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Yale Surgical Society

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President's Corner

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This has been a busy year for our Society. The Yale Surgical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner was held on Thursday May 16th at the New Haven Country Club. It was well attended by faculty, residents and alumni. The graduating residents and fellows in General Surgery, Plastic Surgery, Vascular Surgery, Urology and Podiatric Surgery were recognized and given their Yale Surgical Society Membership Certificates.

The Samuel Harvey Award was presented that night to **Dr. Grace Chao** and **Dr. Nick Peters**. A plaque and cash award are presented annually to the chief resident in surgery or fellow in a surgical specialty deemed by his or her colleagues to be most outstanding. **Dr. Samuel Kim** and **Dr. Aravind Gowda** received the Deepak Narayan Award named to reflect Past President **Dr. Deepak Narayan's** leadership, multidisciplinary work and clinical skills. The next two awards recognize members of the YSS. **Dr. John Elefteriades** received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his dedication and effort to YSS. **Dr. Jon Lewis** was given the Distinguished Alumni Award, that recognizes a senior member who has made significant contributions to the science of surgery.

On Friday, May 17th, the YSS Grand Rounds were held in the Fitkin Auditorium. The theme was Pathways to Leadership and our distinguished speakers were exemplary. **Dr. Mary H. McGrath** Professor of Surgery Emerita Division of Plastic Surgery University of California San Francisco spoke on "Steps to Leadership," **Frederick L. Greene**, Medical Director, Cancer Data Services, Levine Cancer Institute, Emeritus Chair, Department of Surgery, Carolinas Medical Center Charlotte, NC spoke on "Leadership—Reflections On My Yale Legacy," and **Robert S.D. Higgins** President, Rush University Chief Academic Officer and Senior Vice President Rush University System for Health Chicago, Illinois spoke on "The Role of Innovative Leadership in Times of Challenge." The Grand Rounds was outstanding and well-received by the trainees and staff.

We are currently preparing for next year's YSS Grand Rounds. The theme will be YSS and its Impact on Global Health. Our speakers will be **Dr. Sherry Wren**, Professor of Surgery at Stanford University and current Secretary for the American College of Surgeons, **Dr. Edward "Ted" Higgins** a retired GS from Kansas City, KS and Founder and Chairman of Higgins Brothers Surgicenter for Hope in

Fonds Parisien, Haiti and **Dr. Emily Farkas**, Associate Professor of Surgery, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Associate Director of Global Health in Surgery, Chief of Cardiac Surgery, Indianapolis VAMC. We look forward to seeing you at the YSS Dinner and Grand Rounds in May 2025.

We hope you will consider paying your dues or give donations to YSS, if you have not done so already. YSS is dedicated to preserving the tradition of surgery at Yale—the camaraderie, the sacrifice and the ambition of trainees, faculty, and staff. The tradition is further served by offering stewardship to subsequent generations who are challenged to attain and sustain the best in surgical science, practice, and service. The major expense of YSS is the awarding of prizes recognizing individuals who have been outstanding in their careers—be they residents, practicing surgeons, or faculty. We recognize philanthropic activities, community improvement, service to the underserved as well as service to colleagues, exceptional teaching, and with the Yale Surgical Society Traveling Fellowship provide funding to a promising second year surgical resident for a clinical experience to travel to another academic center to gain outside experience.

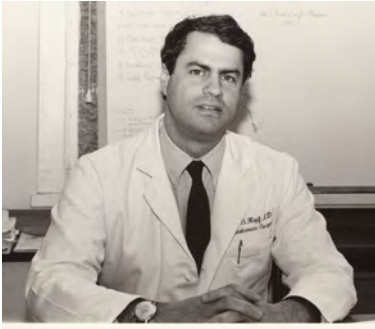
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Gary Kopf, MD: A Continued Role Model For All of Us



The members of the Yale Surgical Society wish to recognize Gary Kopf, M.D. who has interacted with numerous members of our society in various ways throughout their training. Although pediatric cardiothoracic and congenital heart surgery were not always mainstream in our training, we all looked up to Dr. Kopf as a role model and a leader. Dr. Kopf has operated on thousands of babies with congenital heart disease and has over 45 years' experience as a pediatric cardiothoracic surgeon. Dr. Kopf graduated from Columbia College in 1966 majoring in Physics. He received his medical degree from Harvard University cum laude in 1970 and completed an internship in Roosevelt Hospital in 1971. Dr. Kopf spent two years at the National Institute of Health doing research in perinatal physiology from 1971-1973.

He trained in General Surgery at the Brigham and Women's Hospital from 1973-1977. He in addition completed a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery from 1977-1980 at the Brigham and additional training in Pediatric Cardiothoracic Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital.

Dr. Kopf was recruited to Yale in 1980 and became Chief of Pediatric Cardiac Surgery in 1981. In the section of cardiothoracic surgery, he joined the likes of other Yale Cardiac giants such as William Glenn, M.D., Horace Stansel, M.D., Alexander Geha, M.D., and later on, John Eleftheriades, M.D. He, along with an evolving cardiology and radiology staff, began the Congenital Heart program at Yale New Haven Hospital. It was a time when heart surgery both nationally and at Yale was beginning to flourish. Dr. Kopf has been recognized nationally in many organizations such as The American Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the Congenital Heart Surgeons Society and has been honored for many years as America's Top Doctors, New York's Best Doctors and America's Top Surgeons.

Dr. Kopf promoted many pioneering congenital cardiac procedures at Yale and was instrumental in developing the Adult Congenital Heart Program in New Haven. He authored and co-authored many papers in both congenital and adult cardiac surgery. One that always stands out is "Extremely Long-Term Follow-Up of Dr William Glenn's Original Patient Cohort With Superior Cavopulmonary Anastomosis (1958-1990)" published in the World Journal of Congenital Heart Surgery in 2024.

Dr. Kopf has also maintained an interest in biomedical ethics and is a member of the Adult and Pediatric Ethics Committees at Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Technology and Ethics Working Group, and the End-of-life Issues Study group at the Yale Bioethics Center. Dr. Kopf has remained academically very productive and a superb educator. He has seen it all, performing operations on neonates with a limited chance of survival (and succeeding) to the placement of biological prostheses implanted into babies. Dr. Kopf has and always been resilient and a fighter, not letting difficult situations bring him down professionally and personally. His quiet and non-assuming dedication to Yale Surgery is second to none. He is a truly warm, kind and compassionate individual.

