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Dear faculty, residents and fellows,

The year 2017 has gotten off to an excellent start with our colleagues contributing significant research in many surgical disciplines. I congratulate you on your many recent achievements.

To keep this valuable newsletter going, I hope you will continue to email [Paul Kurlansky](mailto:pk2245@columbia.edu?subject=Research%20E-newsletter) (<mailto:pk2245@columbia.edu?subject=Research%20E-newsletter>) or me ([crs2@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:crs2@cumc.columbia.edu)) with regular updates on your grants, publications, and presentations. Be sure to contact us by the first of every month.

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.

For easy reference, we now post all issues of this [newsletter](#) on the [Center for Innovations and Outcomes Research](#) website. In addition, we now compile a [Quarterly Research Report](#) for referring physicians, summarizing the presentations and publications listed in this newsletter.

Best regards,  
Craig R. Smith, MD, FACS  
Chair, Department of Surgery

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## CONGRATULATIONS

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Emile Bacha, MD, was elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Congenital Heart Surgeons Society for a five-year term.

David Kalfa, MD, received the following awards:

The 2016 Congenital Heart Defect Coalition Research Grant (\$50,000) to create a heart valve with growth potential.

The Irving Institute Collaborative and Multidisciplinary Pilot Research (CaMPR) Award (\$15,000) for "Improving the electrical coupling and conduction of tissue-engineered cardiac constructs for clinical application in children with congenital heart disease."

The Columbia-Coulter Translational Research Partnership for a project entitled "Device for Advanced Drainage."

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## CARDIAC SURGERY

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### Presentations

*Annual Meeting of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons  
Houston, January 21-25, 2017*

#### Moderator

Michael Borger, MD, PhD  
Aortic/Endovascular Surgery  
Rapid Deployment Valves

A Prospective Multi-Institutional Cohort Study of Mediastinal Infection After Cardiac Surgery L. P. Perrault, K. A. Kirkwood , H. Chang, J. C. Mullen, M. A. Miller, B. Gulack, K. Doud, M. Argenziano, R. K. Ghanta, B. A. Whitson, D. Williams, N. M. Sledz-Joyce, B. Lima, G. Greco, N. Fumakia, E. Rose, J. Puskas, R. D. Weisel, M. E. Bowdish.

Mitral Valve Repair vs Replacement in Patients With Functional Mitral Regurgitation Undergoing Complex Cardiac Surgery N. B. Langer1, B. S. Van Boxtel, R. A. Sorabella, Y. Wu, J. Park, H. Takayama, M. A. Borger, Y. Naka, C. Smith, I. George, M. Argenziano.

Neuropsychological Functioning And Psychosocial Outcomes In Adults With D-transposition Of The Great Arteries Corrected With The Arterial Switch Operation. L Kasmi, M Montreuil, J Calderon, N Geronikola, V Lambert, E Belli, D Bonnet, D Kalfa.

Primary Pulmonary Vein Stenosis: Outcomes, Prognostic Factors, and Severity Score in a Multicenter Study D. Kalfa , E. Belli, E. A. Bacha, V. Lambert, D. di Carlo, M. Kostolny, J. Salminen, M. Nosal, J. Hörer, H. Berggren, I. Yemets, M. Hazekamp, B. Maruszewski, G. E. Sarris, T. Ebels, L. Francois.

Current Status of Endovascular Training for Cardiothoracic Surgery Residents in the United States P. N. Vardas, A. C. Stefanescu Schmidt, A. B. Goldstone, A. A. Shah, D. LaPar, W. F. DeNino, E. A. Gillaspie, A. G. Fiedler, M. S. Halbreiner, A. L. Eilers, D. M. Walters, E. H. Stephens, V. Tchantchaleishvili.

Two-Year Echocardiographic and Clinical Outcomes in 937 Intermediate Patients Undergoing Surgical Aortic Valve Replacement From the PARTNER 2A Study.

V. H. Thourani, W. Y. Szeto, S. Kodali, E. Blackstone, A. Lowry, R. Makkar, M. Williams, J. E. Bavaria, H. C. Herrmann, H. S. Maniar, V. Babaliaros, C. Smith, A. Trento, P. J. Corso, A. Pichard, D. Miller, L. G. Svensson, S. R. Kapadia, G. Ailawadi, R. M. Suri, K. L. Greason, R. Hahn, W. Jaber, J. Forcillo, M. Alu, M. B. Leon, M. J. Mack.

Aortic Root Enlarging Procedures and Aortic Valve Leaflet Reconstruction Course Directors: S. Adil Husain, San Antonio, TX, and Prashanth Vallabhajosyula, Philadelphia, PA Faculty: Emile A. Bacha, New York, NY, Arminder Singh Jassar, Boston, MA, Alberto Pochettino, Rochester, MN, Edward Y. Sako, San Antonio, TX, Ibrahim Sultan, Pittsburgh, PA, and James S. Tweddell, Cincinnati.

A Comparison of Operative Outcomes Following Multi-Arterial versus Single Arterial Bypass Grafting: An Analysis of the STS Database 2004-2015 Thomas A. Schwann, Robert H. Habib, John Puskas, Paul Kurlansky, Jeffery P. Jacobs, Sean O'Brien, Amelia Wallace, Milo C. Engoren, Mark R. Bonnell, Robert Tranbaugh, Ritu Chakravarti.

Axillary Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation With Transapical Left Ventricular Vent in Refractory Cardiogenic Shock. K. Takeda, H. Takayama, Y. Naka.

Significance of Intraoperative Revision During the Arterial Switch Operation in the Current Era. Y. Nakamura, D. Kalfa, P. Chai, A. Chelliah, L. Freud, J. Quaegebeur, E. A. Bacha.

Scimitar Syndrome in Children and Adults: Natural History, Outcomes, and Risk Analysis H. Wang, D. Kalfa, M. Rosenbaum, J. Ginns, M. Lewis, J. Glickstein, E. A. Bacha, P. Chai.

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## THORACIC SURGERY

### Presentations

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Adams CW, Bachetta M. Improving Combat Casualty Care: The Use of Golden Hour Offset Trauma (GHOST) Surgical Teams and Group O Low-Titer Whole Blood Transfusion in the Field.

D'Ovidio F. Donors After Circulatory Death for Lung Transplantation: North American Perspective.

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