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Dr. Choichi Sugawa was born in Tokyo, Japan, in 1935. All of his graduate education was done at the University of Tokyo, where he did his pre-medical studies from 1954 thru 1957 and his medical studies from 1957 thru 1961. He then did his internship and surgical residency there, and finished his residency in 1968. While in the Department of Surgery at the University of Tokyo, Dr. Sugawa worked in the "Stomach Division," which was under the leadership of Professor Takeo Hayashida. This was a very unusual division, in which all the attendings and residents did all of the studies related to upper GI problems, particularly stomach problems. They performed the initial history and physical examinations, administered the upper GI barium studies, did the endoscopic examinations, performed all the operations, and did the histologic analyses of all resected specimens. Consequently, all of these experts were extraordinarily familiar with all aspects of gastric physiology, particularly benign gastric ulcers and gastric cancer. These studies occurred as the Olympus Corporation was coming out with the early gastric cameras, and shortly thereafter, the flexible gastroscopes. During these years, the Wayne State University Department of Surgery had developed a close relationship with Japanese physicians under the leadership of Dr. Charlie Johnson, who was our Chairperson from the mid-1930's until 1960. Many of the Japanese surgical fellows would spend a year or two within the Department of Surgery, being involved in various clinical activities and research activities. When Dr. Walt took over as Chairman of the Department of Surgery, he reinstated that Japanese connection and was fortunate to have Dr. Choichi Sugawa recommended to him as a research associate within the department. Dr. Sugawa with his wife and two-year-old son arrived in the strange city of Detroit, where they knew no one but had a connection with Dr. Walt, who was able to arrange for them to have someplace to stay until they found living accommodations. This occurred in August of 1969. He was to spend one year at the Wayne State program and then a second year at UCLA, after which he would return to the University of Tokyo.



Dr. Choichi Sugawa

When Dr. Sugawa first arrived in Detroit, Dr. Charlie Lucas was just beginning a research project, looking at problems related to stress bleeding from the stomach and seriously injured or seriously septic patients on the Emergency Surgery service. By coincidence, Dr. Lucas had purchased, for \$700, two gastric cameras and was in the process of learning how to take 32 photos of the stomach with a small camera, which was passed into the stomach, as one would pass a nasogastric tube. Dr. Lucas was not very good as a student but had a salvation when Dr. Walt introduced Dr. Sugawa to him, and Dr. Sugawa, who had done hundreds of gastric camera studies, soon became the individual doing these studies. In order to identify the sequential physiology of acute erosive gastritis, these gastric camera studies were done frequently on seriously ill and septic patients being treated in the SICU. Dr. Sugawa had never done a gastric camera study on somebody who was sick, since the

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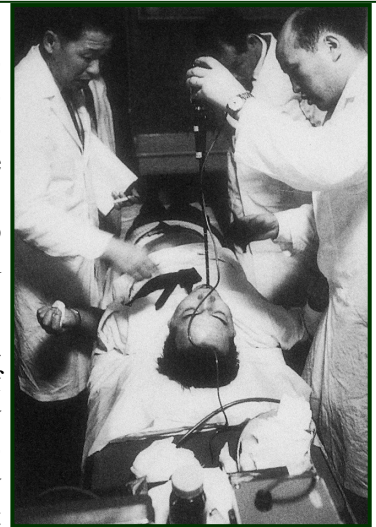
Overwhelming majority of these studies were done as outpatient, or even done in factories, where a team from the University of Tokyo would go into a factory and do 200 gastric camera studies in one afternoon. This was done in order to identify early gastric cancer, which was epidemic in Japan, while in the United States we were doing routine Papanicolaou stains in order to identify early cervical cancer. He was very nervous when he would do the gastric camera studies in patients who were in the ICU and on a ventilator. A nurse, Lucy Brand, helped Dr. Sugawa, while the editor felt the pulse of Dr. Sugawa to make sure he did not become too tachycardic as he did these gastric camera studies on extremely ill patients.

When Dr. Sugawa was told by the Editor that he would be doing these gastric camera studies in patients on ventilators, his English accent got very, very bad as a reflection of the fact that he thought this was a very difficult task. Once the pictures are taken, they are sent to Olympus for development. About one month after he started doing these gastric camera studies, the first photograph returned from Olympus, and his English totally deteriorated because of his excitement at seeing photographic evidence of the early onset of acute erosive gastritis, which nobody else in the world had ever seen. The Editor no longer had to feel his pulse when he was doing gastric camera studies and later gastroscopy studies during operations on extremely ill patients shortly after their arrival in the hospital.

These early studies by gastric camera and by sequential gastroscopy in extremely ill patients led to the publication of the first classic citation from Wayne State University and one of the 100 most cited references in the last half of the twentieth century. This was just the beginning of a long tenure at Wayne State University.

During his first year, when he was a Research Fellow within our Department of Surgery, the Editor convinced him that he would not be as productive a year if he left Wayne State and went to UCLA. Consequently, he arranged with Dr. Walt to spend another year as a Research Fellow. During this second year, the Editor convinced him that he should not return to the University of Tokyo, since he would be more productive in Detroit, where his multiple areas of expertise had not yet been developed. Thus, Dr. Sugawa entered the Department of Surgery as an Instructor in 1971 and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1972, Associate Professor in 1976, and full Professor in 1986. The expertise that he brought to Wayne State and Michigan is reflected by the fact that the two years that he was with the department as a Research Fellow, he did well over 2,000 gastroscopic examinations and over 400 lower GI series.

During the 1970's, Dr. Sugawa introduced to Detroit and Michigan the papillotomy or the distal common bile duct, injection of bleeding esophageal varices in patients with Laënnec's cirrhosis, and performed multiple experimental studies in a canine model, looking at the different effects of medication on experimental gastric ulcers and studying the real role of mucin as it relates to gastric ulcer disease. His expertise was so widely recognized that most of the hospitals in southeast Michigan were approaching him to accept privileges in order to have these types of examinations done in their hospitals. Dr. Sugawa had to meet with Dr. Walt, our chairman, in order to create a letter, which very politely indicated that Dr. Sugawa did not have the time to do all of these studies in multiple hospitals in southeast Michigan but that he would certainly be willing to examine these patients if they were transported down to the Detroit Medical Center. Consequently, he performed many examinations on patients who did not typically come to Detroit in order to have their examinations.



Professor Kidokoro and Dr. Sugawa doing the gastrocamera in 1966 at University of Tokyo.

