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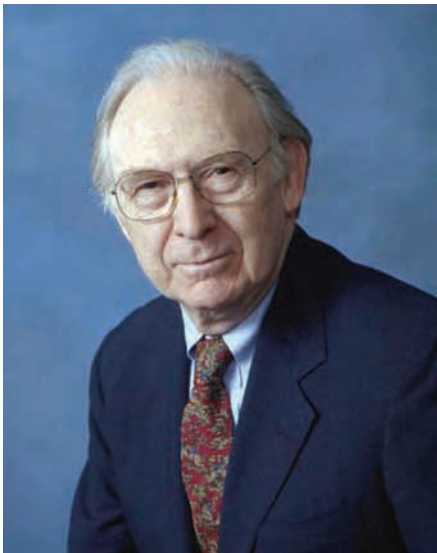
President's Column

Andrew J. Graham, M.D.

Welcome to this expanded fall edition. The spring issue that was to be printed and mailed to you before the spring reunion never made the deadline. Rather than send it out late we have merged its pertinent articles within this issue.

Financial report

On February 6, 2008, with the signing of the indenture by the President and Treasurer of the Yale Surgical Society, the Chairman of the Department of Surgery, the Dean of Yale School of Medicine and the Vice-President for Development of Yale University, the Yale Surgical Society established an endowment. Because of the generosity of our members we were able to meet the



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financial requirements. Our assets have now been added to the Yale University Endowment with the expectation that they will earn a significant return. This is an auspicious moment but it is just the beginning.

Having raised the basic \$50,000, our financial structure is no longer precarious! That does not mean that YSS no longer needs the support of its members. It does mean that we have placed our assets in a very secure bank which earns a substantial income on its portfolio every year. At present, we are assisted by Yale Development and the Department of Surgery to fill the gaps between our income and our expenses. The basic fund must at a minimum double if we are to fully cover our expenses and expand our programs.

Those of you who have not contributed this year will be given the opportunity to respond early this fall to help YSS grow the general fund. A special letter will also go out to those in the Lindskog resident group who have not as yet contributed to that special fund.

Please read carefully the two following essays to be assured that the money you give to your organization is put to good use. We now can only help these students travel abroad with a gift of one thousand dollars. Our domestic award is a mere five hundred dollars. Have you done any traveling recently? Our domestic award winner will be going to the ACS meeting in San Francisco this autumn and her report will be in the winter edition of the Bulletin. We really should be more generous in helping these worthy future surgeons. With your help we will be able to provide the assistance they will need.

Changes in the Executive Committee

I must report the resignation of two valuable members of the Executive Committee. Joseph Shin will become

Chief of Plastic Surgery, Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts. His wife, Musa Speranza, will maintain her OB-Gyn practice here and they will stay in their home in New Haven. Alyssa Terk will be moving to the Philadelphia area to be a fellow in Pediatric Otolaryngology at DuPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware. Fortunately, we have recruited both Richard Kim, who completed his General Surgery residency here in 2005, and is a member of the Cardiac Surgery Faculty and Agnes Czibulka, who, after finishing her residency in Otolaryngology in 1999 remained to practice in the community.

The New Lindskog Award Grand Rounds

On April 6th, YSS sponsored the first annual Surgical Grand Rounds dedicated to "Providing Surgical Care to the Poor and Disadvantaged: A report from the winners of the Yale Surgical Society's Lindskog International Travel Award." This year's winners were Yuen- Jong Liu YSM IV and Matthew McRae YSM IV. The texts of their presentation can be read below. Knowing full well that most of those present would not be familiar with Dr. Lindskog, John Fenn assembled a pamphlet in the form of a Memoir and Brief Biography. Copies were distributed to all in attendance. A wonderful portrait of the Professor has been provided by his son Carl as a frontispiece.

