

Summit Special

The CHOP Newsletter



THE NEXT GENERATION OF SURGEON SCIENTISTS AND LEADERS

By Ashley Chang

On Friday, June 19th - we recognized Drs. Andy Millis, Megan Lane, Stanley Kalata, James Stewart, Chloe Powell, and Sidra Bonner (left to right) as our 2023 Class of CHOP Graduating Fellows. Not pictured, but also celebrated, Megan Schultz!

The celebration took place this year at Venue by 4M in Ann Arbor after the annual Moses Gunn symposium. Attendees enjoyed drinks, tacos, and cake to end the evening. Directors, Drs. Jenn Waljee and Andrew Ibrahim recognized the fellows with statements and gifts as a small token of our appreciation.

In addition, a special announcement was made regarding the growing program. Please see *CHOP's Growing Leadership Team* (page 3).

Congratulations CHOP Class of 2023!

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WELCOME CHOP CLASS OF 2025



By Ashley Chang

Welcome one and all! With one class leaving to continue their professional careers, another class's research journey begins. This year we welcome:

J'uandra (Jay) Pegues	Alex Luby	Crystal Taylor
Patrick Johnson	Drew Braet	Johnathan William
Tyler Bauer	Cole Roblee	Nikhil Shah
Vanessa Niba	Catherine Jensen	Brigit Baglien
Joy Obayemi	Erin Isenberg	
Leah Schoel	Dominic Alessio-Bilowus	

As in past years, we have fellows joining us from different areas throughout our health system and beyond. Look out for future emails with introductions on each fellow.

REMOLDING OUR OFFICE SPACE TO MAXIMIZE COLLABORATION IN A NEW HYBRID WORLD

By Clarice Gaines

Our CHOP home has evolved over the past 1-2 years from a maze of cubicles into a beautifully neurodiverse space. We now offer touchdown spaces for teams, lounge areas, our collaborative and dynamic center point called Base Camp, a coffee bar, cubicles for focused work, and of course a putting green.

The new layout offers functionality with moving tables, chairs, and whiteboards all on wheels. The space can be rearranged into countless configurations to best suit the needs of each meeting or team. The space also encourages more engagement between faculty, fellows, and staff by making it easier to mingle with one another in shared spaces.

A special thank you goes out to the facilities and space teams on working with us to support our vision!



UPCOMING FELLOW LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



By Ashley Chang

August 11th: Writers Workshop: Methods & Results

August 18th: STATA - Using Medicare Claims Data II

August 25th: Writers Workshop: Discussion

September 1st: Getting the Most Out of Your Research Time

September 15th: Anatomy and Physiology of a Specific Aims Page with Dr. Justin Dimick

September 22nd: Didactic quantitative methodology presentation (topic TBD) with Dr. Edward Norton

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DEADLINES

By Clarice Gaines

- The 19th annual Academic Surgical Congress (ASC) meeting will be held in Washington DC, February 6th-8th. **Abstracts for this popular conference are due by Friday, August 18th.**
- The IHPI Tailgate this year will be on September 9th 12:30-3pm.
- Mark your calendar for the Department of Surgery tailgate on September 23rd from 9am-4pm!
- The Society of Black Academic Surgeons (SBAS) 2023 meeting will take place on September 28th-30th in Ann Arbor. Early bird registration rates end on September 1st.
- The American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2023, will take place October 22nd-25th in Boston, MA.
- The 2023 Michigan Women in Surgery Leadership Development Conference will take place on November 2nd and 3rd in Ann Arbor.