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From the end of the 1970's until now, the American College of Surgeons and the Society for Surgeons of the Alimentary Tract decided that endoscopy had to be part of surgical residency training. Dr. Walt had already arranged for the surgical residents to rotate with Dr. Sugawa so he could provide national leadership in that direction, based upon the training that Dr. Sugawa was already providing to the surgical residents who retained these skills when they went out into the private practice of surgery. His skills and innovations were so widely recognized that he soon was training residents and fellows from other programs in the U.S. and even from other countries, who would spend a short Fellowship with Dr. Sugawa in order to become familiar with his techniques and innovations. His expertise was also recognized by the commercial interests in endoscopic techniques and equipment. Many of the companies that were developing a new type of instrument would donate the materials to the Department of Surgery in order to get an evaluation by Dr. Sugawa as to how to improve these instruments in preparation for making them commercially available. This approach led to many commercial grants in support of the ongoing activities of Dr. Sugawa. During these early years, Dr. Sugawa was recognized by the Wayne State University Board of Governors, who provided for him a "Faculty Recognition Award" in 1982, and by the local press, as the "Surgical News Practice" featured Dr. Sugawa in 1983 because of his work in obtaining hemostasis in patients with the Mallory Weiss Syndrome. He was also recognized in the 1970s for his expertise at performing ERCP stone removal. Later, in 1990, the Detroit Free Press recognized Dr. Sugawa in their "Genius at Work" series.



The Sugawa Family: Dr. Choichi Sugawa and his bride, Natsuko Sugawa, along with their sons, Seiichi (left) and Ken (right)

As a scientist, Dr. Sugawa has been very prolific, publishing well over 100 peer-reviewed manuscripts and over 200 review articles, two books, and over 30 book chapters. He has also published over 20 case reports and over 30 educational materials, which are used by students of endoscopy to improve their technical skills. His bibliography also includes over 100 abstracts dealing with the complexities of endoscopy. He has been a prolific speaker and has made approximately 200 scientific presentations, including many that are given outside of Michigan and outside of the United States. He is recognized internationally for his skills and achievements.

Both nationally and internationally, Dr. Sugawa has provided membership support to multiple endoscopic societies, has served as a member of the Board of Governors for the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and has been on a number of their many committees, dealing with by-laws, annual programs, and endoscopic training. He has also served as the Vice-President of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) from 1989 to 1992 and has been a member of their International Advisory Board since that time period. He is a member of the American Medical Association. He has been recognized locally and internationally and has been the recipient of all of the honorary awards that are provided by these organizations.

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Dr. Thomas Lee Flanagan

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Dr. Thomas Lee Flanagan (WSU/GS 2002/10) was born and raised in Belding, Michigan, a small community about 25 miles northwest of Lansing. He received his early education there and learned the value of hard work, collegiality, and the importance of humor. Following his high school graduation, Tom joined the U.S. Army where he spent the next four years being involved in Germany early on but, shortly thereafter, in Saudi Arabia and was involved in Desert Storm. Based upon his mental acuity, his collegiality, and his need to be involved in new things, he quickly rose through the ranks and became a Non-Commissioned Officer involved in the Nuclear Biological and Chemical (NBC) unit of the U.S. Army and was responsible for the training of over 700 soldiers assigned to this critical unit. Part of these activities included reconnaissance and controls designed to make sure that everything was prepared properly for troop movement. These military experiences reinforced his upbringing, which taught him to always be involved, contribute to the program, and become a leader. Following his military experience, Tom spent one year in college in Maryland before he decided to return to Michigan and do his undergraduate studies at the Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan. During these years, he was always involved in extracurricular activities, often related to his military experiences. He was a volunteer in providing physical therapy at a Veterans institution and went out of his way to make sure that all veterans enjoyed their full benefits. This meant helping some of them with directions on what type of paperwork had to be completed in order to properly receive full benefits.



Dr. Tom Flanagan

He received his medical education at WSU, graduating in 2003 and, during these years, continued to be involved in extracurricular activities, including volunteer work for the Veterans Association, prospecting in the Gross Anatomy Lab, and being involved in the distribution of food thru the North American Food Drive each year. During his medical school years, he performed very well in the clinical specialties, particularly when he impressed his teachers during the various surgical rotations. All of his instructors would comment about his manual dexterity, which of course was one of the reasons that he selected postgraduate surgical training.

He entered into the WSU surgical program following medical and was always respected for his energy, involvement in many different activities, technical skills, and humor, even in the face of adversity. During this part of his training, he spent an additional two years in the military, where he was involved in the care of seriously injured soldiers and made many contributions, finishing at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Whenever he set his mind to something, he excelled. Dr. Flanagan took over the job of leading the Journal Club, which would be held at one of the local restaurants. Professor David Bouwman commented about one of the meetings he attended: "This format was effective, and I

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believe that Dr. Flanagan should get full credit for organizing, emceeing, and sweating over this whole production. He told me that he intends to have sessions on important issues where there seems to be some division of views or recent migration of standards of practice. I was most impressed by the professional demeanor and quality content of this meeting. It gave me a warm glow that it was entirely resident-driven. Again, I lay all the responsibility at Dr. Flanagan's feet. There was attention, excellent commenting from residents (Dr. Tolga Gursel stood out), no need for staff intervention, although I think our presence was appreciated. Dr. Flanagan was the calm, effective presence orchestrating this event." David goes on to say, "Therefore, after letting the heady euphoria and elements of self-congratulatory 'we trained this kid,' I'm writing this letter because I believe Tom deserves a special commendation for this show of effective effort, above and beyond that which is expected. I communicate the hope that this level of performance continues and it affects the resident corps with the same attitude."

After completing his general surgical training in 2010, he entered into the Plastic Surgery residency program, which he completed in 2012. Tom and family then moved to Toledo, Ohio, where Tom went into private practice and continued on there until his early demise.

During his years of private practice in Toledo, Tom was respected for his sage advice, transparency, humor, and involvement (which extended to students, residents, nurses, and patients). A testament to the respect and love in which he was held follows at the bottom of this article. True to his Gaelic roots, Tom was also a great philosopher and mused about the transition from life as we know it to the great unknown that follows. This is typified by the last statement that he made to his friends and loved ones, which follows:



2010 Graduation: Dr. Thomas Flanagan and family and friends (from left to right): His best friend's wife, Jeannie Thornhill, his best friend, Tim Thornhill, Dr. Tom Flanagan, His mother, Judy Flanagan, and his aunt and uncle, Sandy & Thomas Collins. Tom's bride, Amy, is at home with their third newborn child).

Obituary for Thomas Lee Flanagan

Well, that's it. I have completed my shift as the great American cliché. In the spirit of what turned out to be my last New Year's letter, my wild and crazy life has again taken a new, unexpected turn with my shocking and unexpected, yet fabulous, exit. Yes, I have joined the likes of Princess Diana, John Belushi, and Steve Irwin the Crocodile Hunter in leaving while still at the top of my game as an iconic superhero who seemed almost too good to be true.



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It was a good run. No, a great run, but I can't take all the credit. Northern Michigan University and my Lambda Chi Alpha brothers, Wayne State University Medical School, The United States Army, colleagues, various celebrities, random cartoon characters, people who make memes, Russians and other friends and family all contributed. As you know, my wife, Amy, and my kids Joey (14), Evelyn (13), and Sylvia (10) are the absolute best. Please take good care of them like the priceless treasures they are.