The Gustaf E. Lindskog Travel Award Essays

With Sincere Gratitude for the 2008 Lindskog Travel Award: A report to the Yale Surgical Society

Matthew McRae YSM IV

In February, I traveled with Changing Children's Lives Inc., an organization founded by Dr. Mark Weinstein, Ass't Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery, to Ubon Ratchathani, a small town

in Thailand's easternmost province bordering Laos and Cambodia. The purpose of the mission was two-fold. First, to provide free surgical care to children for the correction of facial and hand deformities. Second, to facilitate an academic exchange between our team of Yale surgeons and the health care professionals at the Sappasitthiprasong Hospital.

Under the supervision and mentorship of residents and attending surgeons, I participated in all aspects of patient care. This included pre-operative evaluation, assisting in the operating room, and performing twice daily rounds. I learned a great deal from our attending surgeons, our nursing staff, and our anesthesiologists. I also learned about Thailand and their medical system from our Thai hosts

It was an incredible opportunity to practice medicine in a different part of the world. Perhaps most compelling were the people that we served and their stories. I met a mother and her toddler who had traveled many miles from rural Laos. The little girl was born with a disfigured face due to a cleft lip and faced an uncertain future. Without health insurance and surviving on well below the \$1900 per capita yearly income of her country, the mother asked us how much the operation would cost. With our answer of "nothing", she broke down crying. Tears of joy coursed down her face and fell from her chin to the toddler she squeezed in her lap. She knew that her daughter would no longer have to grow up with disfigurement. Instead, she would have a beautiful smile to match her beautiful eyes. She could live without social stigma.

In just over a week, we were able to help over 90 children with 113 procedures. Seeing a child returned to his mother post-operatively and seeing both the relief and the overwhelming gratitude on the mother's face reinforced in my mind the incredible privilege afforded a surgeon in the service of both the local

and global community. The skill set acquired through many years of rigorous training, with an ethos of humble service, can dramatically and positively change children's lives.

On the final page of the program booklet provided by our Thai hosts they offered these parting words:

Even as drops of water make the ocean, so we too, through friendship, can become an ocean of friendliness. The shape of the world would indeed be transformed if all of us lived in a spirit of love and mutual amity with one another. A life spent in service is the only fruitful life.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the Yale Surgical Society for the 2008 Lindskog Travel Award and for making this opportunity available to me and to future Yale medical students. This was a career confirming experience for me.

Hands Help 2008

Yuen-Jong Liu YSM IV

Funded by the Lindskog International Travel Award from the Yale Surgical Society, I was extremely fortunate to render humanitarian services as part of Hands Help, an annual medical mission to Honduras to provide free hand surgeries to the underprivileged, led by Dr. J. Grant Thomson of the Section of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at Yale. At a population of 7.5 million and a gross domestic product per capita of \$3,300, Honduras ranks as the second poorest country in Central America. Roughly 30.1% of the population receive no health care, 83% are uninsured.

The Hands Help surgery team traveled to Honduras for January 12-20, 2008. The first day we set up the

operating rooms at Hospital Leonardo Martinez, located in the city San Pedro Sula. On the second day, we established a makeshift clinic in the hospital infirmary with multiple stations to screen patients. I rotated between stations and shadowed the attending surgeons as we elicited medical histories and performed physical examinations.

Many patients came from afar to receive treatment. We saw instances of congenital deformities, such as agenesis of diverse parts of the upper extremity, syndactyly, venous malformation, and ulnar deviation of the fingers from rheumatoid arthritis. We also saw cases of acquired deformities, such as severed median or ulnar nerve, severed flexor tendons, crush deformity, ligament tear at the elbow, and fracture non-union. While some were accidental, most upper extremity injuries stemmed from a culture of ubiquitous machetes. A cleaver-like cutting tool used prevalently in agriculture, the machete also enjoys use on the streets of Honduras for personal protection and gang violence. Functional devastation is especially severe after a machete strike to the volar forearm, where even if the blade does not amputate, injury to the nerves or flexors therein severely disrupts the grasping functions that make the hand so versatile. Many of the congenital and acquired deformities had gone untreated for a long time.

