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Chatter with the Chair

The next big change that Autumn brought us: EPIC! We have progressed to the next phase of modernizing health care with another change of the medical record. The progress has been real, but most importantly, we have seen our great surgical team adapt well and solve problems. Despite some concerns about the logistic throughput and some advice to "down schedule" the day, our teams rallied and we had an outstanding week of surgical cases and continued care. A special thanks to Dr. Jim Wynn who brought his expertise with Epic to the team and solved problems on the fly. He has constantly reminded me of the tireless work of the resident staff who helped on many fronts. Extra shout-outs go to Zack Aldaher, Austin Graf, and Kathryn Holmes! Thank you, Team!

Reminder: the abstract deadline for the Moretz society is Monday, December 2. Residents and students

should be working diligently with your faculty leads to submit your abstracts of your recent research. We will be awarding 2 prizes at the Moretz Society meeting on Feb 28-March 1: one for best resident abstract and another for best student abstract. The winners will be provided a \$1000 travel stipend to present their work and another surgical meeting. Send us your best!

We are headed to the holiday season and we all should pause to thank our families, our teammates, and our people who help in everyday life. Thanksgiving and Christmas are special times when we can reflect and be grateful for the success we have enjoyed this past year.

Lastly, please review these recent accomplishments of our faculty and residents featured in this month's newsletter: Drs. Lee, Mabes, and Lawson were inducted into the American College of Surgeons in

San Francisco, where our department had 4 podium presentations. One of our research residents, Dr. Melissa Easley won the Deans GME research award, and Dr. Hilton published in a SAGES manual. Congratulations to our outstanding surgeons!

Sincerely,

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Congratulations to **Dr. Amanda Lee, Dr. Erika Mabes, and Dr. Andrew Lawson!** They were inducted as ACS Fellows at the yearly American College of Surgeons conference in San Francisco. Only surgeons who devote professional activity to surgical practice and who agree to practice by professional and ethical standards are considered for admission to the College. Some of the requirements to be considered are surgeons must have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine, one year of surgical practice after all formal training is required, twelve consecutive months of practice in a current location, and a current appointment on the surgical staff with no reportable action pending. We are proud of their accomplishments!

ACS CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Erika Mabes – *What I Wish I Knew – transition to practice*

Dr. David Zabel - *Open Abdominal Wall Reconstruction: A Plastic Surgeons' Perspective on the First 900 Cases*

Dr. Imad Radi - *Impact of Conversion from Robotic to Open Pancreaticoduodenectomies on Short Term and Oncologic Outcomes*

Raag Patel - *The Geographic Mobility Trends of Urology Trainees (Quick-Shot)" and "Surgeons' Journey: The Geographic Mobility Patterns of Neurosurgery Trainees*

Congrats All!



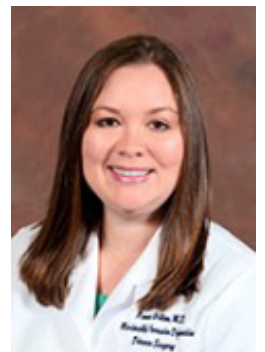
Dr. Robert Younan presented at Plastic Surgery Meeting in San Deigo. He prepared and delivered an amazing presentation on "Feasibility and efficacy of complex ventral hernia repair in patients with class III morbid obesity".



Congratulations to **Dr. Melissa Easley** for winning the Dean's Graduate Medical Education Research Award from the Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University! Dr. Easley's proposal is titled, "Continuous glucose monitoring to evaluate glycemic changes after bariatric surgery" with support from Dr. Aaron Bolduc.



Dr. Renee Hilton recently published a chapter in The SAGES Manual of Strategy and Leadership. Her chapter is on Advocacy and Health Policy.



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