I will admit that I originally got married for the husband jokes and had kids for the dad jokes. It did not disappoint. The jokes I mean, but Amy and the kids were pretty good too. Going to school events, dance competitions, and eight zillion hockey practices at the crack of dawn really makes a man's life worthwhile. I also saw some other delightful things in my time here - Hawaiian volcanoes, Egyptian pyramids, and even the advent of air fryers. I will say, it was magical, all of it.

In case you've heard the rumors, I did dabble in a few other things along the way during my 48 years, like serving my country in combat on two separate tours, earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and saving countless lives as an accomplished surgeon and MD. Oh, there was also that whole, fulfilling, "cosmetic and reconstructive surgery" stint too. Yada, yada, yada. Let's talk about my real legacy, though...The dad jokes, the New Year's letters, the Facebook memes. What was I to this world if not a beacon of light shining upon those who couldn't scan the internet for their own hilarious and entertaining comic relief? I guess what I am trying to say is that you're welcome and you owe me big time.

I know it's impossible to believe, but I, the Ginger God of Surgery and Shenanigans, have fought my last cow (you're welcome Tim) and ridden off into the glorious sunset after re-enlisting with a new unit. Due to the unknown and cosmic nature of my next mission, this will be our last communication. It will self-destruct in five minutes. My whereabouts are now top secret, but let's just say I have made some new friends by the names of Elvis and Kenny. The Church of Tom is closed for business, but please continue to worship me, light candles, and send money. You know the deal. **Thomas Lee Flanagan**

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Tributes to Dr. Flanagan:

Doctor Flanagan did my son's jaw surgery. He was so positive and put our minds at ease. I'm so sorry to hear this. Love and prayers for his family. **Mary Lynn Skiver**

So very sorry to the family of Tom Flanagan. He was my surgeon after my mastectomy in 2016. He was very supportive and encouraging throughout my journey. RIP. **Karen Dudley**

Dr Flanagan was a great man. He would always stop and say hi to me at the desk and we would sit and talk about our sons playing Hockey together and against each other. I got the pleasure of watching his coffee and keeping it warm as he took care of his patients. I had the pleasure of knowing him and his wife through Hockey and I enjoyed his company. He was never in a bad mood and would always talk about how much he loved his Amy and the kids. They always put a smile on his face. I am glad I had the chance to meet him. He will always hold a place in my heart. **Kelly Rister**

I met Tom, Dr Flanagan, Tom....in 2015, when I came from U of M to work for him and Dr Gigena, running the front desk. I was nervous working for only the 2 docs, but then here comes, a smiling ginger haired man, right up to me, shakes my hand, says I'm Tom Flanagan...Welcome! And that's how he remained! We became like family. Learned his style, music likes and dislikes, to ALWAYS interrupt him if his kids call for him! Kindness exuded from him. He was so proud to talk about the swingset...THE SWINGSET! That he built! He talked about growing up "up north," his frat days, and how his big Daddy claws would come out if his children were treated badly! I loved him. When I watched him come out of his office to calm a dementia patient, who thought she was in church, and praying very loudly, he gently touched her shoulder, and guided her to her son, thanking her for her blessings. He told me he wanted to work for Doctors Without Borders. Tom was the real deal. A true super hero. Joey, Evelyn, Sylvia, I truly hope that by reading all these posts helps in your healing....he was loved by so many, and loved each of you and your mom more than you know! Much Love. **Donna Decker**

It's taken days to allow the denial to dissipate and come to accept you will no longer walk into the department with your man bag (which must be on a prep stand per Nicole) and Red Wings hat. Your evil genius laugh, sarcasm and harassment on how tight I was with money was received well, if not endearing. When you were required to have the entourage, I was deprived of hours of talks, Tone Loc radio and pitting spouse against spouse while assisting you in the OR. Believe me, I heard it when I got home. Amy and the kids were so very lucky to have you for the short moment they did. We will take care of them for the treasures they are....promise. If they could only have heard how you spoke of

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them with pride, their hearts would burst with gratitude. I will prove to you someday that Dave is CHEAPER than me, and if I ever get a dog (which I won't because I have no soul) I will lovingly name it Flanny. There is a great void in this world without the Ginger God, and you will be missed despite your fabulous exit. Until we meet again. **Vicky Garber**

Oh, cousin Tommy. You got the whole world laughing with one last zinger. That was so you. As your passing has bestowed the title of Meme Lord onto me, I promise I won't disappoint. Tell your mom that I miss you both, and I'll bring a dish to the family dinner when it's my time. **Marissa (Missy) Collins**

Dr. Flanagan knew he met his match when I compared a med student to Jon Snow. He laughed so hard, it was awesome. That was my first meeting w/him. Needless to say we shared a few laughs, and his honesty and compassion for others set him apart. He literally saved my life and I know I'm among MANY that can say that. We would talk about each having 3 kids, and he loved being a Dad. He gave my husband his personal cell phone and reassured him. Dr. Flanagan radiated Kindness. I'm beyond grateful that our paths crossed, and I know you are bringing joy wherever you are. **Sarah Eberle**

I will never forget Dr. Flanagan's kindness and will be forever grateful for his patience and compassion. I will miss him. He improved the lives of so many women by sharing his surgical talents and sound medical advice. And by listening - really listening - to us. I send his wife and children my deepest condolences. **Brandi Doniere**

Dr. Flanagan was my plastic surgeon after breast surgery. He put me at ease as soon as he walked into the room. He was so gentle and explained what he could do if I decided on reconstruction. That was in 2018. I'm fine thanks to Dr Flanagan's expert help and his warm and friendly staff. Thanks Dr Flanagan for all the people you helped. You will be someone I will never forget. Heaven has a new ginger, but we lost an incredible Doctor, Husband, Father, Son and a funny kind human being. Love to you. **Kathy Schroeder Koevenig**

Dear Family of Dr. Thomas Flanagan, I am one of the gazillions of patients he operated on. He was so awesome, I felt at ease in his presence, and I think I fell in love with him at that very first appointment. He could read my feelings and was such a caring & loving guy. With my husband of 52 years and our daughter present, I asked if I could hug him, he said "Sure, I love hugs." I was in awe that he could correct my deep wound issue which was so scary. I call his expertise a miracle.



