Summer Springs!

We were pleased to have summer research students in our Clinical Science Program. We invited 7 students from across the world to participate in the program.

- **Wu Ziping** (Angela), **Youwei Zhu** (James), and **Yang Wang** - Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, Shanghai, China.
- **Yoji Hoshina** - The University of Tokushima, Japan.
- **Samara Ashley** - Schreiner University, Kerrville, TX.
- **Alexa Perlick** - University of Texas at Austin, TX.
- **Cameron McBride** - University of Texas Medical School at Houston, TX.
The UT Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery had its presence felt at the Vascular Annual Meeting® held May 30 - June 1, 2013 in San Francisco hosted by the Society for Vascular Surgery:

- Ali Azizzadeh, MD - Endovascular Treatments of the Lower Extremity: Overview of Closure Devices – What’s Out There, are They Warranted, and if so, When?
- Harleen Sandhu, MD - Carotid Duplex Findings in Patients with Acute Type A Dissection.
- Anthony L Estrera, MD - Iatrogenic Acute Retrograde Aortic Dissection Repair.
- Anthony L Estrera, MD - Debate: Chronic Distal Dissections Should Be Managed with Endovascular Grafts vs. Open Surgery.

In addition, William Burgess, RVT, had a plenary session talk “Duplex Ultrasound Protocol and Findings in Common Carotid Artery Dissection Extending from the Aortic Arch,” at the annual conference of the Society of Vascular Ultrasound.

The UT Department of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery welcomes Dr. Maria Codreanu as new faculty. She is a recent graduate of our vascular surgery fellowship program. Her practice will be primarily based at Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital. Dr. Codreanu, we are happy to have you as part of our vascular surgery group!

Dr. Tom Nguyen also joined the faculty in August. He trained at Columbia University Medical Center in New York and Emory University in Atlanta. He specializes in complex open heart valve surgery as well as percutaneous valve replacement. He is based at the Medical Center Campus.

Recruiting!

Ongoing Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials

1. PRICE - Propaten Randomized Investigation on Cost-effectiveness and Efficacy
2. PROOVIT – PROspective Observational Vascular Injury Trial
3. IVC Filter Study
4. GREAT – Global Registry for Endovascular Aortic Treatment Outcomes Evaluation
5. SAFE – Strategy for Active Follow-up Evaluation
Dr. Azizzadeh was presented with the latest edition of Vascular and Endovascular Challenges Update at the prestigious Charing Cross International Symposium held in London, UK this April. This was for his chapter on “Outcomes of TEVAR for treatment of Traumatic Aortic Injury” co-authored by Drs. Charlton-Ouw, Saqib, Estrera, and Safi. In addition, he also lectured on “Medical management is still the treatment of choice for uncomplicated type B aortic dissection.”

Dr. Charlton-Ouw was invited to speak on “Role of Diet in Cardiovascular Disease” at the Summer Health Summit organized by the Montgomery Heart and Wellness Center, Houston held in June.

Dr. Estrera spoke on “Pre-operative Percutaneous Coronary Intervention in Patients Undergoing Open Thoracoabdominal and Descending Thoracic Aneurysm Repair” at the American Association for Thoracic Surgery conference at Minneapolis held on May 4-8, 2013. He was also an invited discussant at the Liverpool Aortic Surgery Symposium May 24-25 2013.

Dr. Safi was invited to speak at several national and international academic conferences.

- Loyola University Medical Center, Chicago, IL - Management in Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- International Symposium Endovascular Therapeutics, Barcelona, Spain - Controversy: Open surgical repair for acute and chronic type A aortic dissection
- European Symposium Vascular Biomaterials, Strasborough, France - State of the open aortic arch surgery
- Liverpool Aortic Surgery Symposium, Liverpool, UK - Surgery for Extent II Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysms

Upcoming Events

Abstract Deadlines


National and International conferences

1. Midwestern Vascular Surgical Society. Chicago, IL Sept. 6 - 8, 2013