Message from the Chairman

April 2016
Dear Doctor,

You are receiving this e-letter because we know that the best patient care takes a solid team, and we greatly value your partnership with the Department of Surgery in the care of patients with surgical conditions. We would like to let you know about several new and expanding programs that may be important to your patients with breast, colorectal, liver/GI, or other conditions.

In addition, we hope you will join us this spring at our upcoming webinars and CME accredited programs, including The Fifth Annual Peter D. Stevens Course on Innovations in Digestive Care, April 21st–22nd, and our annual Breast Cancer Management, May 3rd.
Best regards,
Craig Smith, MD

Craig R. Smith, MD, FACS
Chairman, Department of Surgery

Role of BRCA in Pancreatic Cancer

Researchers at the Pancreas Center have published results of their research that found approximately 10 percent of pancreatic cancers seen at this center are associated with breast and ovarian cancer syndromes caused by BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations. Other centers have reported an even higher link with BRCA mutations.

Read more about this groundbreaking research and how the Pancreas Center is incorporating this knowledge in diagnosis and treatment.

Minimally Invasive Thyroid Lobectomy

Surgeons at the New York Thyroid Center offer advanced expertise in minimally invasive surgery for thyroid disease. James Lee, MD, Chief of Endocrine Surgery and Director of the innovative CollectedMed education project for physicians and surgeons, explains minimally invasive thyroid lobectomy in an animated video here.

Surgeons at the New York Thyroid Center now see patients at ColumbiaDoctors Midtown, 51 W. 51st St., New York, as well as the main campus at 161 Fort Washington Ave.
**Pancreatitis**

The Pancreas Center at NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia has advanced expertise in the treatment of patients with pancreatic pseudocysts and pancreatitis, and is the only center in New York to be designated a Center for the Care and Treatment of Pancreatitis by the National Pancreas Foundation. Just thirty centers in the nation have earned this designation.

Learn more [here](#), or call 212.305.9467 with questions or patient referrals.

**Physician Training and Education**

The NYP/Columbia Department of Surgery invites you to attend our CME events.

**Coming this spring:**

**The Fifth Annual Peter D. Stevens Course on Innovations in Digestive Care**

April 21st-22nd, 2016
Overview:

This two day course will inform participants of updates in innovations for the management of gastrointestinal diseases. The program will offer a forum to discuss optimal approaches between endoscopic and surgical management in the setting of these new technologies and procedures. Internationally and nationally recognized faculty will address issues in current clinical practice, complications and pitfalls of newer technologies, and the evolution of the field. Attendee participation and interaction will be emphasized and facilitated through Q&A sessions, live OR and interactive case presentations and hands-on animal tissue labs.

Breast Cancer Management 2016
NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center

Click here for course information
Click here for course brochure
Click here to register

Overview:

This program will review the current state-of-the-art in breast cancer diagnosis and management, highlighting the key advances in providing a personalized approach to breast cancer screening, prevention, treatment and survivorship. Emphasis will be given on improvements in providing precise breast cancer management through enriched understanding of tumor biology and genetics. Active areas of most promising research and clinical trials will be discussed. The format of this program will consist of lectures with active audience feedback discussion. Radiology, medical oncology, genetics, surgery, pathology, and radiation oncology will present areas of clinical relevance and current controversy will be highlighted.

Educational Resources at NYP/Columbia Department of Surgery

Archived educational events may be found here.

Our vast Media Learning Center, which includes a library of videos and webinars, is available 24/7 for your convenience.

Recent Faculty Publications

The following are a few recent faculty publications that may be of interest.


Lee L, Mitmaker EJ, Chabot JA, Lee JA, Kuo JH. Cost-Effectiveness of Diagnostic Lobectomy Versus Observation for Thyroid Nodules >4 cm. Thyroid. 2016 Jan 22. [Epub ahead of print] Link to Publication

Webinars

The Division continually holds webinars and live educational seminars for physicians. You may access these events both live and in archives after-the-fact at our web site.

Cardiovascular Webinars for physicians are available here.

CTEPH and PTE: A Conversation with the Experts

Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation: The Future is Now

Embolic Protection in TAVR - Is it Necessary?

New Frontiers of Treatment for Mitral Valve Disease

Who is a Good Surgical Candidate in the Era of TAVR?

Emerging Therapies for Systolic Heart Failure and Pulmonary Hypertension

Cardiac Replacement Therapy: LVAD and/or Transplant for Advanced Heart Failure
Please encourage your patients to attend our free community events this spring:

**Lung Health Awareness Day**
Information and Registration:
Jessica Mead, 212.304.7817 or jas2134@cumc.columbia.edu

![Lung Health Awareness Day](image)

**Patient Referral**

To refer elective patients, call 212.305.7013 or 212.304.7810.
And email, info@columbiasurgery.org

Urgent and emergency transfers: 1.800.NYPSTAT

[Physician Referral Form](#)