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He was so proud of his son playing hockey and shared with us that his family was planning on the building of a new home. He was personable and caring, which is so refreshing with a doctor these days. He will be sorely missed by many. The family can be proud of his accomplishments and his loving spirit. You have my husband's & my deepest condolences. **Evelyn Janick**

I had the pleasure of working with Tom in surgery residency. His wit always seemed to capture what everyone was thinking but not willing to say out loud. His humor brought a great relief during the challenges of residency. I was shocked to read about his passing, but not shocked that his words have made the national news outlets and touched strangers. His was a life well lived. Tom was smart enough to realize it. My deepest condolences to his family. **Hale Wills**

It is with shock and great sadness that the word that Tom had passed struck me, and it has taken a few days to be able to reflect on some thoughts about this wonderful human being. I first met Tom many years ago when the ProMedica Physician Group was recruiting surgeons with subspecialty training to expand our services. He arrived in my office in Toledo Ohio at 6:30am dressed in scrubs, white lab coat, one shoe cover on and clearly had been working all night without sleep. Being an anesthesiologist by training, I asked him what cases he was doing last night on call and he replied, "Alcohol and chain saws don't mix." He had spent the prior 6-7 hours reattaching a hand. I asked if his attending was with him and he just smiled and said, "No". As chief of trauma, he was a key individual at his former institution and, given his training as a surgeon, trauma fellowship and then plastic and reconstructive surgeon, there were very few things he could not manage. Tom was not only highly trained but was very personable/easy to talk to and we had a great conversation about his education, experience in the army (including serving in army and in combat in Iraq), and his professional interests. He summed it up in a couple of phrases: "After seeing what I saw in Iraq, I want to spend the rest of my career putting people back together again. I am a soldier and will get done what the medical group needs me to do". He spent most of his time passionately talking about his wife, children and his desire to take care of them. A nice home with a yard for the kids to play, good schools, and maybe a lake cottage some day. His life and career were focused on family, his patients (who adored him), and enjoying life to his fullest. His annual Christmas letters gave great insight into his soul and were quite frankly hilarious at times. When you look at his photo and read his obituary, that is just the tip of the iceberg and gives us a hint of what a fabulous man he was. Obviously a great loss for his wife and children, but he also leaves a giant hole in many hearts in the people who were fortunate enough to spend time with him. May God Bless you Tom and bring peace to your family. **Lee Hammerling, MD Chief Physician Executive, ProMedica Health System (retired)**



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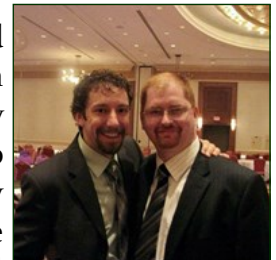
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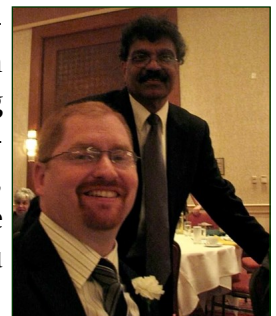
There are many more testimonials to Dr. Flanagan from the hundreds of patients and friends who are saddened by his death.

Dr. Christopher Gayer's (WSU/GS 2002/10) reflection:

On April 27, 2021, Tom Flanagan, MD passed away in Toledo, Ohio, where he had built a thriving practice in plastics, reconstructive and hand surgery. After high school, Tom served in the US Army and did two tours in Desert Storm as a Calvary Scout. He then went to Northern Michigan University with the goal of going to medical school. Tom went to medical school (2003), did general surgery residency (2010), and then completed a plastic surgery fellowship (2012) all at Wayne State University. I first met Tom during our 4th year of medical school when we both did a sub-intern elective at Detroit Receiving Hospital on the trauma service. We then did Harper A together as surgery interns and then went into the lab of Dr. Marc Basson together. When Tom went into plastic surgery, I did pediatric surgery right next door at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, although he tried on many occasions to convince me to do plastics with him. After our final graduation, Tom moved with his family to Toledo, Ohio, where he worked, up until his death, doing the entire spectrum of plastic surgery. He trained with, among others, Dr. Balakrishnan, and Tom's career closely mimicked Dr. Bala's with his tireless work ethic, willingness to help any patient, and love for trauma, hand, and reconstruction. He was loved by everyone he worked for and with. He was known as someone you could always call and someone who would always make time for any patient.



Drs. Gayer and Flanagan in 2012 when they graduated fellowship (Dr. Flanagan plastics and Dr. Gayer pediatrics)



Dr. Flanagan and the late Dr. Chenicheri Balakrishnan

As a resident, Tom was a hard worker and one who would make the team better. He would liven up the mood with his sarcastic humor combined with his Irish gruffness. While he was not always known for his punctuality, he would always make sure his team was prepared for whatever was ahead of them. Humor was always one of Tom's strong suits. During our Harper A rotation as interns, I remember Tom telling me about a hemorrhoidectomy he was doing with Dr. Steffes. While he was sewing, he broke the suture off the needle and lost the needle in the tissue. Dr. Steffes threatened to name this the "Flanigan procedure," although I don't think the name ever stuck. Shortly after one of our co-interns left surgery to pursue pathology, Tom found himself operating with Dr. Weaver. Tom commented, "I guess you will have to turn Gayer and I into the next superstars now. We are kind of like diamonds in the rough," to which Dr. Weaver replied "Yeah, real rough." During his DRH trauma rotations, he would take any available down time to sit in the 4P

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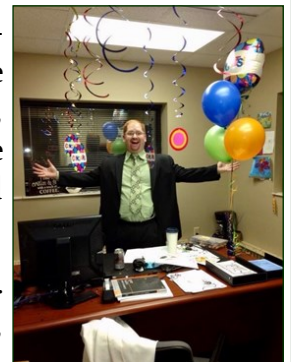
Resident area and watch South Park on VHS. But, when things got rough, he was always front and center, such as the time he was coding a patient in the Harper ICU tower without power during the blackout of 2003.

Tom is the most loyal person that I know. He and his wife Amy helped me during the most difficult time of my life. He was instrumental in me meeting Jackie, my wife of 11 years. Tom convinced me to enter the lab, where we had a great time creating Roux-en-Y limbs in mice, presenting our work at several meetings, and getting into shenanigans in many cities around the U.S. He convinced me to enter a PhD program at Wayne State University and convinced me to moonlight at CHM, which is when I fell in love with pediatric surgery. Clearly, Tom shaped my life in many profound ways. I view the two of us as one of the greatest duos in history, right up there with Laurel and Hardy and Cheech and Chong!



The Flanagan family on vacation in Egypt in 2019

More than his success as a surgeon was his success as a husband and father. Amy has been by his side since early in residency. His three wonderful children, Joey (14), Evelyn (13) and Sylvia (10) have been the biggest joy and success in Tom's life. His obituary, written perfectly in his style by a few people close to him, completely captures Tom's outlook on life and his ability to lighten the mood of any situation. He is certainly smiling upon us as he watches us read it.



Dr. Flanagan in his office in Toledo after he passed his boards

Tom was a larger-than-life character who touched the lives of so many people. He has left us far too soon and will be dearly missed. Anyone who would like to share any stories of Tom, I would encourage you to do so. I am hoping to put together a collection of these stories for the family. Email them to me at cgayer@chla.usc.edu.

If you would like to donate to the Flanagan Educational Fund for his three children, you can do so at the Flanagan Educational Fund QR Code.

Final thoughts from the Editor:

The members of the surgical clan have had the great privilege of successfully practicing for many years, which has provided the resources for us to educate our children and grandchildren. Tom and Amy Flanagan do not have that privilege. This gives all of us the opportunity to step up to the plate and help Amy fulfill Tom's wishes by supporting the education of their three teenage children. Support for their education may be provided by sending funds to the "Flanagan Children Foundation" at the Signature Bank located at 4607 West Sylvania Avenue in Toledo, Ohio, 43623. Amy thanks all of you for your support.