Yale Surgery Residents Featured in the Yale Daily News

The Yale Daily News is one of the oldest college daily newspapers in the county. In September 2024, Michelle So, a contributing reporter for the independent student newsletter spoke to three Yale surgery residents, **Andrew Esposito, MD, MHS**, **Joshua Sznol, MD, MSPH**, and **Alexander Kim, MD**. The three commented on the realities of one of the most challenging professions and the emotional and physical fatigue that comes with answering the call to become a surgeon. They remarked on how their lives in and out of the operating room are far different from the lives of the surgeons portrayed in the Emmy Award-winning television show Grey's Anatomy. Dr. Esposito cited the Yale Surgery residency's emphasis on teamwork and human connection (and coffee, Dr. Sznol added) to empower them to improve the lives of others in meaningful ways. Dr. Kim noted that no two days are the same as a Yale surgery resident and training to become a surgeon has been the perfect career choice for him. Another Emmy Award-winning show Scrubs was endorsed by Drs. Esposito and Sznol as doing (at least some) justice to depicting the lives of surgery residents.

Divisional Spotlight: General Surgery, Trauma, and Surgical Critical Care

by *Melanie Sion, MD*



Yale New Haven Health (York St/SRC)

The Division of Trauma, General Surgery, and Surgical Critical Care has seen steady and significant growth over the last 20 years. Dr. Kimberly Davis was recruited to define a new era and structure a strategic way forward for the division. At that time the division

maintained 5 partners at the York Street campus who comprised the group. What was once a vision for the surgical division caring for the broad spectrum of trauma, acute general surgery and critically ill surgical patients at Yale nearly 20 years ago has since materialized and subsequently grown even greater. With years of commitment to excellence, expansion in all directions, and consistent growth, the division has grown to over 30 partners across the Delivery Network facilities of Bridgeport Hospital, Greenwich Hospital and Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. Not only has the Division provided leadership in Connecticut, many have gone on to hold significant national roles within the specialty.

At the beginning of Dr. Davis' tenure in 2006, the division initially had a focus on growing trauma surgery volume and acute care surgery coverage at the York Street campus. Over the years, the scope of the division expanded clinically, in education, and academically. The division oversaw the expansion of surgical ICU beds, began to provide coverage of the Saint Raphael's campus SICU, and continued to support the VA SICU. As capabilities in neurocritical care, CT surgery, and Interventional Radiology have expanded, the division has evolved alongside these departments and have integrated care models to collaboratively provide exceptional care to the most critically ill patients.

In education, we have graduated approximately 60 fellows between Surgical Critical Care and Acute Care Surgery who have gone on to have successful careers. We saw the successful designation as an Acute Care Fellowship by the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma in 2013. The first few fellows for the section in 2006 and 2007 were **Dr. Linda Maerz**, **Dr. Ayodele Sangosanya**, and **Dr. Dirk Johnson** who have become senior leaders for our hospital system and are pillars in our division. Many surgical residents from the Yale program have also gone onto successful careers in Acute Care Surgery.



Bridgeport Faculty

The effort to standardize care, improve quality, and streamline specialized care has led Yale to expand and include the several Delivery Network facilities. The section has been poised to facilitate exceptional trauma care, surgical critical care as well as burn care for and between facilities.

Currently, the division has a total of 15 surgeons at the York Street and Saint Raphael's campuses, 9 surgeons at Bridgeport (including 4 colleagues from Northeast Medical Group), 5 surgeons at Lawrence and Memorial, and 5 surgeons at Greenwich, each with an exceptional Delivery Network section head.



Lawrence + Memorial Faculty

Perspectives From The Division:

"It has been incredible to see the growth of the division over the last 18 years. To go from 5 doctors to 31 doctors across 5 hospitals speaks to the amazing development, productivity and stability of the group, and to the camaraderie that holds us together." ~**Felix Lui, MD**

"We have transitioned from being a New Haven hospital to covering the length of the CT coastline." ~**Bishwajit Bhattacharya, MD**

"We continue to have the same camaraderie even in the context of our marked growth in numbers, coverage areas, and within the health system." ~**Dirk Johnson, MD**

"We have experienced exponential growth in the division that has seen us spread across southern Connecticut as we deliver consistent and unified care to Connecticut patients while maintaining a close knit group." ~**Kevin Schuster, MD**

"Over the course of nearly two decades, our Division has grown not only in number, but in breadth and depth, with our footprint now spanning Connecticut. It is our greatest privilege to care for the sickest of the sick, many without advocates or resources to care for themselves. In so doing, we have grown together and have supported each other, through times of achievement and times of challenge. One of our greatest accomplishments has been to train dozens of surgical critical care and acute care surgery fellows. Some have continued their careers as our partners, and others have gone on to leadership positions across the country. This has enabled us to establish a legacy of commitment to our patients and to each other, ensuring that our shared philosophy and values will survive long after we are gone." ~**Linda Maerz, MD**

"The section has grown tremendously during the past 15 years under the leadership of Dr. Kimberly Davis now providing care to patients along the entire CT shoreline." ~**Adrian Maung, MD**



Greenwich Faculty

New Faculty Spotlights

Sara I. Pai, MD PhD, Professor of Surgery (Otolaryngology)

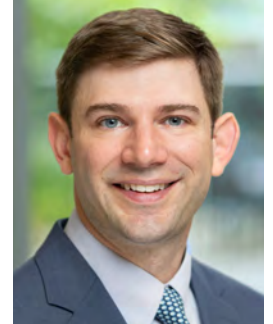


Sara Pai, MD PhD has joined the Department of Surgery as a Professor in the Division of Otolaryngology. Dr. Pai is an NIH-funded surgeon-scientist who is the principal investigator of several cancer immunotherapy clinical trials. The research mission of the Pai Lab is to rapidly translate innovative, biomarker driven immunotherapies

that have the potential to improve treatment outcomes for patients with head and neck cancer. The Pai Lab has made substantial contributions to understanding how human papillomavirus (HPV) evades the immune system.

