

Visiting Professor Program

The Visiting Professor Program of the Department of Surgery is extremely important for the education of both the faculty and the residents. It gives the residents a first-hand opportunity to meet distinguished leaders in American surgery, participate in teaching rounds with them, and get to know them as individuals. In addition, the Visiting Professor gives presentations at Surgical Grand Rounds to faculty, residents and medical students.

Visiting Professors 2025-2026

September 17, 2025



Nineteenth Max & Molly Fischer Visiting Professor

Dai H. Chung, MD, MBA

Professor of Surgery

Helen J. and Robert S. Strauss and Diana K. and Richard C. Strauss Chair in

Pediatric Surgery

Executive Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, UT Southwestern Medical Center

Chief Medical Officer, Joint Pediatric Enterprise

President & Chief Medical Executive, Children's Health, Dallas, TX

Surgical Grand Rounds: "Transformative Surgical Leadership"

September 24, 2025



Tenth Annual John B. Flege, Jr. Visiting Professor

Hosted by the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Thomas K. Varghese, Jr., MD, MS, MBA, FACS, MAMSE

Professor of Surgery

Chief, Section of General Thoracic Surgery

Chief Value Officer (Inpatient and Ambulatory) – Huntsman Cancer Institute

Director, Huntsman Cancer Institute Innovative Medical Practices Advancing Care

Transformation (HCI-IMPACT) Center

University of Utah School of Medicine

Editor-in-Chief, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (JACS)*

Surgical Grand Rounds: "Scaling Innovations for Health Systems – Scientific Principles and Lessons Learned in Culture Change"



October 15, 2025

Visiting Professor

Laurah B. Turner, PhD

Associate Dean for Artificial Intelligence and Educational Informatics

Associate Professor of Medical Education

Assistant Professor of Biostatistics, Health Informatics and Data Sciences

University of Cincinnati College of Medicine
Surgical Grand Rounds: “Applied Intelligence: Integrating AI Technologies into Medical Education”

November 5, 2025



First Annual Williams Family Professorship
Hosted by the Division of Colon & Rectal Surgery
George J. Chang, MD, MS, MHCM
Professor of Surgery
Sue and Radcliffe Killam Chair, Department of Colon and Rectal Surgery
Associate Vice President, Clinical Growth and Site Integration

University of Texas – MD Anderson Cancer Center
Surgical Grand Rounds: “Lateral Pelvic Lymph Nodes in Rectal Cancer: East Meets West”

November 12, 2025



Twenty-Third Barrows Memorial Lectureship
Dana Telem, MD, MPH
Lazar J. Greenfield Professor of Surgery
Section Head of General Surgery
Michigan Medicine
Surgical Grand Rounds: “Bringing Law and Order to the Wild West [or Bringing Law (Evidence) and Order (Rational Decisions) to the Wild West (Hernia Repair)]”

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Visiting Professors 2024-2025

July 24, 2024



Visiting Professor hosted by Division of Surgical Oncology
Shailesh V. Shrikhande, MS, MD, FRCS (hon), FASA (hon)
Deputy Director, Tata Memorial Hospital
Professor and Head, Cancer Surgery
Chief, GI and HPB Service, Tata Memorial Centre
Mumbai, India

President, AHPBA

Secretary General Elect, IHPBA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Vascular and Multivisceral Pancreatic Resections”

October 9, 2024



Twenty-Second Barrows Memorial Lectureship
Eric Elster, MD, FACS, FRCS (Eng), CAPT, MC, USN (Ret.)
Dean, School of Medicine
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Uniformed Services University

Bethesda, MD

Surgical Grand Rounds: “SC2i: Applying Precision Medicine to Critical Care”

October 30, 2024



Twenty-Second John J. McDonough Sr. & Elizabeth Ann Donovan Visiting Professor

Adnan Alseidi, MD, EdM, FACS

Professor of Surgery

Vice Chair for Education

Department of Surgery

University of California – San Francisco, CA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “The Changing Landscape of Psychomotor Training: A Focus on Autonomy, Entrustment, & the JOY of Surgery”

November 6, 2024



Seventeenth Annual Heekin Family Lectureship

Sandy Feng, MD, PhD

Professor of Surgery

Division of Transplant Surgery

Vice Chair for Research

Department of Surgery

University of California – San Francisco, CA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “The Dramatically Changing Landscape of Liver Transplantation”