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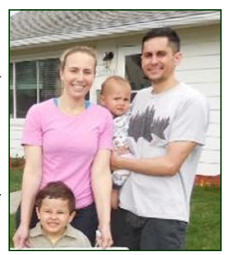
General Surgery Graduating Residents



Dr. Peter Cmorej will be doing a Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery Fellowship at UC Davis for the next year.

Peter Cmorej

Dr. Michael Damit will be heading to Tampa, Florida for a Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery Fellowship and plans to settle in the area once he is done. Dr. Damit and his amazing wife, of nearly 5 years, Monica, who has stuck with him throughout his residency, have two wonderful boys, Oliver who is 4 and Michael Victor who is 15 months. They are eager to leave the cold.



Michael, Amy, Oliver and Michael Victor



Dr. Nina Delavari will be at the University of Michigan next year for a Critical Care Fellowship. She and her husband, Dr. Dean Kristl, have 2 sons, Cyrus who is 2, and Darius who is 2 months.

Nina, Dean, Cyrus and Darius

Dr. Alison Maringo will be moving to Chicago upon graduation for a Vascular Surgery Fellowship at Rush University.



From left to right: Bob (dad), Kyle (brother in law), Meredith (sister), Eileen (mom), Alison, and Caroline (niece) is in the front.

Dr. Jennifer McLeod and her husband, Steve, are both from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and both are Huron High School graduates. They have two children, Jermaine, almost 4, and Maya, almost 2. She went to Albion College and Wayne State University School of Medicine. She played lacrosse in college, and her husband still plays hockey. After her PGY3 year, Dr. McLeod spent the following three years at the

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University of Michigan to complete two years of research in the ECMO lab and one year of a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship. Their research primarily focused on the Artificial Placenta and Ex Vivo Heart Perfusion, as well as several clinical projects. She and her family will be moving back to the Ann Arbor area, and Dr. McLeod will be working at a community hospital doing general surgery (St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Chelsea, Michigan).



The McLeod Clan: Steve, Jennifer, Jermaine, and Mayo



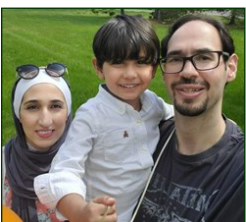
Sheel and Seth

Dr. Sheel Patel comes from LECOM Medical School, Bradenton Campus. She is continuing her training by pursuing a Cardiothoracic Fellowship at the University of Kentucky. After that, Dr. Patel and her husband, Seth Polk, plan to move back to the East Coast, which is closer to her family.

Dr. Neil D. Patel will be joining CHI Health—Creighton University as a Trauma/Acute Care Surgeon.



Neil Patel



Awni, his bride, Lana, and their son

Dr. Awni Shahait will be staying at the WSU/DMC for a Surgical Critical Care Fellowship for one year. His bride, Lana, will be finishing her PhD in Pharmaceutical Science from the Wayne State University College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Sonia Sharma will be moving to Ohio and working for the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED).



Sonia Sharma

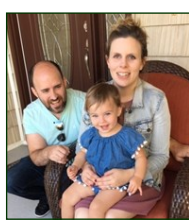
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Dr. Allison Springstead obtained her undergraduate degree at Michigan State University and her medical training at the Wayne State University School of Medicine. She will be starting a Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship at McLaren Flint Medical Center. Her husband, Dr. Dave Springstead, will be finishing up his last year of residency at the DMC. They have an active and happy 18 month old son, Elliott, and their 5 year old Aussiedoodle, Chole, completes their family.



Allison, David, their son, Elliott, and Chole



Kaitlin, her husband, Ryan, and their daughter, Gwen.

Dr. Kaitlin Woolley will be pursuing a career in general surgery by joining a surgery group with 3 busy general surgeons in Indianapolis. She will be working with Community Health Network and Community East Hospital. She is looking forward to being back home and closer to family and friends.

Plastic Surgery Graduates

Dr. Mark Falco will be heading to UNLV in Las Vegas, Nevada, for a Microsurgery Fellowship.



Mark Falco



Parham Mafi

Dr. Parham Mafi is moving to Fresno, California and will be starting a plastic and reconstructive surgery private practice.

Pediatric Surgery Graduates



Dr. Stephanie Pappilon

Dr. Brenna Fullerton will be employed on staff at Orlando Health in Orlando, Florida.



Dr. Brenna Fullerton

Dr. Stephanie Pappilon is awaiting the results of the NRMP Peds Surgery match to decide where she will be going next.



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Surgical Critical Care Fellows

Dr. Lester Laddaran is undecided at this time as to where he will be going. He has many choices to choose from.



Dr. Lester Laddaran



Dr. Cynthia Leaphart

Dr. Cynthia Leaphart will be doing Locums after her graduation.

Vascular Surgery Fellow

Dr. Rema Malik will be with the Gulf Coast Vascular/University of Houston after she graduates.



Dr. Rema Malik

Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellow



Dr. Anastasia Stevens-Chase

Dr. Anastasia Stevens-Chase is going to Troy Beaumont Hospital to join a private practice group with several Wayne State Surgical Alumni. Her practice will be a mixture of bariatric surgery, foregut, and general surgery.

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Dr. Surya Narayanan Sankaran Addendum

Dr. Surya Sankaran (WSUGS 1972) sent the following note to the Editor:

Dear Dr. Lucas,

I have enclosed three pictures. My wife, Jaya, is still in the full-time practice of anatomic pathology, directing the Ascension Hospital laboratories at Tawas and Standish, and she is also the County Medical Examiner.

Anita, our older daughter, graduated from Yale with a Masters in Health Care Management and Public Health in 1998. She then worked as a consultant for the Chartis Groups until 2006 as the Director of Ambulatory Scheduling Operation for the University of Pennsylvania Health System until 2008. She took a break to spend more time with her three children. She returned to work in 2016 and is now the Executive Director of the Children’s Hospital of Orange County Primary Care Network, managing about 67 primary care practices. Her husband, Boris, is in the Solar Energy business. They are raising their five children, Bella (17), Alok (17), Ruby (14), Satya (13), and Vayu (11). They live in Laguna Beach, California.

Preeya, our younger daughter, lives with her husband, Matt, in Boca Raton, Florida. They are raising their two children, Jahnavi (9) and Sachin (7). Matt is an executive for a company that manages about 65 nursing homes along the eastern seaboard, most of them in Florida.