Dr. Pai graduated Summa Cum Laude from Dartmouth College with a major in biochemistry and molecular biology. She completed the MD/PhD program at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Pai obtained her PhD in Cancer Immunology and Vaccines. She completed her residency in Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Johns Hopkins and was on faculty there from 2007-2014. Before coming to Yale, Dr. Pai was an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. Dr. Pai has authored over 120 publications and is a Senior Editor of Cancer Research. She also serves as co-Chair of the NIDCR Advancing Head and Neck Cancer Early Detection Research (AHEAD) network, Director of a Head and Neck Cancer Program Project Grant, Chair of the Head and Neck Disease Team for the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, and Chair of the Quality Committee for the Society of Immunotherapy of Cancer.

Benjamin Resio, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery (Thoracic)



Former graduate of the Yale General Surgical Residency Program, **Benjamin Resio, MD** has joined the Yale Surgical faculty as an Assistant Professor of Surgery (Thoracic). Dr. Resio cares for patients as part of the Center for Thoracic Cancers at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center in New Haven.

He received his medical degree with honors from Dartmouth Medical School and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He completed his general surgery residency at Yale School of Medicine in 2022 and went on to complete a fellowship in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

During Dr. Resio's training, he spent two years pursuing research in thoracic surgical oncology under the mentorship of Dr. Daniel Boffa. He has received awards related to excellence in clinical care and research, including the Intensive Care Unit resident of the year, the Stanley Dudrick Award for outstanding graduating chief at Bridgeport Hospital, and best clinical paper at the annual meeting of the Association of Veterans Affairs Surgeons.

Dr. Resio is interested in thoracic surgical oncology, multidisciplinary care of lung and esophageal cancer, minimally invasive and robotic surgery, and is committed to improving the lives of patients through research and innovation. He and his wife, Trish, are proud parents of Masie and Leo and spend their free time at swimming, gymnastics and chasing after the kids.

Siba Haykal, MD PhD, Associate Professor of Surgery (Plastics)



Siba Haykal, MD PhD is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Section Chief of Reconstructive Oncology at Yale in the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery. She grew up in Ottawa Ontario Canada and obtained her MD from the University of Ottawa in 2007. She pursued plastic & reconstructive surgery residency at the University of Toronto. During her residency, she pursued a PhD in Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine. She then pursued a microsurgery fellowship at the Albany Medical Centre prior to being hired as an attending in Albany and recruited to the University Health Network and Toronto General Hospital.

Dr. Haykal joined Yale in March of 2024. Her practice focuses on complex oncology and microsurgical reconstruction. This includes breast, trunk, head and neck, abdominal wall and lower extremity. She also has a interest in supermicrosurgery with a focus on surgical techniques for the treatment of lymphedema.

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Transitions: David Mulligan, MD

David Mulligan, MD was recruited to Yale by **Dr. Udelsman** with a search committee led by Dr. Davis in 2013. Together with the existing transplant team, they focused on collaboration, patient centered care and building a strategic plan for the program. Over the nine year period as Chief, they were able to increase the living donor transplant volumes and quality for liver and kidney, create a Transplant Research Unit with contributions from multiple medical, surgical and basic science immunobiologists which grew to be led by **Greg Tietjen PhD**, awarded with a R01 grant and \$5M biopharma grant in organ perfusion science as well as multiple internal grants and awards for our faculty. With the help of **Dr. Haakinson**, he was able to establish the third in the US and first in New England robotic kidney transplant program performing 25 cases for obese recipients before her departure to Michigan. They made collaborative research projects with Cambridge and Padova in organ perfusion projects.



The energy of transplant surgery at Yale attracted four Yale residents to seek successful careers in abdominal transplant surgery (**Thiessen, Munoz, Merola, and Harris**) and others who were more focused by our colleagues above the diaphragm.

During this period, David also shaped the national and international landscapes of solid organ transplantation by serving as Chair of several committees and as Councilor for the American Society of Transplant Surgeons and currently serves on their Foundation Board of Directors. He served 3 years as the only surgical representative on the Governing Board for the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases and drafted the white papers for both of these organizations in the assessment and management of COVID-19 for patients with organ diseases and transplant recipients. David was also elected President of both UNOS and OPTN and served during the pandemic years making sure organ donation could continue and grow while the nation was plagued with a brutal virus. He also drove the changes to allow for broader sharing of livers and other organs so that organs to get to the people in need more equitably instead of being sequestered by local regions with more potential donors.

As he stepped down from the leadership of the transplant surgery division at Yale, he extended his outreach to other programs and OPOs across the nation to help them reassess and redesign after the pandemic. He still works as a consultant with CHORUS for international assistance in improving deceased donor organizations. He also was appointed by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to lead the ACOT advisory committee in improving the transplant contracts for NOTA.

Currently, David is retiring from Yale to build kidney and liver transplantation in Northern Nevada for a population of patients who only have options out of state for care in Northern California and Utah. He has been helping a developing team at Renown Health achieve this goal and will teach at UNR Medical School. He will also perform living donor liver transplants with his good friend Ryutaro Hirose as an Adjunct Professor of Surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle on a per diem basis a few times every couple months.

He is grateful to all the wonderful people he's had the pleasure to work with and share in patient care as collaborative research. He's very proud of all the junior faculty and trainees he has grown alongside of and watch them succeed. He wishes the transplant team at Yale all the best as they transform to reach new heights in the future.