On the third through seventh days, six



Robert Udelsman, Carmalt Professor, Department Chair, is presented a check from Andrew Graham and John Fenn establishing the Yale Surgical Society Endowment

attending surgeons ran three to four operating tables simultaneously. We scheduled the most complicated procedures for the third day so that we could follow up on the patients at nearly one week post-op. Our totals of the week were, with 72 patients, 131 procedures, and altogether 77 hours of operating.

My experience on the hand surgery mission has helped to affirm my career aspirations in reconstructive plastic surgery with a focus on hand surgery. Under attending supervision, I was able to participate in numerous operations. I felt I was an integral part of the team.

I wish to thank those who made my invaluable experience possible, especially the attending surgeons. I am very appreciative of the Lindskog International Travel Award and its contributors. I sincerely hope the Yale Surgical Society will sustain this award for medical students in years to come.

Guest Column

I am very pleased to introduce Sherry M. Wren, HS, Chief, General Surgery Palo Alto Veterans Hospital and Associate Professor of Surgery Stanford Medical School, who will tell you of her amazing experiences with "Doctors without Borders" as part of our series of Yale trainees who have devoted part of their lives and their expertise to providing care to the poor and disadvantaged

Keeping our traditions alive

There are awards that the department gives every year memorializing some of the distinguished faculty who have left us. Our residents and fellows as well as most of the faculty hear the names but have no idea who these people were and why there are awards in their names. As was done with Dr. Lindskog, we thought we should remedy this gap. Max Taffel's eulogy to Samuel Clark Harvey was published in *The Yale Journal of Biology and Medicine* September 1953 and with the help of Claire Bessinger, Communications Coordinator, YSM we were able to unearth it from the Archives and have

multiple reprints made, one of which is given to the annual Harvey award recipient.

With the assistance of Rena Goldenberg, we have produced a short biography of her late husband to accompany the annual Ira S. Goldenberg award given to the outstanding surgical intern as part of the residents' June graduation dinner.

A biography of Dr. Edward W. Storer in whose name an award of Excellence for training and education in the Department of Surgery is given at the same ceremony has also been produced.

In Memorium:

Eugene J. Fitzpatrick, known affectionately as "Fitz", passed away on March 31, 2008. He was a graduate of the Yale Sheffield Scientific School and McGill University Medical School. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy as a medical officer on the battleship Nevada. Completing his surgical training at Columbia P & S and St. Vincent's Hospital in New York, he joined the staff of the Grace New Haven Hospital in 1949. After forty years of active practice he retired in 1989. In 1970, he was honored by the senior residents "For Excellence in Teaching and Surgery." In 1990 he was named Emeritus Clinical Professor at Yale Medical School. He served as President of the Connecticut Society of Board Surgeons as well as a member of the New England Surgical Society and many other surgical societies. "Fitz" was an avid golfer and worked his way through college and medical school as a pro. He continued this interest in his retirement when he took up the craft of hand turned clubs which were coveted by his many friends. Before he died, he told his wife of fifty-eight years that if anyone wanted to remember him with memorial gifts, one

of the recipients that he would choose would be the endowment fund of the Yale Surgical Society. Elizabeth "Betty" Fitzpatrick has been adding her thank you notes to the many who have already contributed to the YSS Fitzpatrick Memorial Fund. For those of you who warmly remember Gene, you can do so in the general solicitation letter you will receive later this month.