November 20, 2024



Twenty-Fourth J. Rawson Collins Visiting Professor

Karen J. Brasel, MD, MPH, FACS

Professor of Surgery

Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery

Oregon Health & Science University

Vice President, The American Board of Surgery

Philadelphia, PA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “What Happens Next: Quality of Life after Traumatic Injury”

January 15, 2025



Twentieth William A. Altemeier Visiting Professor

Patricia L. Turner, MD, MBA, FACS

Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer

American College of Surgeons

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Insights from Military Surgical History”

March 12, 2025



Seventeenth Richard F. Kempeczinski Visiting Professor

Gilbert ("Gib") Upchurch, Jr., MD

Edward M. Copeland III and Ann & Ira Horowitz Professor & Chair

Department of Surgery

University of Florida

Surgical Grand Rounds: "Our Role in Caring for Patients with Complex Diseases"

April 16, 2025



Henry W. Neale Visiting Professor

Jeffrey E. Janis, MD, FACS

Professor

Department of Plastic Surgery

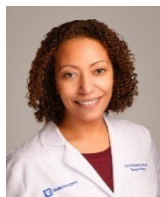
The Ohio State University

Wexner Medical Center

Surgical Grand Rounds: "Five Principles for Improving Outcomes in Abdominal

Wall Reconstruction – Evidence, Technique, and Tips"

April 30, 2025



Second Popplewell Family Visiting Professor

Lisa McElroy, MD, MS, FACS

Assistant Professor of Surgery and Population Health Sciences

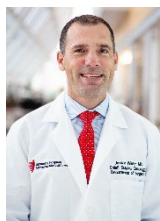
Division of Abdominal Transplantation

Department of Surgery

Duke University, Durham, NC

Surgical Grand Rounds: "From Policy to Practice: A Multilevel Framework for Improving Access to Complex Surgical Care"

May 21, 2025



Sixth Annual Robert P. Hummel, MD Visiting Professor

Jordan M. Winter, MD, MBA, FACS

Professor of Surgery

Chief of Surgical Oncology

Director of Surgical Services, Seidman Cancer Center

Co-Director, Developmental Therapeutics Program, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center

Case Western Reserve University

Surgical Grand Rounds: "On Becoming a Surgeon-Scientist"

June 18, 2025



Eighteenth Max & Molly Fischer Visiting Professor

Callisia N. Clarke, MD, MS

Douglas B. Evans Endowed Chair for Surgical Research

Associate Professor of Surgery

Division Chief of Surgical Oncology

Associate Director of Clinical Research
Medical College of Wisconsin Cancer Center
Surgical Grand Rounds: “Inclusive Excellence: A Pathway to Closing Cancer Disparities”

Visiting Professors 2023-2024

January 24, 2024



Sixteenth Annual Heekin Family Lectureship

Pierre-Alain Clavien, MD, PhD, FACS (Hon), ASA (hon), FRCS (Eng), FRCS Ed

Professor of Surgery and Transplantation

University of Zurich, Switzerland

Co-Director of the “Liver4Life” group at the Wyss Institute in Zurich, Switzerland

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Quality and Outcome in Surgery: What does it mean? What should be measured and reported?”

March 7-8, 2024



Visiting Professor hosted by Division of Surgical Oncology & Affiliate Division of Pediatric Surgery

Vikas Dudeja, MD

Professor of Surgery

James P. Hayes, Jr., Endowed Professor in Gastrointestinal Oncology

Director, Division of Surgical Oncology

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Birmingham, AL

Lecture, Surgical Amphitheater: “Harnessing the Power Within: Energizing Anti-Cancer Immune Response to Combat GI Cancers”

Lecture, CCHMC: “Novel Therapies for the Treatment of Pancreatitis – Bench to Bedside”

March 20, 2024



Ninth Annual John B. Flege, Jr. Visiting Professor

Hosted by the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Yolonda L. Colson, MD, PhD

President, American Association for Thoracic Surgery

Hermes C. Grillo Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School

Chief, Division of Thoracic Surgery

Massachusetts General Hospital

Boston, MA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “The Opportunities Hiding in the OR”