Save
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Date

Yale Surgical Society Events:

Thursday, May 15, 2025:

- ❖ **Yale Surgical Society Annual Dinner**, New Haven Country Club
(Formal invitation to follow)

Friday, May 16, 2025:

- ❖ **YSS Grand Rounds - International Surgery Program**
 - Sherry Wren, MD, HS'89
 - Edward "Ted" Higgins, MD, HS'84
 - Emily Farkas, MD, HS'07

The 1980s: The Beginnings of Effective Change



*William F. Collins, Jr., MD,
Chairman Department of
Surgery, 1984-1993*

As medicine and surgery moved from the 1970's to the next decade, so did patient outcomes, organization of surgical departments and community practices and surgical training. The world was becoming more technology based, wealth was accumulating, and traditional values were challenged. The continued advances in perioperative assessment, diagnostic imaging, surgical procedures and critical care were impacting what we did as surgeons. In the background and forging its way to the front were issues such as health care economics, the medical legal environment, and personal health. Furthermore, as parts of the country and cities were becoming more attractive, individuals were willing to relocate to a geographically different environment where they thought they would never go. Each clinical environment had its own advantages and there was less negatives as to where you chose to work. It was becoming more evident that how you spent your time outside the hospital was crucial as sustaining a healthy relationship with your partner, not being an unknown to your children, and managing your finances responsibility could directly affect and impact your profession. Finally, a new way to operate for those who trained in or were performing general surgery, referred to as minimally invasive, laparoscopic or minimal access surgery was rapidly coming into vogue.

Surgical education was beginning a dramatic change. Challenges in recruitment of housestaff, case log documentation, evaluations, criteria for advancement (and remediation or dismissal were vague and not uniform). The ACGME came into existence in 1981. It had many goals and objectives, and one was to develop a unified approach and specific guidelines for resident education. They were successful on many fronts. It led to taking on issues of diversity, extent of training, warning, probation and closing of programs, guidelines for faculty and educators, and financial needs of programs. Much later, program expansion across one's health system, new programs, working with various other specialties, keeping the peace between residencies and fellowships and identifying faculty who dedicated their career to surgical education came into play. From this, duty hour rules and wellness came into existence.

At Yale, the Department of Surgery was organized into distinct Sections to fulfill the clinical and educational needs. This included Cardiothoracic, General Surgery, Gross Anatomy, Orthopedics, Otolaryngology, Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Surgery and Urology. As the next decade came, General Surgery was reorganized into five separate Divisions, Gastrointestinal Surgery, Trauma, Transplant, Surgical Oncology and Vascular Surgery. A Division of General Surgery existed for a short time. Once Emergency Medicine became a recognized specialty and, with its own board, they were a section of the Department of Surgery until they became their own Department. Gross Anatomy broke off and became part of Cell Biology. Surgical Subspecialties expanded with recruitment of individuals with specialty expertise and creation of sections within the parent specialty such as Urologic Oncology in Urology, Epilepsy Surgery in Neurosurgery, Melanoma in Plastic Surgery and Head and Neck Cancer in Otolaryngology.

As specialization evolved, fellowship training did as well. Fellowships following General Surgery were predominantly in Cardiothoracic and Plastic Surgery. Vascular and Trauma Fellowships were coming into vogue at the end of the decade. The American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery had been in existence since the 1930s, but very few pursued fellowship training until the 1990's. Still, most graduating residents in General Surgery practiced General Surgery which eventually rapidly diminished in the 2000's. Research initiatives among surgical trainees came into the spotlight in the 1980's, probably as a combination of advances in science such as molecular biology and immunology, as well as Department leaders who began to recruit such faculty members who could obtain extramural funding for their efforts. Veterans Administration Medical Centers became breeding grounds for these interests. Residents were encouraged and some did take additional years of training employing basic science research lab time.

The 1980's were pivotal to many of the efforts we see today at Yale. It has continued many fronts and has improved with age. It changed and redirected individuals in planning their careers, and how they practiced. Some began to take extra "weekend training" to learn new techniques and gain scientific knowledge and administrative skills. We are grateful to our leadership, past and present for these strides and milestones. We are also eternally grateful to the many faculty, residents and administrative staff within the Department of Surgery and Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Veterans Administration Medical Center for their tireless efforts in promoting excellence.

Alumni Updates



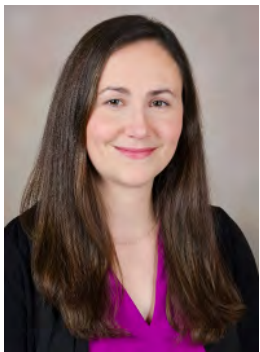
Joseph Shin, MD, HS '94 '97 is Professor of Surgery at Geisel School of Medicine, Dartmouth University. Dr. Shin graduated from the University of Alabama, Birmingham in 1988. This was followed by general surgery training at Yale University in 1994. He completed his Plastic Surgery fellowship at Yale New Haven Hospital in 1997 and then a one year fellowship in Craniofacial Surgery at Miami Children's Hospital in 1998. After an initial faculty position at Yale in Plastic Surgery, Dr. Shin had a faculty position at Baystate Medical Center in Massachusetts followed by Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. In 2015, Dr. Shin was recruited to Dartmouth Medical Center where he is Chief of Plastic Surgery and Medical Director of the Comprehensive Wound Center. He is also the Program Director of the Plastic Surgery Fellowship Training Program. Dr. Shin cares for all aspects of adult and pediatric plastic surgery and his areas of clinical focus are Pediatric Plastic Surgery, Craniofacial Surgery, Aesthetic and Cosmetic Surgery and Breast Surgery.

Michael Tom, MD, HS '83 was a graduate of the Yale School of Medicine in 1983. This was followed by a Transitional year at YNHH and then surgical residency from 1983-1984 also at Yale. He next matriculated into the otolaryngology residency at USC-Keck School of Medicine from 1985-1988. He has an academic appointment at Mount Sinai Medical Center and practices in Yonkers, New York. He specializes in all aspects of both adult and pediatric ENT with an emphasis on Ear Diseases, Hearing, Sinus and throat dysfunction. He is certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology. Dr. Tom exemplifies a lifelong commitment to giving back to the university through engagement both on and off campus.

He has been involved with the School of Medicine Alumni Fund and became chair of the School of Medicine Alumni Fund from 2006-2016. When he was elected chair of the university's Yale Alumni Fund Board in 2018, he was the first alumnus with a medical degree to hold the position, which saw the Alumni Fund raise \$88.851 million. During Tom's leadership, the Alumni Fund also improved its collaboration and general volunteer representation from the graduate and professional schools. In addition to his work with the Alumni Fund, Tom served as a reunion gift chair for his medical school class's last four reunions. He also oversaw two working groups focused on campaign readiness prior to the launch of the for Humanity campaign. His thoughtful and informed leadership has yielded innovations and results that help advance Yale's mission. He was recently awarded the Yale Medal in recognition of his efforts.