Annual Spring Reunion

On Thursday, June 5, 2008 the thirteenth YSS annual reunion was held in honor of Ronald C. Merrell, former Lampman Professor and Chairman/Chief of Surgery at Yale University and Yale-New Haven Hospital. We gathered at 4pm in the Starr Atrium at the Anlyan Center for a welcome reception. At 5pm the YSS Grand Rounds began with opening remarks by Robert Udelsman, Chairman/Chief of Surgery. The seventh annual Samuel Harvey award was presented to Vikram Reddy by the YSS Vice-President Michael O'Brien. John Fenn, YSS treasurer then presented the Lindskog International Travel Awards to Yuen-Jong Liu, YSM IV and to Matthew McRae, YSM IV and the second Domestic Travel Award to Christina Shenvi, YSM III. Ms Shenvi's planned trip to the ACS convention in San Francisco will be featured in the Winter Bulletin.

Our guest lecturer, Ronald Merrell, was introduced by Andrew Graham, YSS President. Dr. Merrell then recounted his involvement in the exciting field of Telemedicine.

A reception and dinner began at 6:15



Previous Surgery Chairmen and Current Chair: Arthur Baue, MD; William Collins, MD; Ronald Merrell, MD, FACS; Robert Weiss, MD; Robert Udelsman, MD, MBA

in the dining room of the New Haven Lawn Club. In brief opening remarks, Andrew Graham asked everyone to honor the five chiefs present-Arthur Baue, William Collins, Ronald Merrell, Robert Weiss and Robert Udelsman. Our two



Endocrine Fellow Tobias Carling, Chief Resident Vikram Reddy and GI Surgery Chief Walter Longo

departing Board Members, Joseph Shin and Alyssa Terk were recognized and thanked for their service. The two new



Resident Salem Samra and Jocelyn Gavin, P.A.

board members were announced, Agnes Czibulka and Richard Kim. Among our special guests were three of the five graduating chief residents, Marion Henry, Vikram Reddy and Gopal Grandighe. Yale Medical Students Elie Balesh, Jong Liu, Jill Rubinstein, Christina Shenvi, and Matt McCrae were also recognized

for their achievements. It was a year late but Richard Stahl did receive his Founders Cup and Robert Houlihan was cited as the Fifth Recipient of this honor. Bob couldn't make it so his engraved Paul Revere bowl was sent to him. John Fenn presented Certificates of Appreciation to the Yale Surgical Interest group leaders who have completed their terms of office-Jill Rubinstein YSM II and Peter Kaveh Mansuripur YSM II.

Among the attendees were Arthur Baue and Reverend Rosemary Baue, Bill Collins, Jr. and Ruth Collins, Ralph DeNatale, Jim Dowaliby and Joanne Thompson-Dowaliby, John and Natalie Fenn, Tom and Betty Gentsch, Andrew and Elizabeth Graham, Baiba Grube and Roger Foster, Marion Henry, Karen Johnson, Jonathan Lewis, Walter Longo, Bill McCullough, Ron and Marsha Merrell, Mike O'Brien, Melissa Perkal, Ronnie Rosenthal, Peggy Schrieber, Joseph Shin and Musa Speranza, Tom and Anne Sweeney, Alyssa Terk, Bob and Janice Touloukian, Rob Udelsman and Nikki Holbrook, Barbara Ward, Steve Ariyan, Elie Balesh, Art and Janet Crovatto, Agnes Czibulka, Stan Dudrick, John and Peggy Elefteriades, Gopal Grandhige, Maureen Grieco, Carl and Ann-Marie Lindskog, Jong Liu, Matthew McCrae, Vik and Vasu Reddy, Jill Rubinstein, Juan Sanchez, Christina Shenvi, Richard Stahl, Stephen Stein, Bob and Ilana Weiss.

The Fourteenth Annual Reunion

Continuing the tradition of honoring leaders in Yale Surgery, Robert Weiss will be cited for his contributions to the department as interim chief in the hiatus between Ronald Merrell and Robert Udelsman. We welcome you back on Thursday June 4, 2009. Please save the date!!

Congratulations

Stanley Frencher, who has just completed his PGY II at Yale-New Haven Hospital is the recipient of the first Robert Wood Johnson Clinical award sponsored by the American College of Surgeons. He began, this July, to work for the College at the University of California-Los Angeles Center for Outcomes and Quality. He will be returning in two years to finish his residency in General Surgery.