Check out these recent publications

- Ehlers AP, Howard R, Lai YL, et al. Postacute Care Utilization and Episode of Care Payments Following Common Elective Operations. *Ann Surg.* 2023;277(2):e266-e272. doi:10.1097/SLA.0000000000004814
- Schaefer SL, Mullens CL, Ibrahim AM. The Emergence of Rural Emergency Hospitals: Safely Implementing New Models of Care. *JAMA.* 2023;329(13):1059-1060. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.1956
- Thumma SR, Dualeh SHA, Kunnath NJ, Bonner SN, Ibrahim AM. Outcomes for High-Risk Surgical Procedures Across High- and Low-Competition Hospital Markets [published online ahead of print, 2023 Aug 2]. *JAMA Surg.* 2023;e233221. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2023.3221
- Schoenbrunner A, Beckmeyer A, Kunnath N, et al. Association Between California's State Insurance Gender Nondiscrimination Act and Utilization of Gender-Affirming Surgery. *JAMA.* 2023;329(10):819-826. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.0878
- Varban OA, Hassett KP, Yost M, et al. Financial Impact of Metabolic Surgery on Prescription Diabetes Medications in Michigan. *JAMA Surg.* 2023;158(5):554-556. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2022.7749

CHOP'S GROWING LEADERSHIP TEAM



By Ashley Chang & Clarice Gaines

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new CHOP Directors!

Pasithorn Amy Suwanabol, MD - Director of Student Research

Dr. Suwanabol leads the mentorship and engagement of students within CHOP.

Susan Pitt, MD, MPH, FACS - Director of Engagement

Dr. Pitt leads coordination of didactic research and career development related educational programming.

Edward Norton, PhD - Director of Quantitative Analytics

Dr. Norton leads our Center in the development of curricula and experiential learning in quantitative methods and novel analytic techniques.

Mike Thompson, PhD, MPH - Director of Analytic Strategy

Dr. Thompson leads the Center in the acquisition and use of data sources and emerging methodologies.

Scott Regenbogen MD, MPH - Director, Healthcare Administration Fellowship

Dr. Regenbogen leads our new 2 year Healthcare Administration Fellowship focused on providing didactic and experiential learning in healthcare delivery.

Recent publications continued...

- Bamdad MC, Vitous CA, Rivard SJ, et al. **What We Talk About When We Talk About Coping: A Qualitative Study of Surgery Resident's Coping After Complications and Deaths.** *Ann Surg.* 2023;278(2):e422-e428. doi:10.1097/SLA.0000000000005854
- Shen MR, Suwanabol PA, Howard RA, et al. **Association Between Loneliness and Postoperative Mortality Among Medicare Beneficiaries.** *JAMA Surg.* 2023;158(2):212-214. doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2022.4784
- Bonner SN, Ibrahim AM, Kunnath N, Dimick JB, Nathan H. **Neighborhood Deprivation, Hospital Quality, and Mortality After Cancer Surgery.** *Ann Surg.* 2023;277(1):73-78. doi:10.1097/SLA.0000000000005712

Directors Corners



Welcome to our 20th Year of CHOP! As we start that year, we're taking time to reflect on the ways we have changed and how we will be evolving going forward.

If you have not been to CHOP in-person recently, you will notice some physical changes. Our middle cubicles have been replaced with a large place of gathering that we call, "Base Camp." Similar to the base camp found at the start of major hiking trails, Base Camp is a place to gather, eat and share expertise. It is full of people who are about to make their way up as well as people who have recently come back down with tacit knowledge. Knowing that all of us at CHOP ultimately have different summits to climb, we hope this common ground helps everyone start their journey.

We have also made important leadership and organizational changes. We're thrilled to welcome five new Directors leading important initiatives for our center: Edward Norton (Quantitative Analytics), Mike Thompson (Analytic Strategy), Amy Suwanabol (Student Research), Susan Pitt (Engagement) and Scott Regenbogen (Healthcare Administration Fellowship). Their efforts are incredibly important to ensure that CHOP stays a leading health services research center with rigorous methods, innovative approaches and programming, and optimal infrastructure to accommodate the needs of our members. Throughout the year we will be highlighting more of their efforts.

Finally, we are excited to welcome a new group of Fellows. Several are in the National Clinician Scholars Program or on one of the several T32 grants we are fortunate to have at our institution. They are all participating in the 3rd Annual CHOP Bootcamp. Throughout this 8 week program over the summer fellows will learn the fundamentals of writing a CHOP-style manuscript and gain proficiency in coding administrative claims data in STATA. We hope this help jump start what we will know will be a successful two years for them in our center.

With gratitude and excitement for the year ahead!

Andrew and Jenn