Dear Faculty,

This certainly has been a very productive and busy spring, as you'll see by the long list of presentations, publications and honors below. I hope you are finding this newsletter helpful in fostering awareness within the department of what our colleagues are doing, as well as inspiring new efforts and collaborations. Thank you all for your contributions.

As a reminder, the PubMed links below should work for everyone. The journal-specific links will only work if you have a subscription to that journal or you are connected into the Columbia University library e-journal system.

Let's keep up the excellent work. Please be sure to email Paul Kurlansky (pk2245@columbia.edu) or myself (crs2@cumc.columbia.edu) with your confirmed publications, presentations, and grants as we will continue to send this newsletter monthly.

Warmly,
Craig Smith, MD

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CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Mathew Bacchetta on being inducted as a member of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery.

Dr. John Chabot on receiving the Practitioner of the Year Award from the Society of Practitioners of CUMC.

Dr. Joseph Costa on being invited to present to surgeons in Milan on performing high risk pneumonectomies followed by lung transplant.

Dr. Sheldon Feldman on becoming President Elect of the American Society of Breast Surgeons.

Dr. Mark Ginsberg for being selected for being selected for inclusion in the AATS' media outreach program due to the high impact nature of his presentation at the 95th

Dr. Henry Spotnitz on receiving approval of his patent for his Coronary Sinus Cannula with Left Ventricle Lead and Pressure Tent.

Dr. Elizabeth Stephens and Dr. Hiroo Takayama on receiving a $15,000 Multidisciplinary Pilot Research (CaMPR) Award for their project "Aortic Valve Structural, Compositional, and Mechanical Changes with Left Ventricle Assist Device (LVAD) Support".

Dr. Elizabeth Stephens on being invited as an editorial board member of the Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Informatics.

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Presentations


Shaw RE, Kuschner CE, Johnson CK, Ferrari G, Brizzio ME, Zapolanski A, Grau JB. Duke Activity Status Index is Sensitive to Non-Fatal Adverse Cardiac Events when Evaluating Patient Outcome at Late Follow-up. Accepted for presentation at the American Heart Association 2015 Quality of Care and Outcomes Research Scientific Session. April 29-May 1 Baltimore, USA.

Driesbaugh KH, Grau JB, Branchetti E, Gorman RC, Gorman JH, Levy RJ, Ferrari G. Serotonin And Transforming Growth Factor Beta Control Interstitial Cells And Leaflet Pathological Remodeling in Mitral Valve Disease Accepted for presentation at the AATS Mitral Conclave April 23-24 New York, NY, USA.

International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, Nice, France, April 15-18, 2015


- Takeda K, Takayama H, Fukuhara S, Han J, Colombo PC, Yuzefpolskaya M,
Topkara VK, Mancini DM, Naka Y. Outcomes of Patients Complicated With Late Right Heart Failure During Continuous Left Ventricular Device Support: Should Patients Stay on Device or Be Transplanted?


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American Association for Thoracic Surgery, Seattle, April 25-29, 2015

Ventricular Assist Device Placement: A 10-year Experience and Clinical Implications.


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Stephens EH, Hope TA, Kari FA, Escobar Kvitting JP, Liang DH, Herfkens RJ, Miller DC. Greater Asymmetric Wall Shear Stress in Sievers' Type 1/L-R Compared to 0/LAT Bicuspid Aortic Valves after Valve-Sparing Aortic Root Replacement J Thorac Cardiovasc Surg. Accepted April 7, 2015.

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24th Annual Meeting of the International Pediatric Endosurgery Group meeting in Nashville, TN April 14-18, 2015

- Graves C, Zitsman JL. Preventing Gastric Prolapse Following Laparoscopic Gastric Banding Pediatric Surgery: Relles D, Oh S.
- Percutaneous Gastropexy: A Novel Approach to a Feared Complication of Percutaneous Gastrostomy Tube Placement.

SURGICAL EDUCATION

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THORACIC SURGERY

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International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation, Nice, France, April 15-18, 2015

- Sanchez PG, Bittle GJ, Cantu E, D'Ovidio F, Weyant M, Davis D, Griffith BP.
Lung Compliance During Ex-Vivo Lung Perfusion Predicts Early Post Transplant Outcome.


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