We have talked about our brothers in Texas before. My Houston brother, Dr. Radhakrishnan, after obtaining a PhD in Operational Research, retired from Shell in 2013 after 30 years of service. He then started giving lectures on the future of energy at the University of Houston. It has turned into an MBA program in Energy, graduating about 600 students a year. His older son, Dr. Ravi Radhakrishnan, is Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Program Director of the Pediatric Surgery Fellowship Program as well as Program Director of the General Surgery Residency Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. His younger son, Dr. Hari Radhakrishnan, worked with Dr. John Holcomb analyzing the data from the Iraq war experience and developed a protocol that predicted who needed massive transfusion based on arrival information. It was presented at the ACS Surgical Forum. The State of Texas gave him a grant from their Emergency Technology Fund allowing the formation of a company, Decisio Health Inc., and he is the Chief Science Officer. He developed software modules for critical care, which are being used at St. Luke’s Baylor Hospital, Houston and the University of Oregon Health Center. It predicts, in real time, likely future complications. Recently, he is working with HCA on a module for reducing risk



(Top Right) Dr. Surya Sankaran and his bride, Jaya
 (Top Left) Daughter Preeya, with her husband Matt and children Jahnavi and Sachin
 (Bottom) Daughter Anita with her husband Boris and their children Bella, Alok, Ruby, Satya and Vayu



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Dr. Surya Narayanan Sankaran Addendum, cont.

of hypertension in pregnant women and post-partum bleeding, both causes for longer hospital stay for both mother and baby. My Atlanta brother, Sitaraman, retired from the Coca-Cola Company as Director of Marketing Research in 2015. His son, Ganesh Sitaraman, graduated from Harvard Law School, worked on the senatorial campaign of Elizabeth Warren, and is Professor of Law at Vanderbilt. His daughter, Lalitha Sitaraman is in her final year of a Gastroenterology Fellowship at Loyola in Chicago.

Ours is another American immigrant story. On July 1, 1967, I walked into Dr. Elmer Kobold's office at the old Detroit Receiving Hospital with a suitcase in hand, no place of stay, no car, and no one to rely on. I am very grateful for being allowed to stay in the call room for a year and being mentored by Dr. Walt and yourself. In turn, I helped my brothers get their Masters in the United States. All three of us focused on educating our children as it opens up opportunities. As immigrants, we and our children have contributed to this wonderful experiment called America. So blessed indeed.

Dr. Melvyn Westreich's Anecdote of Dr. Sankaran

Dr. Melvyn Westreich (WSU/GS 1970/75) enjoyed reading Dr. Sankaran's biography and wanted to relate an anecdote.

"In 1972, I was at the end of my first year of surgical residency. 'Sank' was my chief resident for six months of that time and during my stint on emergency surgery at DGH. During the night shift, a trauma patient needed to go to the OR and required an IV. Because the fellow had a long history of self-administered opiates, all attempts at percutaneous IV catheters were unsuccessful. In those days, we only had large bore 'intracaths' and subclavian venous access was not common. It was decided that a 'cutdown' (venesection) should be performed, and the third year resident, Dr. Kahn, assigned me to do it. I moved the patient into the trauma room - which was empty - and prepared to perform the procedure. Just before I began, Sank appeared and asked my permission to assist me in the 'cutdown.' Needless to say, I was insulted to the quick. I was raised under the old tutelage system of 'See one - Do one - Teach one' and had been doing 'cutdowns' since I was a third year medical student at Wayne. I considered myself not only proficient in performing the procedure but that I had reached close to expert status. Be that as it may, Sank was still the chief, and I of course consented to having him join me. My plan was to show him just how good I was.



Dr. Melvyn Westreich

That was the plan, but it did not turn out that way. During the next 90 minutes Dr. Sankaran shared with me his enormous knowledge and expertise in anatomy, physiology and technique. He loved to teach. During that short period of time, I became a much better surgeon. I finally truly discovered how to do a venesection correctly, and I learned that you should never lose the opportunity to increase your knowledge. Remember - don't think you are the biggest expert in anything; odds are there is someone out there that knows more than you do. Dr. Sankaran I am deeply grateful."

Melvyn Westreich

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REPORTS FROM THE OUTFIELD

Dr. Duane Sands

Dr. Duane Sands (WSUGS/TS 1990/92) was the first of many strong surgical residents who came to us from the Bahamas. Subsequent professional colleagues included Dr. Wesley Francis (WSUGS 2007), Dr. Brendon Curtis (WSUGS 2010), and Dr. Jofrances Marquez (WSUGS 2014). These colleagues have provided important administrative and teaching activities at St. Margaret Hospital as it relates to general surgery, critical care surgery, and trauma surgery. Dr. Sands has also been involved in many political activities due to his social concerns for have-nots. He has been a long-standing member of the "Free National Movement," a political party that strongly supports free speech. He often quotes our first president, George Washington, who stated that "If the freedom of speech is taken away, then, dumb and silent, we may be led, like sheep, to the slaughter." The Morbidity and Mortality conference at St. Margaret Hospital reflects this outpouring of individual surgical recommendations. On the national scene, Dr. Sands has served as a senator of the Bahamas, chaired the House Funding Agency Committee, served as the Health Minister, helped pass laws to impede narcotics peddlers, helped fight the medical challenges of Hurricane Dorian, and has been involved in many other social challenges. Dr. Sands sends his greetings to the surgical clan.



Dr. Duane Sands

Email from Dr. Duane Sands:

Good morning.

I am not often given to sentimentality, except when appropriate. I would be ungrateful if I did not say again that there is seldom a time when I do not acknowledge the incredible mentorship provided by the entire Wayne State surgical faculty.

I am back in practice...busy as ever...and still engaged in national politics. My practice is still a mix of Vascular, Thoracic Cardiac and Trauma. I now provide a significant amount of Covid-19 support including ECMO.

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Dr. Duane Sands

The family is well. Adrienne (30) completed her PhD in Mathematics and is now at MIT. Brandon (25) is doing research at Yale and planning to go on to graduate school. Nicholas (18) is off as Canada is closed to international students. He will return in the fall to pursue a degree in graphic arts. Mila (15) is in high school in Atlanta. Deus (12), whom we adopted a few years ago, is in grade 9 at home, and crazily enough, we welcomed 9-month-old twins, Laurin and Elijah. They are a joy!

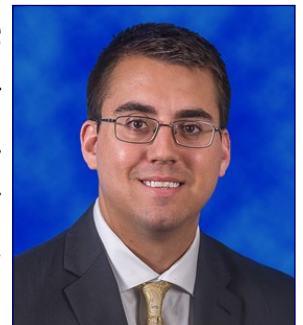
I hope everyone is staying healthy and well in this unprecedented public health threat. Thank you again for all you have done.

Duane



PRODUCTIVITY

Congratulations to Dr. Michael Carge (WSUGS 2022), who was the recipient of the 2020-21 Charles G. Johnston Award presented by the Detroit Surgical Association on Thursday, May 2, 2021 for his presentation on "Disparate Effects of Sex Hormones on Endotheliopathy of Trauma: An In Vitro Study." Dr. Carge 's presentation is sponsored by Dr. Lawrence Diebel (WSU/GS 1980/86).