Breaking News

Tom Sweeney, Ass't. Treasurer YSS will become President-Elect of the Medical Staff of YNNH this month.

The Web Site

The newly redesigned Department of Surgery Web Site will become active this Fall. You will be able to view the listing of our officers, our mission statement, the last two bulletins, and copies of the recently completed History of the Yale Surgical Society, biography's of Samuel Harvey, Gustav Lindskog, Ira Goldenberg and Edward Storer.

94th Annual Clinical Congress of the American College Of Surgeons

Robert and Nikki Udelsman cordially invite you to a reception on behalf of the Department of Surgery, Yale University School of Medicine, Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Yale Surgical Society on Monday evening the 13th of October, 2008 from 6 – 8 PM at the Hilton, San Francisco, 333 O'Farrell Street in the "Continental Parlor 2." I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Communicating

If you have any news you would like to share please send it to me at honi-graham@aol.com or to YSS secretary Melissa Perkal at melissa.perkal@va.gov

Moving?

If you are moving on, moving up or just changing your e-mail address we would appreciate your letting us know. Send

an e-mail to Janice.kabara@yale.edu and you will continue to receive all the news from YSS and the Department of Surgery.

Can you be in the Congo Next Week?

Sherry Wren, M.D.
Professor of Surgery
Stanford School of Medicine

I never thought that I would be a person who would pick up the phone and hear the phrase, "Can you be in the Congo next week?" I always felt it was my duty as a surgeon to help those less fortunate and did so in county and VA hospitals throughout my career. Now, almost twenty years after leaving surgical training at Yale, I entered a new phase in my professional life; that of international surgical volunteerism.

humanitarian work. The organization can be summarized as an independent medical humanitarian organization with two primary goals. First, to deliver emergency aid to people affected by armed conflict, epidemics, natural or man-made disasters, or those excluded from health care. Second, to bear witness publicly to the plight of the people it assists. I applied to the organization and went through a very extensive review and interview process. The running joke was about how many faculty we had hired over the years with a less rigorous process. I was accepted, and within a few months was off on my first 5 week mission to Cote D'Ivoire, followed by Chad and now the Democratic Republic of Congo.

MSF surgical missions occur in primarily war torn areas where large groups of

so many surprises that occur when you go into the country. The first shock for me was the language barrier, since I have only worked in Francophone countries and my restaurant French was not quite sufficient for the job. I have a handy French – English medical dictionary which serves for communication when other means do not work. The next surprise was what passes for a hospital in most countries; it has little resemblance to anything in the US and can lack simple things like sinks. Patients get a sleeping pallet, mosquito net and medical/surgical care for no charge. The patient's families do all of the personal care such as feeding and clothing. The OR's were stocked with the very basics, primarily sutures, plaster and instruments. None of the technologies that we have all become used to are available. There are no ventilators, scans, lab work or diagnostic tests. Simple things like uninterrupted electricity or water can not be taken for granted. I have continued surgery with the light of the nurse anesthetist's cell phone during a black-out. Tropical temperatures and mosquitoes only add more annoyances to the environment. What is the benefit? You get to work with some of the greatest local staff who are doing the best they can while their countries are torn apart by violence and strife. As a surgeon, you get to put yourself outside your realm of comfort professionally every minute you are there. In my daily academic practice I do GI surgery focusing mostly on cancers. In Africa, I was the trauma surgeon, neurosurgeon, OB/GYN, dental and orthopedic surgeon. I learned how to put traction pins and external fixators in with hand drills by reading a book. I also got to be the mass casualty triage and treating surgeon on the scene of a large truck versus car accident because I was the only one around in that portion of the country and we had a jeep that functioned as the ambulance. I had to triage on site, declaring the dead rapidly and picking which four I felt needed to be transported with me for operative interventions. I then paired up all of the other twelve wounds with an individual nurse to irrigate their wounds, suture the flaps, and set the bones. When I