Stephanie G. Wood, MD, HS '16 was born and raised on the South coast of Newfoundland, which is an island province of Canada. She completed her undergrad at Memorial University of Newfoundland and then received her Medical Degree in 2008 from the University College Cork in Ireland. She completed her General Surgery Residency training at Yale in 2016 which included a Masters in Health Science from Yale. This was followed by a fellowship in Advanced Foregut and Bariatric MIS Surgery at the University of California San Francisco from 2016-2017. She was recruited to Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) as an academic MIS foregut and bariatric surgeon in the Department of Surgery in 2017. She became the Director of the Esophageal Cancer Program in 2020 and has performed over 300 minimally invasive esophagectomies. This year, she was successfully promoted to Associate Professor of Surgery, a very substantial accomplishment. Stephanie continues to balance the responsibilities of a large and complex clinical practice including robotic techniques, with substantial academic activity and a commitment to surgical education. She is also on the Editorial Board of Surgical Laparoscopy Endoscopy and Percutaneous Techniques (SLEPT) and a reviewer for prestigious surgical journals. She is an active member of a number of surgical organizations. As of 2023, she became the Co-Program Director of the Advanced GI/Minimally Invasive Surgery fellowship program at OHSU. On a personal note, she is happily married with two boys (3 and 6 years old) and enjoys living in the Pacific Northwest.



Alumni Updates (continued)



Suraj Alva, MD, HS '05 completed his general surgery residency at Yale University in 2005. He was very academically productive during his training. He next completed his fellowship in Colon and Rectal Surgery at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey- Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. Dr. Alva is board certified in both general surgery and colon and rectal surgery and has worked at several medical centers in New Jersey including JFK Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Morristown Medical Center, and Overlook Medical Center. Recently, Dr. Alva was given the prestige of being appointed the Program Director of the Colon and Rectal Surgery Fellowship at Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in Summit New Jersey.

James Healy, MD, HS '16 received his medical degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He next completed his surgical training at the Yale University-Yale New Haven Hospital General Surgery residency in 2016. This was followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at the Connecticut Children's Hospital, University of Connecticut. He is currently Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. Dr. Healy's clinical interests include bariatric surgery, neonatal surgery, congenital malformations and minimally invasive surgery. He is active in the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and remains a dedicated surgical educator. Dr. Healy and his wife reside in Cromwell, Connecticut with their two children.



New England Surgical Society



From left to right: Pawan Mathew, MD, Pathik Aravind, MBBS, Kurt Schultz, MD, Zane Hellmann, MD, Alexander Kim, MD, Leanne Brown, MD, Lindsey Brown, PA-C (missing, David Su, MD)

The New England Surgical Society celebrated its 105th Annual Meeting in Burlington, Vermont from September 20-22, 2024. NESS has held an important place in the history of Yale Surgery. Six papers were presented by Yale surgery residents (pictured left). Yale Surgery alumni, **Muriel Cleary, MD, MHS** and **Mark Maxfield, MD**, were co-authors on four papers. **Kurt Schultz, MD** won first place in the Clinical Research category at the NESS Resident and Fellows Research Day for his work with **Ira Leeds, MD ScM MBA**. **Zane Hellmann, MD** won the John P. Welch Award, given to the resident who presents the most original paper that offers the greatest potential to improve patient care, for his work with **Maija Cheung, MD, HS '20**, "Overcoming Political Upheaval to Deliver Pediatric Surgical Care in Afghanistan: A Prospective Analysis of 1000 Cases." Dr. Cheung also received the Nathan Smith Distinguished Service Award for her ongoing contributions to strengthening healthcare systems around the world.

Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons

At the 2024 Annual Meeting, **Safraz Hamid, MD** won first place in Bariatrics for his paper titled, "Analysis of Online Crowdfunding Prevalence, Motives, and Success Factors Among Patients Pursuing Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in the United States." **Pawan Mathew, MD** won first place in Trauma for his paper titled, "Cellular Telephone Activity as a Predictor of Trauma Patient Volume in New England: A Study From the Research Consortium of New England Centers for Trauma (ReCONNECT)." **Sam Butensky, MD** and **Emily June Zolfaghari, MD MS** also presented their work in Oncology and Thoracic Surgery, respectively. The featured paper at the meeting's "Surgical Quality Lecture" was a *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* paper, co-authored by **Walter Longo, MD, MBA**, titled "Revisiting the Pearls That Epitomize the Principles of Surgery."



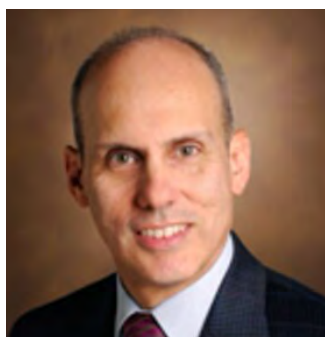
From left to right: Safraz Hamid, MD, Pawan Mathew MD

Faculty in the News



Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA has been elected President-Elect of The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma for 2024-2025. The AAST has a storied history, dating back to its founding in 1937 when it was conceived during meetings of the Western Surgical Association (WEST) and Souther Surgical Association. The *Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery* is sponsored by the AAST. Dr. Davis is a Professor of Surgery, the Chief of the Division of General Surgery, Trauma, and Surgical Critical Care, and the Trauma Medical Director for Yale-New Haven Hospital. Dr. Davis is Past President of the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma (EAST).

Paris Butler, MD, MPH has been appointed the new Vice Chair of Education and Inclusive Excellence. He succeeds **Mehra Golshan, MD, MBA**, Professor of Surgery (Oncology, Breast), who served as Interim Vice Chair of Education for over two years. Dr. Butler will steward the department's residency, fellowship, and clerkship programs. In this dual role, he will also build upon his previous work as Vice Chair of DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion). Dr. Butler is an Associate Professor of Surgery (Plastic) who was recruited to Yale in 2022 after serving for six years on the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania.