Dr. Michael Carge



Summer Solstice

June 20



"EXCERPTS FROM LOG BOOK" - DOWN MEMORY LANE

Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

5/11/70: Chief resident, Dr. Carlos Carrasquilla; staff, Dr. Arbulu



Dr. Anna Ledgerwood

AT: Motorcycle crash. Fracture right femur, flail chest. Operation tracheostomy.

AB: Perineal abscess, treated with I&D.

GG: Acute abdominal pain right lower quadrants with nausea and vomiting. WBC, 13,000.

GYN consult. Possible appendicitis. Patient got worse during observation with abdominal guarding. Laparotomy, PID with normal appendix.

DF: GSW abdomen with injury to stomach and spleen. Operation chest tube, repair two holes stomach, and splenectomy.

JS: Re-exploration. Patient explored for SGW of right buttock and pelvis. Developed severe intra-abdominal bleeding. Required hemostasis of pelvic vessels and pelvic packing. Ligation of hypogastric arteries bilateral.

5/12/70: Staff, Dr. Hartzell

TW: GSW right chest with injury to the liver. Operation exploration, a Penrose drain, and placement of T-tube in common duct.

JR: Stab right upper quadrant. Laceration of inferior vena cava, head of the pancreas, mesocolon, and jejunum. Operation repair of lacerations times two of IVC, suture small laceration of pancreas, suture jejunum.

5/13/70: Staff, Dr. R. Kihn

SM: Pilonidal abscess, treated with I&D.

5/14/70: Staff, Dr. Jackson

Esophageal stricture after lye ingestion six weeks previously. Twelve hours post bougie dilatations. Came with epigastric pain and fever, leukocytosis. Chest x-ray normal. Gastrografin swallow showed perforation of distal esophagus. Treated with gastrostomy, thoracotomy, insertion of chest tube, placement of string from mouth to gastrostomy for further dilatations.

Note: Case done by cardiopulmonary, Dr. R. F. Wilson, and Dr. Norman Thoms.

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DOWN MEMORY LANE

Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

5/15/70: Staff, Dr. J. Bassett

RB: GSW abdomen with perforation jejunum, transverse colon, and left kidney. Repair of jejunum and colon.

CJ: Acute abdomen. Hemoglobin 5. Had perforation cancer of transverse colon, treated with resection with colostomy.

WH: GSW neck. Avulsion of thyrocervical trunk. Treated with resection and end-to-end anastomosis of subclavian artery and ligation of the thyrocervical trunk.

JD #259: Car accident (pedestrian). Blunt trauma to abdomen and head. Laparotomy showed ruptured spleen, right kidney, liver, avulsion right kidney from IVC at aorta. Avulsion of inferior hepatic vein from IVC, tear of mesenteric, tear of mesocolon. Operation was splenectomy, nephrectomy, partial hepatectomy, repair of IVC and right renal pedicle. Patient had dilated fixed pupils in OR and expired later in recovery room.

5/16/70: Chief resident, E. Espiritu; staff, Dr. G. Hill

WA: Stab left neck involving thyroid gland, jugular node, and trachea. Treated with exploration, ligation, and tracheostomy.

AW: GSW abdomen with transection left iliac artery, which was repaired. Left thoracotomy for cross-clamping aorta. Required re-thoracotomy for avulsed aortic intercostal branches around region where aorta was mobilized for cross-clamping. Attempt at repair, and patient was in irreversible hemorrhagic shock. Dilated pupils on table for over an hour. Died on table.

LW: Stab left neck. Transected upper trunk brachial plexus--repaired primarily.

NF: Stab right upper quadrant. Exploratory lap. Ligation of transected inferior epigastric artery. Lacerated ileum repaired.

JH: GSW abdomen. Exploratory lap. Repair laceration of abdominal aorta, vena cava, and fourth part of duodenum.

5/17/70: Staff, Dr. Arbulu

RL: Embolism left femoral artery. Treated with embolectomy

Note to Dr. Walt: Friday, 5/15/70, and Saturday, 5/16/70, day and night crews did 16 cases!!



WSU MONTHLY CONFERENCES

2021

Death & Complications Conference
Every Wednesday from 7-8



Didactic Lectures — 8 am
Kresge Auditorium

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<https://davidedelman.my.webex.com/meet/dedelman>***

Wednesday, June 3

Death & Complications Conference

“The Difficult Gallbladder”

Dr. Nina Delavari, DO, PGY-5 Surgery Resident

Wayne State University Michael & Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery

Wednesday, June 9

Death & Complications Conference

“Perioperative Care for the Cirrhotic Patient”

Dr. Lester Laddaran, MD, Surgical ICU Resident

Wayne State University Michael & Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery

Wednesday, June 16

Death & Complications Conference

“The Artificial Placenta and Ex Vivo Heart Perfusion”

Dr. Jennifer McLeod, MD, PGY-5 Surgery Resident

Wayne State University Michael & Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery

Wednesday, June 23

Death & Complications Conference

“Ode to Dr. Sugawa”

Dr. Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

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March 8, 2021

Dear WSSS Alumni and Friends:

The Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS) continues to thrive, offering support to our members and the current general surgical residents at WSU. As the president of the WSSS, I would like to review our new business year-end report on the Society's activities in 2020. Our annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons was supposed to take place in Chicago, but as everyone knows, the meeting was held virtually and, of course, we did not have our annual reception and report to the membership by our chairman, Dr. Don Weaver. This year's meeting of the ACLS will be in Washington, D.C. from October 24-28, and we will enjoy a good reunion of the department on Tuesday evening. The details of where the meeting will take place for the alumni will be forthcoming in a subsequent monthly report. The WSSS supports the senior surgical residents with their attendance at that meeting, and each of the graduating residents will give the alumni a summary as to what their plans are for the next step in their career after completing their surgical residency.

The Society also sponsors the annual WSSS Lectureship in memory of Dr. Walt. The 2020 Lecturer was presented virtually by Dr. Joseph Maroon, who is a Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Maroon presented an outstanding talk, "From Icarus to Aequanimitas -Overcoming Adversity and Building Resilience." Dr. Maroon summarized the statements made by Sir William Osler when he addressed the University of Pennsylvania medical students in 1890. Dr. Osler always emphasized the importance of a good relationship between physician and patient. Dr. Maroon's presentation highlighted how Icarus was directed to avoid hubris when he flew with waxed wings and was told by his father to not fly close to the sun, lest the heat melt the wax on the wings, and not to fly close to the water, lest the waves moisten his wings and cause them to sink into the ocean. He emphasized how he (Dr. Maroon) was a workaholic when he became a member of the Department of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. He focused on his successful research, clinical care, publications, and left little time for anything else, including family. While at the peak of his academic career, his dad died and his wife took the kids and said goodbye. Faced with this overwhelming challenge, he dropped out of surgery and worked at a truck stop, which his father had owned, and he experienced financial difficulty in the midst of his depression. He read the book by William Dansforth, "Balance Your Life," which emphasized the importance of a spiritual life, physical activity, and communication with others. Dr. Maroon became a competitive runner, won many triathlons, avoided anti-depressant medications, ate a balanced diet without fatty foods, and returned to his first love, namely, surgery. While doing a triathlon in Hawaii, Dr. Maroon noted that the triple amputee who lost both legs and one arm fighting for our country was just ahead of him, running on metal legs. The individual was about to give up when Dr. Maroon badgered him and told him that he must finish the race, which he did. They became close friends, and later the two of them climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Japan. His presentation was outstanding, and those who had the privilege of listening to this virtual presentation were rewarded.