March 27, 2024



Twenty-Fourth J. Rawson Collins Visiting Professor

Nicole Fox, MD, MPH, FACS

Associate Professor of Surgery

Associate Chief Medical Officer

Medical Director of Pediatric Trauma

Cooper University Health Care

Camden, New Jersey

Surgical Grand Rounds: “From the Trauma Bay to the Boardroom: Surgeons as Health System Leaders”

April 24, 2024



First Popplewell Family Visiting Professor

Satish N. Nadig, MD, PhD

Edward G. Elcock Professor & Chief of the Division of Transplant Surgery

Director, Comprehensive Transplant Center

Director, Abdominal Organ Transplant Program

Northwestern University Health System

Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

Surgical Grand Rounds: “The Surgical Entrepreneur: Innovative Career Pathways for the Modern Academic Surgeon”

May 15, 2024



Visiting Professor

Hosted by Division of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Steven M. Roser, DMD, MD, FACS, FRCSEd

DeLos Hill Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Residency Program Director, Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Emory University School of Medicine

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Global Surgery: Unveiling the Urgency, Empowering the Future”

May 22, 2024



Fifth Annual Robert P. Hummel, MD Visiting Professor

Dorry L. Segev, MD, PhD, FACS

Tenured Professor of Surgery and Population Health, New York University

Grossman School of Medicine

Vice Chair, Department of Surgery, NYU Langone Health

Director, NYU Center for Surgical and Transplant Applied Research

Surgical Grand Rounds: “From Resident to Researcher: Major Scientific Impacts by Surgical Residents”

June 5, 2024



Society of Asian Academic Surgeons (SAAS) Visiting Professor

Hosted by UC Medical Center & Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center

Oliver S. Eng, MD, FACS, FSSO

Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology

Associate Director, Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Program and Surgical Oncology Fellowship
Vice Chair, Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee, Chao Family Comprehensive Cancer
Center

University of California, Irvine

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Colorectal Peritoneal Metastases: Nihilism, Realism...Optimism?”

June 12, 2024



Third Annual Boyce Family Visiting Professor

Hosted by Section of Surgical Oncology

Peter J. Allen, MD

David C. Sabiston, Jr. Distinguished Professor of Surgery

Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology

Vice President, Cancer Services

Duke University School of Medicine

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Randomized Surgical Trials: Are They Worth It?”

Visiting Professors 2022-2023

September 14, 2022



Fifteenth Annual Heekin Family Lectureship

Abhinav Humar, MD, PhD, FACS

Thomas E. Starzl Professor in Transplantation Surgery

Clinical Director, Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute

Division Chief, Transplant Surgery

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Changing the Paradigm of Living Donor Liver Transplant – The UPMC Experience”

February 1, 2023



Twenty-First John J. McDonough Sr. & Elizabeth Ann Donovan Visiting Professor

Ala Stanford, MD, FAAP, FACS

Regional Director, Region III Office of Intergovernmental & External Affairs

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

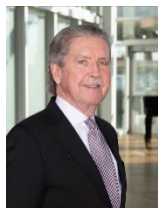
Founder and Physician, Dr. Ala Stanford Center for Health Equity

Pediatric Surgeon, Stanford Pediatric Surgery

Philadelphia, PA

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Striving for Health Equity in the Midst of a Pandemic”

May 3, 2023



Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Visiting Professor

Peter D. Quinn, DMD, MD

Schoenleber Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Former Chief Executive Physician of the Penn Medicine Medical Group
Philadelphia, PA
Surgical Grand Rounds: “American Medical Centers at the Crossroads”

May 10, 2023



Twenty-Third J. Rawson Collins Visiting Professor
Deborah M. Stein, MD, MPH
Professor of Surgery, Tenured
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Director of Adult Critical Care Services
University of Maryland Medical Center

Baltimore, MD

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Modern Concepts in Hemorrhage Control”

May 24, 2023



Fourth Robert P. Hummel, MD Visiting Professor
Amir A. Ghaferi, MD, MSc, MBA
Professor of Surgery
President and CEO, Physician Enterprise
Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs
Froedtert & Medical College of Wisconsin

Milwaukee, WI

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Identifying an Academic Path Through Intentional Growth”

Visiting Professors 2021-2022

September 28-29, 2021



Fourteenth Annual Heekin Family Lectureship
Elizabeth A. Pomfret, MD, PhD, FACS
Professor of Surgery and Igal Kam, MD Endowed Chair in Transplant Surgery
Chief, Division of Transplantation Surgery
Executive Director, Colorado Center for Transplantation Care, Research & Education

University of Colorado – Anschutz Medical Campus

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Surgery in 2021: Who Takes Care of Us? Wellness and Resilience”

October 6, 2021



Eighth Annual John B. Flege, Jr. Visiting Professor
Walter H. Merrill, MD
Senior Associate Chief of Staff
Vanderbilt University Hospital
Professor of Cardiac Surgery
Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Nashville, Tennessee

Surgical Grand Rounds: “What is in the Dash?”

