

# VASCULAR PATHWAYS

News for fellows and friends of the vascular surgery residency and fellowship program of the UPMC Division of Vascular Surgery

Welcome to *Vascular Pathways*, the biannual e-newsletter for the UPMC Division of Vascular Surgery Residency and Fellowship Program. This publication aims to keep program graduates and friends up to date about program news and accomplishments.

## A Message from the Program Director

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Vascular Pathways*, the UPMC Division of Vascular Surgery Residency and Fellowship Program e-newsletter. We hope you enjoy learning about our recent accomplishments.

To date, 40 vascular surgeons have graduated from our program. Our alumni have gone on to pursue successful careers at UPMC and beyond, advancing the field of vascular surgery through excellence in patient care and research.

We look forward to keeping you informed about the ongoing developments in our program, and to celebrating the accomplishments of our residents, fellows, faculty, and graduates. Please share any news or ideas for topics with Mark Byrne by emailing [byrneme@upmc.edu](mailto:byrneme@upmc.edu).

Sincerely,

**Rabih Chaer, MD**

*Program Director*

## Residency and Fellowship Program Leadership



**Rabih Chaer, MD**

*Program Director*

*Chief of Vascular Surgery at UPMC Presbyterian*

An internationally invited lecturer and extensively published academic surgeon, Dr. Chaer specializes in surgery and vascular disease, with an emphasis on aneurysms, carotid dissection, atherectomies, deep vein thromboses, and limb preservation.



**Ulka Sachdev, MD**

*Associate Program Director*

*Chief of Vascular Surgery at Magee Womens Hospital of UPMC*

Dr. Sachdev was a past recipient of the Wylie Scholar Award from the Foundation for Accelerated Vascular Research and Vascular Cures and also received a grant from the NIH to conduct research in vascular disease treatments. She specializes in the treatment of venous disease.



**Michael J. Singh, MD, FACS, RPVI**

*Associate Program Director*

*Chief of Vascular Surgery at UPMC Shadyside*

Dr. Singh has received patient care and teaching awards throughout his career and was selected one of Pittsburgh's Best Doctors in 2016. He oversees several clinical trials and specializes in complex aortic aneurysms, aortic dissections, thoracic aortic aneurysms, venous insufficiency, arterial venous malformations, congenital venous anomalies, and peripheral arterial occlusive disease.

## Match Results

After considering more than 175 candidates for our residency and fellowship positions, we are thrilled to welcome our two incoming integrated residents, who began with us this June, and our two fellows, who will join us in July 2017!

- **Vivek Pamulapati, MD**, Resident in Vascular Surgery  
Medical School: Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio
- **Amanda Phillips, MD**, Resident in Vascular Surgery  
Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- **Kathryn Fong, MD**, Fellow in Vascular Surgery  
Residency Program: Cleveland Clinic
- **Lindsey Haga, MD**, Fellow in Vascular Surgery  
Residency Program: Pinnacle Health

We also welcome our two newest fellows, who began their work with us this July:

- **Gregory Salzler, MD**, Fellow in Vascular Surgery  
Residency: New York Presbyterian Hospital - Weill Cornell Medical Center
- **Sung Yang, MD**, Fellow in Vascular Surgery  
Residency: University of Cincinnati Medical Center

## Division Accomplishments

- **Rabih Chaer, MD, Steven Leers, MD, Michel Makaroun, MD, and Michael Singh, MD**, were recognized among Pittsburgh's Best Doctors in 2016.
- **Ryan McEnaney, MD**, received the Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Society (VESS) Early Career Research Award for his project on purinergic signaling and arteriogenesis. The award comes with a \$12,500 grant. Dr. McEnaney is also the recipient of the 2016 Wylie Scholar Award, a three-year, \$150,000 grant for research support awarded to a promising vascular surgeon-scientist by the Society of Vascular Surgery Foundation and Vascular Cures. He is the fourth member of UPMC's Division of Vascular Surgery to receive this honor.
- **Bryan Tillman, MD**, was awarded a grant from the Department of Defense for his project "A Rapid, Temporary Distal Perfusion Stent for Hemorrhagic Injuries of the Torso." The grant provides funding of this project for three years and brings more than \$2 million dollars to the University of Pittsburgh.
- **Jason Wagner, MD**, was awarded the 2015 SVS Vascular Surgery Trainee Advocacy Award. The award comes with a \$1,500 grant.
- **Nathan Liang, MD** was awarded the 2016 Institute for Clinical Research Education (ICRE) Outstanding Thesis in Clinical Research. The award was presented on May 31 at the ICRE Commencement Ceremony.

## Activities

The Division celebrated its four most recent graduates — Drs. Raymond Eid, Michael Madigan, Ankur Shukla, and Christopher Washington — on June 24, 2016 at the Carnegie Café in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Shukla will be returning home to Florida, where he will be a vascular surgeon at the Bay Pines VA Hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla., and an Assistant Professor of Vascular Surgery at the University of South Florida. Drs. Eid, Madigan, and Washington will join the faculty in the Division of Vascular Surgery at UPMC in Pittsburgh this August.

Also being honored at the event were Edith Tzeng, MD, who won the Henry T. Bahnson Teacher of the Year Award in Vascular Surgery for 2016, and Catherine Go, MD, who won the David L. Steed Teaching Award in Vascular Surgery for the second straight year.

## Request for Updates

Please email **Mark Byrne** at [byrneme@upmc.edu](mailto:byrneme@upmc.edu) with your current email address and any updates that you might like to share with your colleagues.

We invite your input as we develop this newsletter, as well. *Vascular Pathways* is your publication and we want to highlight all of the great work you continue to do since your residency and fellowship with the UPMC Division of Vascular Surgery, part of the UPMC Heart and Vascular Institute.

