



Columbia Surgery  
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## Message from the Chief

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Dear Colleague,

We recently celebrated 60 years in open-heart surgery at NYP/Columbia. You'll find a report on our accomplishments here, along with news about our Aortic Program, the opening of a new center for adult Marfan patients endorsed by the Marfan Foundation, our participation in the national Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT) and recent advances in lung perfusion.

We continue to find new ways to collaborate with referring physicians, expanding our services to support you in the diagnosis and management of complex patients, as our story on patient Roberta Schneider shows.

I hope you will join us for our upcoming CME courses. Please visit us at [columbiasurgeryCME.org](http://columbiasurgeryCME.org). View our newsletter site here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/newsletters>.

Best regards,

Emile Bacha, MD

Chief, Division of Cardiac, Thoracic and Vascular Surgery



*Dr. Craig Smith with cardiac nurses at the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala.*

## **NYP/Columbia Celebrates Landmarks in Heart Surgery**

On March 29, 2017 NYP/Columbia celebrated 60 years of open-heart surgery with a gathering of patients, doctors, surgeons, nurses, and an official proclamation from the New York State Assembly and Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/05/03/nypcolumbia-celebrates-landmarks-heart-surgery>

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## **Advances in Managing Aortic Disease**

Hiroo Takayama, MD, PhD, has been named Director of the nationally recognized Aortic Program and the Cardiovascular Institute at Columbia University Medical Center.

The Aortic Program, which is growing rapidly, completed nearly 200 operations in the last year. It now offers a catheter-based, minimally invasive approach for various aortic diseases – as well as a new aortic prosthesis.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/05/03/advances-managing-aortic-disease>

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## **Columbia Announces New Marfan Clinic**

We are excited to announce the launch of a NYP-Columbia University Medical Center Marfan

Clinic in June 2017. Our goal is to establish the CUMC Marfan Clinic as the premier site for evaluating and treating patients with Marfan Syndrome and other related connective tissue disorders in the NYC Metro area.

Read more

here: [http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/05/03/columbia\\_announces\\_new\\_marfan\\_clinic](http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/05/03/columbia_announces_new_marfan_clinic)

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## **NYP/Columbia Joins National Pulmonary Embolism Response Team (PERT)**

As a new member of the PERT Consortium, inaugurated in 2015, NYP/Columbia is in the vanguard of treating pulmonary embolism with a rapid response, multidisciplinary team led by Philip Green, MD.

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/news/2017/05/03/nypcolumbia-joins-national-pulmonary-embolism-response-team-pert>

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## **Advances in Lung Perfusion**

Matthew Bacchetta, MD, recently received recognition for his groundbreaking work on ex-vivo lung perfusion in *Translational Scientist*. Click on video prompt

here: <https://www.instagram.com/p/BRorHmAlkcR/?hl=en>

This keeps donor lungs  
alive



Credit: ScienceNaturePage [follow @inventious](#)

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## **It Takes a Village to Heal a Patient**

### **Why Columbia's Team Approach Achieves Astonishing Results**

Roberta Schneider, a vibrant and attractive woman in her 70s, and one of Columbia's

“Amazing Patients,” was cared for by more than a dozen of our dedicated surgeons and specialists. Recently featured on ABC-TV’s Emmy-winning show Medical Marvels, Roberta has also published a memoir, *Cancer Saved My Life*, that opens with this stunning confession:

*I have no breasts. I have no esophagus, I have no stomach. I have no ovaries, I have no fallopian tubes but I have a heart. I have a family. I have a business. I have had more than my share of surgeries. But nothing has stopped me. Many call me the “bionic woman.”*

Read more here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/stories/it-takes-village-heal-patient>

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## Presentations and Papers

Our faculty made major contributions to the International Society of Heart and Lung Transplantation in May. A list of our current papers and presentations can be found here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/healthcare-professionals/quarterly-reports>

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## CME Education

Learn more about our current programs [here](#).

To register contact Annmarie Tarleton, Special Events Coordinator, Columbia University Medical Center at 212.304.7813 or [at3004@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:at3004@cumc.columbia.edu).

View archived educational programs here: <http://columbiasurgery.org/events/archived>

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## Webinars

Our vast library of videos and webinars is available 24/7 for your convenience.

Cardiovascular Webinars for physicians are available here:

<http://columbiasurgery.org/education-training/cardiovascular-webinars>

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## Patient Referral

To refer elective patients, call 212.305.7013 or 212.304.7810.

Email, [info@columbiasurgery.org](mailto:info@columbiasurgery.org).

Urgent and emergency transfers: 1.800.NYP.STAT.

Physician Referral

Form: [https://secure.cumc.columbia.edu/surgery/form/physician\\_referrals.html](https://secure.cumc.columbia.edu/surgery/form/physician_referrals.html)

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