April 27, 2022



Second Annual Boyce Family Visiting Professor

Matthew H.G. Katz, MD

Professor of Surgery and Chair

Department of Surgical Oncology

University of Texas MD Anderson

Cancer Center, Houston, TX

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Perioperative Therapy for Localized Pancreatic Adenocarcinoma: Where Have We Been and Where Are We Going?”

May 25, 2022



Melina R. Kibbe, MD

Dean, UVA School of Medicine

James Carroll Flippin Professor of Medical Science

Chief Health Affairs Officer, UVA Health

Professor, Departments of Surgery and Biomedical Engineering

Editor in Chief, *JAMA Surgery*

Surgical Grand Rounds: “What You Did Not Know About Fluoroquinolones”

Visiting Professors 2020-2021

September 29-30, 2020



Thirteenth Annual Heekin Family Lectureship

Allan D. Kirk, MD, PhD

David C. Sabiston, Jr. Distinguished Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery

Vice Dean, Section of Surgical Disciplines, Duke University School of Medicine

Surgeon-in-Chief, Duke University Health System

Surgical Grand Rounds: “Preparing for the Future of Surgery”

October 14, 2020



Colin A. Martin, MD

Associate Professor of Surgery

Surgical Director, UAB/Children’s of Alabama Center for Advanced Intestinal Rehabilitation

Program Co-director, Pre-College Research Internship for Student from Minority Backgrounds (PRISM)

Associate Vice-Chair – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

University of Alabama-Birmingham

“How Can We Do Better? Opening the Discussion on How to Improve Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Surgery”

January 27, 2021



Michael S. Nussbaum, MD

Professor and Chair of Surgery, Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine
Senior Vice President and Chair, Department of Surgery, Carilion Clinic
Surgical Grand Rounds: “Management of Rectal Prolapse and the Legacy of William Altemeier at the University of Cincinnati”

February 3, 2021



Julio M. Mayol, MD, PhD

Professor of Surgery, Univ. Complutense de Madrid
Chief Medical & Innovation Officer, Hospital Clinico San Carlos
Madrid, Spain
Surgical Grand Rounds: “From Banality to Global Impact: Twitter and Surgery”

March 17, 2021



V. Suzanne Klimberg, MD, PhD

Professor and Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology
Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., MD Distinguished Chair in General Surgery
Clinical Director, University of Texas Medical Branch Cancer Center
Galveston, TX
Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “Diagnosis, Prevention, and Management of Lymphedema”

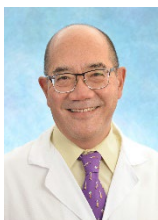
May 12, 2021



Harry C. Sax, MD

Professor of Surgery
Executive Vice Chair, Department of Surgery
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Los Angeles, CA
Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “Measure Twice – Cut Once: Performance Improvement Tools for Surgeons”

May 19, 2021



Don K. Nakayama, MD, MBA

Clinical Professor of Surgery
Division of Pediatric Surgery
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “Antisepsis and Women in Surgery: Transitions in Eakins’ Clinic Masterpieces”

May 26, 2021



Research Visiting Professor

Lillian S. Kao, MD

Professor of Surgery

Director, Division of Acute Care Surgery

University of Texas at Houston - McGovern Medical School

Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “Empowering the Next Generation to Improve Surgical Care”

June 2, 2021



Edward M. Barksdale, Jr., MD

Surgeon-in-Chief

Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital, Cleveland, OH

President, American Pediatric Surgery Association

Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “Personal Financial Management: Working Toward a Successful Retirement”

June 16, 2021



Rachel A. Callcut, MD, MSPH

Associate Professor in Residence

Vice Chair of Clinical Sciences, Department of Surgery

Chief Research Informatics Officer (Interim)

UC Davis Health

Surgical Grand Rounds, via WebEx: “AI in Medicine: Hope or Hype?”