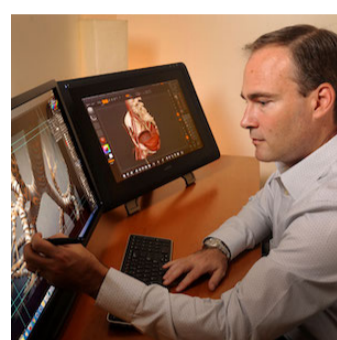
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Call for Abstracts: 21st Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium

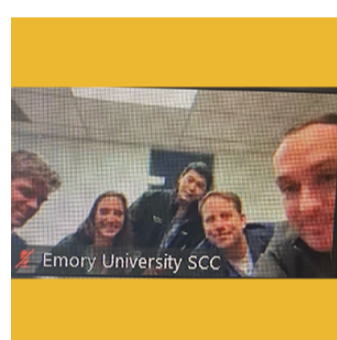
The Annual William C. Wood Research Symposium showcases the basic and clinical science research of all trainees in the Emory Department of Surgery. Participation is open to medical students, residents, and fellows; trainees in a dedicated laboratory rotation are encouraged to submit their research and attend the Symposium.

This year, the Symposium will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Submissions are due on Friday, February 10, 2023. Please email [Ashley.McCullough](mailto:Ashley.McCullough@emory.edu) with any questions.



CSAT Awarded ACS-AEI Reaccreditation

The Accreditation Review Committee for the American College of Surgeons (ACS) recently awarded the Carlos & Davis Center for Surgical Anatomy & Technique (CSAT) in Emory's Department of Surgery reaccreditation for five years as a Comprehensive Education Institute. As an ACS Accredited Education Institute (ACS-AEI), CSAT is recognized for "demonstration of quality and a commitment to patient safety that provides real value." The goal of the ACS-AEI Program is to "promote patient safety by using simulation, to support the lifelong learning of surgeons, surgical trainees, and other healthcare professionals, to enhance access to contemporary surgical education, and to advance scholarship in simulation-based surgical education."



Emory/Grady Team Places Second in Annual SCCM Surgical Quiz Show

On January 11, the Society of Critical Care Medicine's surgical section hosted their annual quiz show, in which five-person teams from around the country participate in a one-hour quiz of knowledge on surgical critical care. We are proud to share that the Emory/Grady team came in second place! Congratulations to our team - Kevin Chow, Mari Freedberg, Dustin Hanos, Matt Machowsky, and Tyler Reynolds - for this outstanding achievement!

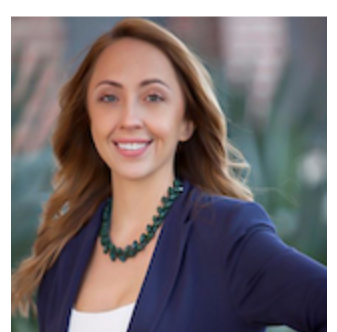
APPOINTMENTS



Martha Ryan, FNP, Appointed Chief, Advanced Practiced Provider, Surgical Services

Martha Ryan, FNP, is a certified family nurse practitioner and the lead Advanced Practice Provider for the Department of Otolaryngology. She has been practicing at Emory Healthcare since 2011 and has served as the operation clinician lead for the Winship Head and Neck Multidisciplinary Care Clinic. In this new position, Martha will expand her leadership with our team, leading and supporting our APP's in the Divisions of General Surgery, Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Colorectal Surgery, Surgical Oncology, and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, as well as the Departments of Otolaryngology and Urology. She officially stepped into her new role on January 9, 2023.

NEW FACULTY



Megan Urbanski, PhD, MSW

Assistant Professor of Surgery, Division of Transplantation, Department of Surgery

Dr. Urbanski completed her PhD in Philosophy at Temple University in 2020 and her Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Health Services Research at Emory University in 2022. Her primary research focus is to improve the lives and health among patients with kidney failure and transplant. She will serve in the Division of Transplant Surgery as an Assistant Professor of Health Services Research within the Department of Surgery.

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Manuel Garcia-Toca, MD, FACS

Acting Associate Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery & Endovascular Therapy, Division of Surgery at Grady

Dr. Garcia-Toca completed in MD at the Universidad Anahuac in Mexico in 1999 and his MS in Health Policy at Stanford University in 2020. He completed his residency in General Surgery at Brown University and a fellowship in Vascular Surgery at Northwestern University. Dr. Garcia-Toca will serve within the Department of Surgery in the Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy and the Division of Emory Surgery at Grady, based primarily at Grady Memorial Hospital.

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AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Kenneth Cardona, MD, FACS, Elected to Southern Surgical Association

Dr. Kenneth Cardona, Professor of Surgery in Emory's Division of Surgical Oncology, has been elected to membership in the Southern Surgical Association. This election is a reflection of the high esteem in which Dr. Cardona is held by his team and colleagues. The Southern Surgical Association is a fellowship of more than 800 accomplished professionals actively practicing surgery or one of its subspecialties.

Dr. Cardona currently serves as Associate Chief of Surgery at Emory University Hospital Midtown. He is the leader of the Sarcoma Working Group at Winship Cancer Institute, and Co-Chair of the Gastrointestinal Oncology Working Group at Emory University Hospital Midtown.



Onkar Khullar Accepted to 2023 Em-ProLEAD Cohort

The Emory Professional Leadership Enrichment and Development Program (Em-ProLEAD) is designed to develop and enrich leadership skills, enhance business knowledge for clinicians, and promote collaborative efforts across Emory health professionals with an emphasis on diversity and inclusion. Congrats to Onkar Khullar, MD, for being accepted into their 2023 cohort!

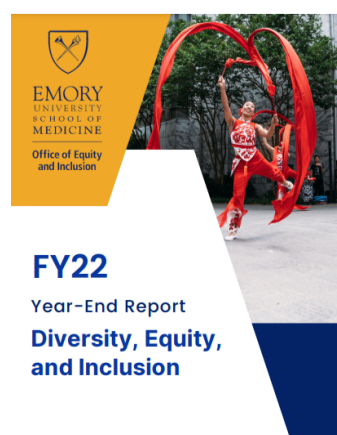
Dr. Khullar is an associate professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. His clinician specialties include video-assisted thoracoscopic surgery, robotic thoracic surgery, and lung and esophageal cancer treatment.



Congratulations Woodruff Leadership Academy 2023 Fellows

The Woodruff Health Sciences Center launched the WLA program to develop skills and collaboration, as well as interpersonal, communications, and presentation skills to meet the challenges of the medical research, education, and healthcare landscape. WLA fellows are chosen from a large pool of exceptional candidates each year. **Congrats to the 2023 class and those chosen from the Department of Surgery: Shelly Abramowicz, Manu S. Sancheti, Elizabeth R. Benjamin, and Virginia Shaffer.**

PUBLICATIONS



School of Medicine Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 2022 Year-End Report

As the first calendar year for the new Emory School of Medicine Office of Equity and Inclusion came to an end, this report reflects on all the School of Medicine has accomplished this year in the journey toward eminence.

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