Raul Guzman, MD was the 2024 recipient of the Walter E. Longo MD Citizenship Award. The Yale Surgery Citizen Awards committee selects one faculty member each year in recognition of their contributions to the Department of Surgery. Past recipients include **Benjamin Judson, MD, MBA**, **Ronnie Rosenthal, MD**, **Ronald Salem, MD**, and **Nina Horowitz, MD**. Dr. Guzman is the Donald Guthrie Professor of Vascular Surgery, Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy, and the Surgeon-in-Chief of the Vascular Surgery, Heart, and Vascular Center for the Yale New Haven Health System.

Marc Pelletier, MD, MSc has been appointed the Division Chief of Cardiac Surgery for the Department of Surgery, Section Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Yale New Haven Hospital, and Physician-in-Chief of Cardiac Surgery for the Heart and Vascular Center of the Yale New Haven Health System. Dr. Pelletier was the Chief of Cardiac Surgery and Director of the Heart Surgery Center at University Hospitals Harrington Heart & Vascular Institute. He was also a Professor at Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Pelletier graduated from surgical residency at McGill University and completed advanced cardiothoracic transplantation and ventricular assist devices training at Stanford University. He is the lead principal investigator on several industry-led clinical trials and has authored over 130 peer-reviewed publications. His clinical interests include trans aortic valve replacement surgery (TAVR), minimally invasive mitral valve and coronary artery bypass surgery using arterial grafts as well as aortic and heart failure procedures.



YSS Announces Candidate Membership!

The Yale Surgical Society has developed criteria for trainees in Surgery, Surgical Subspecialties and Foot and Ankle Surgery to be candidate members in the YSS. This position is open to fellows and senior residents in good standing in their last two years of training. They are to be proposed by their program director with an updated CV. They will be expected to participate in YSS activities such as the biannual Newsletter, the membership directory, Yale Surgical Society Grand Rounds and reunion activities.

From the Desk of the Junior Administrative Chief Resident

by Elizabeth L. Godfrey, MD

As the administrative chief lab resident this year, I have been privileged to play a role in inducting new junior residents – our largest PGY-1 and 2 classes yet! – into the Yale Surgery culture and community. To better represent our large and thriving community, this year we are inaugurating an annual Fall Junior Administrative Chief Resident update to share our junior residents' accomplishments and milestones.

Our junior residents have earned multiple YNHH accolades this year as they represent Yale Surgery excellence. **Bryan Ho** received the ED Consultant of the Month award in June. **Jayson Esdaille** won the Helping Hand Award for 2023-2024 and was elected as a Recruitment Chair for the Yale Minority House Staff Organization. Finally, **Angel Flores-Huidobro** was selected as the recipient of a RAVE award for outstanding patient care and professionalism.



Yale Surgery dominated the conference circuit this year. At Connecticut ACS, **Pawan Mathew** won the first place John MacArthur award for best clinical presentation in trauma, while **Safraz Hamid** won first place in bariatrics and second place in oncology. **Jayson Esdaille** was selected for a podium presentation at the Society of Black American Surgeons on Incidence, Trends and Outcomes of Same Day Discharge after Bariatric Surgery. **Shahyan Rehman** was selected as an ACS H.O.P.E. Scholar. **Angel Flores-Huidobro** presented his work last year at ACS and is also proud to report the publication of several articles including the first global census of pediatric liver transplant centers. Finally, **Zane Hellmann** won the Rosenkrantz Award at the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Section on Surgery for Best Clinical Presentation.

Congratulations are in order for numerous other honors: **Shahyan Rehman** was awarded the Frederick A. Collier Surgical Society Research Fellowship. **Claire Morton** is spending her research time in Boston supported by not one, but two fellowships, the MERITAS fellowship supporting her work in geriatrics and surgery at the BWH Center for Surgery and Public Health, and the Grossman Fellowship, through which she is obtaining a Master in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. The **Yale Peritoneal Surface Malignancy Consortium** resident team is pleased to report their slate of guidelines have been endorsed by the Society for Surgical Oncology in September. Finally, I was awarded both the NIH Loan Repayment Program award, and the Bucksbaum Institute Pilot Award (with **Dr. Kiran Turaga**) to support my work on decision aids for cytoreductive surgery.

Outside of work, our juniors have been demonstrating their mastery of work-life integration by investing in their families, with new marriages, homes, pets, and one special new arrival who is already near and dear to our hearts. **Sam Butensky** and his wife Leah welcomed Adeline Claire Butensky on July 10th, 2024. We have all fallen in love with her habit of grimacing sternly at every visitor, although she is starting to sprinkle a few smiles into her repertoire. Many other families have been putting down roots: **Giorgio Caturegli** and Dr. Sarah Householder, who met as undergraduates at Yale, were married September 29th at Harkness State Memorial Park, and then traveled to Italy for a ceremony the following week at Santa Maria Ausiliatrice in Marina di Pisa. **Angel Flores-Huidobro** and his partner, Paula Rios, got engaged this past year and will be married in March. Finally, **Rachel Scheub** and her husband Alex Bellas were married shortly before starting intern year. Rachel and Alex also have adopted a dog, and purchased a home.

Kurt Schultz, his wife, Dr. Ailish Hanly, and their daughter, Adriana have also embarked on homeownership in Derby. Not long after settling in, they visited Adriana's great-grandmother in Ireland. Upon their return to the states, they were required to report to US Customs that Adriana consumed approximately one ton of mashed potatoes. **Shahyan Rehman** and his wife, Dr. Vanessa Cedarbaum, are new homeowners (and neighbors of mine) in Westville. They also adopted a gray kitten named Billy, and are not the only people who have added pets to the Yale Surgery family. I have found myself with a talkative black cat named Hannah who joins my work-from-home Zoom calls, **Madeline D'Aquila** reports she has adopted a second dog named Chicken, who loves her Halloween costume, and **Lauren Raymond** has adopted puppy Cascade, "Cas" for short, who I am obligated to report is adorable.

A few personal triumphs: **Zane Hellmann** continues his art and craft of film photography and had a photo selected for the Connecticut IMAGES photography competition, the oldest in the state; **Holly Blackburn** competed in the IRONMAN World Championship in Nice, France in September; and the rest of us are wondering how they find time to not just have hobbies, but be champions!

