



Message from the Chairman

Spring 2017

Dear Colleague,

In this issue we report on an advance in breast reconstruction after cancer surgery—one that puts patients in charge of their progress, allowing them to increase the size of their implants with a remote control device from the comforts of their home.

We also highlight one of our success stories from Columbia's Center for Metabolic and Weight Loss Surgery and then show why sleeve gastrectomy is the most popular bariatric procedure at Columbia, and in

the world. In addition, we explore the importance of a healthy microbiome in the treatment of liver patients.

I hope you will join us at our upcoming Pancreas Symposium on March 16, 2017, exploring current controversies on benign pancreatic disease. More information here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/events/upcoming>.

Best regards,

Craig R. Smith, MD, FACS

Chair, Department of Surgery

Aeroform: A Newer, Faster Method of Breast Reconstruction

Jeffrey A. Ascherman, MD, site chief of the division of Plastic Surgery at

NYP/Columbia, is now offering breast cancer patients a new device that allows them to do part of their breast reconstruction at home, and with faster results.

After breast cancer surgery, many patients choose reconstruction with an implant, coming to the surgeon's office every two weeks, for a saline injection.

The Aeroform device uses a palm-sized remote control very much like a remote car key, that activates a tiny cartridge inside the expander, filling it with gas. A woman can press the control button up to three times a day, depending on her own level of comfort.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/03/02/aeroform-newer-faster-method-breast-reconstruction>

Success Stories from The Center for Metabolic and Weight Loss Surgery

A radio talk show host lost 110 pounds after his sleeve gastrectomy at Columbia, noting that it gave him a whole new level of confidence, increased his energy and vitality.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/stories/success-story-center-metabolic-and-weight-loss-surgery>

Learn more about our Center for Metabolic and Weight Loss Surgery here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/weight-loss>

To refer a patient, call 202.305.7013.

Sleeve Gastrectomy Now Most Popular Weight Loss Surgery in the World

Sleeve Gastrectomy – a minimally invasive way to reduce the size of the stomach – is now the most popular procedure at our Center for Metabolic and Weight Loss Surgery, in the world. Abraham Krikhely, MD, tells how it can help patients achieve their desired goals – improving both their health and quality of life.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/02/17/weight-loss-surgery-benefits-sleeve-gastrectomy>

New Support for Liver Transplants: A Healthy Microbiome

For more than three decades, NYP/Columbia researchers have been leaders in the study of the gut microbiome. Elizabeth C. Verna, MD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Columbia, received a major grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to see if keeping a healthy microbiome after liver transplant surgery may help to prevent scarring of the liver and also cut down on the need for reoperation.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/03/02/new-support-liver-transplants-healthy-microbiome>

Research Papers and Presentations

GI: <http://columbiasurgery.org/healthcare-professionals/gi-surgery-presentations-and-research>

Immunology/Transplantation:

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Online Presentations

Emerging Techniques in Mitral Valve Surgery & Intervention

available here: <https://www.tctmd.com/MitralValveSurgery>


Drs. Michael Argenziano, Michael Borger, and Isaac George discuss Emerging Techniques in Mitral Valve Surgery in this non-CME webinar discussion, which will focus on improved patient care and better outcomes for those with Mitral Valve disease.


This program is designed for general practitioners, general and interventional cardiologists, arrhythmia specialists, and cardiothoracic surgeons and will cover


- Mitral Valve Repair for Degenerative Disease
- Minimally Invasive Mitral Valve Surgery
- Surgery for Ischemic / Functional Mitral Regurgitation
- Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair and Replacement


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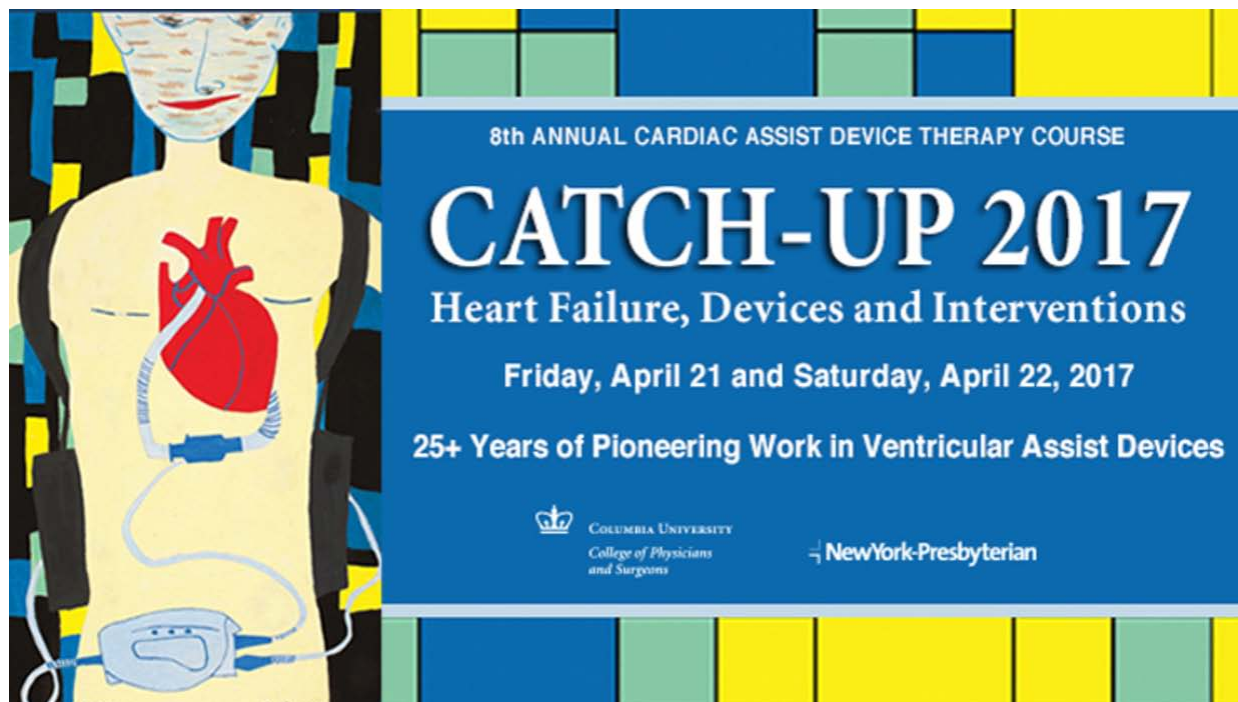


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