This year's WSSS Lectureship will be provided by Dr. David Spain, one of our own medical school graduates who credits his favorite teacher, Dr. Anna Ledgerwood, for directing him to a career in Trauma/Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Spain is the Trauma Director, Critical Care Director, and Vice-Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Stanford University. He is the past president of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. He will give an outstanding WSSS Lectureship, which will be provided on Wednesday, November 10 at the Harper Hospital Kresge Auditorium. This will certainly be an outstanding lecture, and the membership should plan to come downtown to support Dr. Spain in his effort. Those who cannot make it downtown should follow the directions provided by Dr. David Edelman, our program director, in order to hear the lecture virtually.

The Detroit Trauma Symposium for 2020 was quite successful, even though the entire symposium was done virtually. The presenters were all outstanding, and their presentations came thru quite clearly via ZOOM. Dr. Diebel was able to provide appropriate questions for each of the presenters, who provided excellent responses to these questions. The virtual technique allowed these lectures to be seen online for approximately five weeks after the symposium ended. This year's Trauma Symposium has already been planned and will occur on November 11-12 at the MGM Casino in downtown Detroit. Dr. Diebel already has a fine list of outstanding presenters who are going to come to Detroit and make personal presentations, rather than having the meeting done virtually. You should set those days aside and plan to come down to hear these great presentations and mix with your fellow members of the WSSS.

Your WSSS membership also covers your admission to the annual Detroit Trauma Symposium. Incidentally, the Detroit Trauma Symposium is the oldest trauma symposium in the country and has been very successful under the leadership of Dr. Diebel. He typically attracts over 700 people to this excellent event. The details as to the specific speakers will come out in one of the later editions of the monthly report.

The WSSS membership is currently approaching 150 members, with over 70 of those members being Charter Life members who have, or are in the process of, donating \$10,000 to the Society, tax-deductible! **If you are not receiving the newsletter, please let us know your e-mail address so that you can be included to receive this very fun and informative newsletter for all the alumni of the Department of Surgery.** It gives me great pleasure to tell you that we have over \$219,432 in the bank, and are in the process of investing a portion to ensure the Society will exist in perpetuity. Consider becoming a Life Member, invest in the future, and one of these outstanding residents may just become your partner!

Typically, enclosed with this letter is a ballot for new officers and Board members. However, the ballot will not be included this year, since none of the officers and Board members had an opportunity to carry out their functions for 2020 and have agreed to continue in the same function for 2021. Also included with this mailing is the form for your Annual Dues. I always thought the standards and skills learned during my residency formed the foundation for my professional career. The Society offers the opportunity to continue a relationship with the program, both by continued fellowship with peers and mentors, as well as the support of those who will be replacing us when we retire. I think the WSSS is worthy of your support. Serving as our Society president this year will be an honor. The WSU Michael and Marian Ilitch Department of Surgery and the WSSS is responsible for a large part of our success as surgeons. It is an organization that brings old friends together with mentors and future partners. It is worthy of our participation and support.

Sincerely yours,
Scott Davidson, MD, FACS
President, Wayne State Surgical Society



Wayne State Surgical Society
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*I want to commit to becoming a charter life member with payment of \$1000 per year for the next ten (10) years.

Send check made payable to **Wayne State Surgical Society** to:

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*Central Surgical Association &
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Annual Meeting
July 25-27, 2021
Westin Chicago River North
Chicago, Illinois*



*Please Update Your
Information*

The WSUSOM Department of Surgery wants to stay in touch. Please email Charles Lucas at clucas@med.wayne.edu to update your contact information.



Missing Emails

Over the years the WSU Department of Surgery has lost touch with many of its alumni. If you know the email, address, or phone number of the following WSU Department of Surgery Residency Program graduates please email us at clucas@med.wayne.edu with their information so that we can get them on the distribution list for the WSU Department of Surgery Alumni Monthly Email Report.

Mohammad Ali (1973)

David B. Allen (1992)

Tayful R. Ayalp (1979)

Juan C. Aletta (1982)

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Y. Park (1972)

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D. Sukumaran (1972)

David G. Tse (1997)

Christopher N. Vashi (2007)

Larry A. Wolk (1984)

Peter Y. Wong (2002)

Shane Yamane (2005)

Chungie Yang (2005)

Hossein A. Yazdy (1970)

Lawrence S. Zachary (1985)



Wayne State Surgical Society

The Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS) was established during the tenure of Dr. Alexander Walt as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery. WSSS was designed to create closer contact between the current faculty and residents with the former resident members in order to create a living family of all of the WSU Department of Surgery. The WSSS also supports department activities. Charter/Life Membership in the WSSS is attained by a donation of \$1,000 per year for ten years or \$10,000 prior to ten years. Annual membership is attained by a donation of \$200 per year. WSSS supports a visiting lecturer each fall and co-sponsors the annual reception of the department at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Jeffrey Johnson (WSU/GS 1984) passed the baton of presidency to Dr. Scott Davidson WSU/GS 1990/96) at the WSSS Gathering during the American College of Surgeons meeting in October 2018. Members of the WSSS are listed on the next page. Dr. Davidson continues in the hope that all former residents will become lifetime members of the WSSS and participate in the annual sponsored lectureship and the annual reunion at the American College of Surgeons meeting.



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The WSU department of Surgery has instituted a new group of alumni who are remembering their training by donating the proceeds of one operation a year to the department. Those who join this new effort will be recognized herein as annual contributors. We hope that all of you will remember the department by donating one operation, regardless of difficulty or reimbursement, to the department to help train your replacements. Please send you donation to the Wayne State Surgical Society in care of Dr. Charles E. Lucas at Detroit Receiving Hospital, 4201 St. Antoine Street (Room 2V), Detroit, MI, 48201.

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The Wayne State University School of Medicine provides an opportunity for alumni to create endowments in support of their institution and also support the WSSS. For example, if Dr. John Smith wished to create the “Dr. John Smith Endowment Fund”, he could donate \$25,000 to the WSU SOM and those funds would be left untouched but, by their present, help with attracting other donations. The interest at the rate of 4% per year (\$1000) could be directed to the WSSS on an annual basis to help the WSSS continue its commitment to improving the education of surgical residents. Anyone who desires to have this type of named endowment established with the interest of that endowment supporting the WSSS should contact Ms. Lori Robitaille at the WSU SOM> She can be reached by email at lrobitai@med.wayne.edu.