Health System Updates: Digestive Health Service Line

by Joseph Mendes, MS, RRT, PA-C



In 2019, Yale New Haven Health and Yale School of Medicine leaders kicked off the Digestive Health Service Line. The service line combined Gastroenterology, Colon and Rectal Surgery, and Bariatric/MIS surgery under one roof. Under the leadership of **Drs. Vikram Reddy, John Morton, and Loren Laine**, the service line has expanded to 16 clinical sites and 12 endoscopy locations across Connecticut, New York, and Rhode Island. In 2023, the service line opened its flagship Digestive Health Center in North Haven, Connecticut. The 12,000 square foot Digestive Health Center hosts numerous programs, including 15 state-of-the-art exam rooms, three infusion chairs, two telehealth rooms, and five consult rooms for psychology, exercise physiology, and nutrition. The North Haven location has uniquely positioned itself for clinical research and offers an onsite biorepository with a specimen prep room.

Yale New Haven Health's Digestive Health service line is a leading provider of comprehensive care for patients, with celebrated rankings in US World News Report, Newsweek, and Castle Connolly. The service line offers advanced treatments and innovative approaches to digestive health, leveraging cutting-edge research, advanced technology, and a team of world-renowned specialists to deliver exceptional care for a wide range of GI disorders.

Digestive Health's distinguishing feature is its multidisciplinary approach to patient care. The team comprises highly trained gastroenterologists, hepatologists, surgeons, radiologists, pathologists, psychologists, and dietitians who collaborate to develop personalized treatment plans for each patient. This collaborative model ensures that patients receive a holistic and integrated approach to their digestive health, addressing their immediate symptoms and the underlying causes of their conditions.

In line with this holistic approach, Digestive Health was excited to announce the opening of the new **Irving and Alice Brown Teaching Kitchen**, "a first" for the health system and the school of medicine. The Teaching Kitchen held its first class in the summer of 2023 and offers in-person culinary medicine classes to patients, their families, learners, students, clinicians, community members, and staff. The Teaching Kitchen is designed to help patients manage their digestive conditions through culinary medicine. Culinary medicine is an interprofessional, evidence-based field focusing on how food and cooking can help prevent and manage chronic health conditions such as obesity, diverticulitis, and inflammatory bowel disease.

This state-of-the-art teaching kitchen, funded by philanthropy and opened as part of the comprehensive wellness initiative, offers hands-on, in-person cooking classes led by registered dietitians and culinary experts. **Nate Wood, MD, MHS**, is the inaugural Physician Director of Culinary Medicine at Yale New Haven Health's Teaching Kitchen, and **Max Goldstein, MS, RDN, CCMS**, is the Lead Dietitian Chef, overseeing all operations and patient-facing education in the kitchen.

This innovative addition to our service line emphasizes the critical role of diet in managing conditions like IBD, GERD, and liver disease, empowering patients to take control of their health through practical, everyday choices. Patients and their families learn how to prepare nutritious meals tailored to their digestive health needs. It is an opportunity to get hands-on learning that supports what they've discussed with their healthcare providers. Food as medicine is a critical initiative and an essential part of our medical future.

The Teaching Kitchen also reflects Yale's commitment to preventive care. By educating patients and clinicians about how certain foods can impact digestive health, the program teaches participants how to make evidence-based dietary choices to prevent flare-ups, reduce symptoms, and improve overall well-being. This education and lifestyle change focus complements the Yale Digestive Health service line's medical and surgical treatments, providing a well-rounded approach to patient care. The Teaching Kitchen is open to all Yale New Haven Health patients. Patients are referred to the Teaching Kitchen by their providers; participation is free.

The Teaching Kitchen will further improve our trainee education and enhance their experience in nutrition and culinary medicine. Seven Yale Surgery residents (pictured bottom right) visited the Teaching Kitchen and took a class Dr. Wood and Chef Goldstein taught. We plan to fully introduce food as medicine education into all resident and fellow training curriculum.

With a team of dedicated specialists, access to the latest technologies and treatments, a commitment to research and education, and our new Teaching Kitchen, Digestive Health sets the standard for excellence in digestive care. Whether managing a routine condition or addressing a complex disease, our program ensures that patients receive the best possible outcomes.

If you would like to learn more about Digestive Health or our Teaching Kitchen, please contact: Joseph Mendes, PA-C, Executive Director, Digestive Health, joseph.mendes@yale.edu

Click on the following link to watch a video about the Teaching Kitchen: <https://vimeo.com/874925752/080660c34b>



From left to right: Nate Wood, MD, MHS, Lauren Raymond, MD, Elizabeth Godfrey, MD, Kurt Schultz, MD, Samantha Linhares, MD, Samuel Butensky, MD, Bryan Ho, MD, Zane Hellmann, MD, Max Goldstein, MS, RDN, CCMS

Where Are They Now?



Barbara K. Kinder, MD, HS '77 was born in Washington, D.C. She attended Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts and majored in biochemistry. It was during this time that she decided to become a physician. She matriculated into Yale School of Medicine. At that time, she was only one of eight women among the medical school class of 100. While scrubbing with Dr. Thomas Krizek, Chief of Plastic Surgery during her surgery clerkship, and after much thought and conversations, she chose Surgery for residency training. She remained at Yale for her postgraduate training. Dr. Kinder was recruited to the Yale faculty in surgery where she remained for her entire career. She rose to Professor of Surgery and served as the Chief of the surgical service at the West Haven VA Medical Center. Throughout her career she continued her interest in Endocrine Surgery, both clinically and in the basic science laboratory, developing and maintaining a relationship with Yale's internationally known cell biologists. Her area of interest was calcium and parathyroid hormone secretion. She was one of the founding members of the Association of Endocrine Surgeons and became their first woman president. Dr. Kinder married the late Dr. Elton Cahow, a renowned pancreaticobiliary surgeon. They had a daughter Caitlin, a two time Olympic hockey medalist. She later married Joseph Adams, an architect, and they split their time with homes in Maine and the Florida Keys. Dr. Kinder was an extremely competent surgeon, a great academician, a fabulous teacher and mentor, and both a great friend that was loved by all.

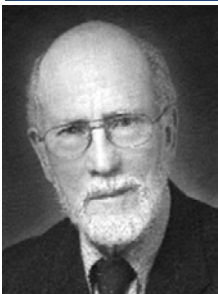
Beethoven Brown, MD, HS '85 graduated from Yale University School of Medicine in 1980. He completed his General Surgery Residency at Yale New Haven Hospital in 1985, after his internship year at Beth Israel Medical Center in Boston. He then went on to complete fellowship training in Cardiothoracic Surgery at Jackson Memorial Hospital at the University of Miami in Miami, Florida and additional fellowship training in Surgical Critical Care at Beth Israel Medical Center. Dr. Brown currently is an attending in Cardiothoracic Surgery and Vascular Surgery at Faith Regional Medical Center in Norfolk, Nebraska.



Duke Cameron, MD, HS '84 '86 is a cardiothoracic surgeon in Baltimore, MD. He is a Professor of Surgery at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Cameron is world-renowned for his expertise in the surgical repair of the aorta. He is internationally recognized for his contributions to cardiac surgery, particularly aortic surgery for Marfan syndrome, Loeys-Dietz syndrome and other connective tissue disorders. He also specializes in mitral valve repair and adult congenital heart disease. His multiple academic contributions span the breadth of pediatric and adult cardiac surgery. Duke has many awards, notably the Marfan Foundation 2022, Karen Murray Inspiration of Excellence Award, and the 2010 Hero with a Heart Award. Dr. Cameron is a graduate of Harvard College and Yale Medical School. He completed his general surgery training at Yale-New Haven Hospital and his cardiothoracic fellowship training at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. After his training, he remained on the faculty at Johns Hopkins. Dr. Cameron most recently served on staff at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning to Johns Hopkins. Duke has a daughter Danielle Cameron, M.D. who trained in general surgery at Yale and Massachusetts General Hospital followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Surgery at Boston Children's Hospital and is on faculty at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Pediatric Surgery.



In Memoriam: Donald P. Shedd, MD (1922-2024)



Donald P. Shedd, MD, HS '53 died peacefully at his home at age 101 after a long-distinguished career as a surgeon, researcher, and teacher. He was born on August 4, 1922 in New Haven, Connecticut. Shedd earned his bachelor's degree at Yale in 1944 and began his study of medicine in an accelerated program during World War II, when faculty members were leaving to serve in the military and medical students were hired to deliver emergency anesthesia at night. He was on active duty from September 1947 until August 1949. He completed his general surgery residency in 1953 and that year became certified by the American Board of Surgery. From 1953-1967, he was on faculty at Yale and rose to Professor of Surgery. During his 14 years on the Yale faculty, he became increasingly interested in the care of head and neck cancer patients. He moved to Buffalo, New York in 1967 and became chief of head and neck surgery at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute and eventually became president of the Society of Head

and Neck Surgeons, in 1977. He maintained a database of head and neck operations at the cancer institute, where he was chief of head and neck surgery for 29 years, and in 2007, published his fifth book, *A History of Head and Neck Surgery*, at Roswell. Dr. Shedd and his late wife Charlotte, a nurse, co-founded the Buffalo Hospice initially caring for patients on their dining room table, which eventually led to the pioneering of the hospice movement. In addition to his clinical work and research, Shedd trained fellows and residents who began their careers at Roswell Park. In addition to training numerous fellows in Head and Neck Surgery, he was involved in medical service in Peru and Nicaragua, as well as oral cancer research in India, Pakistan, and Ceylon (now called Sri Lanka). He also held a visiting professorship in South Africa. Dr. Shedd was the recent winner of the Yale Surgical Society Distinguished Alumni Award. Dr. Shedd was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather and had a tremendous love and dedication to Yale Surgery.

In Memoriam (continued): M. David Tilson, MD (1941-2024)



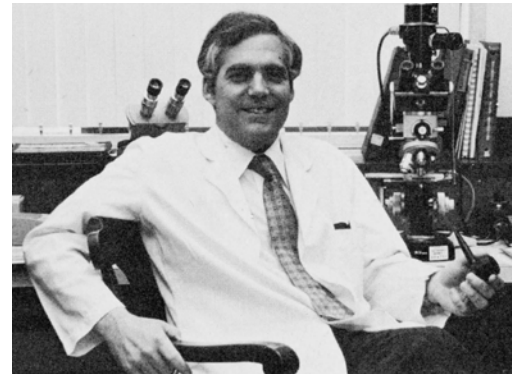
Martin David Tilson, MD III, HS '72, beloved father, grandfather, husband, and friend, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2024, at the age of 83. Dr. Tilson was born in Texarkana, Texas in 1941, and lived a life marked by great achievement, adventure, and kindness. He was Valedictorian of his class at Texarkana High School. After graduating summa cum laude from Rice University in 1963 he earned his MD at Yale in 1967 and stayed on at Yale to train in General and Vascular Surgery. After military service (1972-1974), he returned to join the faculty at Yale, and in 1985, he was promoted to Professor and Director of the Division of Vascular Surgery.

In 1989, he was recruited by Columbia University to chair the Department of Surgery at its affiliated teaching hospital, St. Luke's/Roosevelt, which had merged to become the largest

hospital in the USA operating under one charter. His laboratory, devoted to the genetics and pathobiology of the abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) moved with him. He was the recipient of two NIH grants and many honors. In 2010, he retired to become the Ailsa Mellon Bruce Professor of Surgery (Columbia University), Emeritus, at St. Luke's/Roosevelt Hospital Center. He continued to write scientific papers and

give lectures to learned societies. Many of his numerous papers on aneurysmal disease have been quoted. A recent honor of his has been the Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who's Who for his career as a "Surgeon, Scientist, and Teacher."

Dr. Tilson is survived by two sons: William T. Tilson of Seattle, WA and John W. Tilson of Baltimore, MD; and two grandchildren, Joseph and Hanna Tilson, in Seattle. A memorial service was held at the Texarkana Funeral Home, and he was buried next to his father at Read Hill, Tennessee.



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