Dr. Wrenn in action, treating a patient during her stay in Africa

Volunteerism opportunities abound, but finding one that suited my personal requirements required evaluation of their institutional goals. I had heard of "Doctors without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)" in 1999 when they won the Nobel Peace Prize for their

people have no access to care. For the most part, MSF takes over existing "hospitals" that no longer have staff or supplies and bring in ex patriot surgeons from around the world to provide surgical care for refugees, internally displaced people or local populations. There are

emerged from the OR hours later everyone had pitched in to make sure that all patients were stable. All this had been done without x-rays, other doctors or scans. I was humbled by the knowledge of the local nurses who had to instruct me in clinical presentations of tetanus, TB, Guinea worm, kalazar and malaria as the primary cause of post operative fevers. We were seeing 2500 surgical consults a month and doing 6 - 12 cases a day. People arrived from miles around by foot, donkey, wheelbarrow or bus. Patients were so thankful even though I could rarely communicate with them because they spoke only tribal languages. A smile and grasped hands communicated all.

There were other surprises such as crossing checkpoints with machine guns pointed at you, men with RPG's next to you on motorbikes and the never ending stream of wounded from guns shots and machetes. I came to realize how a machete can be a WMD even in these modern times. There were the children and adults with cancers that were either inoperable because of location, or resectable extremity sarcomas where amputation was all that could be done. Patients were then sent home to die because there are no cancer treatments for people in these countries. Another shock was the lack of an individual's right to consent for an operation because this was usually a family decision. A husband could say no to the life saving C section for his wife even when it meant fetal and maternal demise. Trying to understand these vast cultural differences, or even explain your thoughts was extremely difficult.

I come back from a mission tired, usually with some tropical disease, but energized that I want to do it again. I can never thank my husband enough for letting go of his fears and anxieties and actually driving me to the airport, my partners who cover my practice and Yale for the training in surgery including all the surgical subspecialties that are vital to practice in this setting. My life has been enriched by these experiences in a way I could have never imagined. When the phone now rings at 3 AM it is always

the hospital, but often it is one in Chad, or some other country, asking me to please come back.

Chairman's Column

Robert Udelsman, MD, MBA

It was again a pleasure to see so many former residents at the reunion in June. This year, the Society honored Ronald Merrell, former chairman of the Department from 1994 until 2000. Ron and his wife, Marsha came up from Richmond, Virginia for the celebration. The dinner following Grand Rounds was historic because four former chairmen of Surgery were in attendance. (Please note the photograph from the evening of Chairmen Art Baue, William Collins, Robert Wiess, Ron Merrell and me.)

It has been a busy start to the academic year. We welcomed an intern class of 23 physicians this summer into our residency program. They are a remarkable group of individuals who bring with them a wide array of talents and goals that are consistent with our mission to train the future leaders in American surgery. You should be very proud of these young surgeons-in-training as they follow in your footsteps at Yale.

The Department continues to grow with the addition of several new recruits. *Carla Christy, MD* is the newest breast surgeon at the Yale Breast Center. She was recruited as our first breast surgical fellow for the 2007-2008 academic year. Carla completed her residency and earned her medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh. *Tobias Carling, MD, PhD* is the newest faculty member in Endocrine Surgery. Tobias completed his residency at Yale and was the endocrine surgery fellow last year. He was educated at Uppsala University in Sweden. The Section of Trauma and Critical Care welcomed two new surgeons, *Dirk Johnson, MD* and *Adrian Maung, MD*. Dirk is a graduate of Yale School of Medicine and completed his residency at Rush, Vanderbilt and the University of Texas at Galveston. Adrian did his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and completed a research fellowship at the Brigham and Women's

Hospital. He earned his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh. In Urology, we have added pediatric urologist, *Adam Hittelman, MD, PhD*. Adam was recruited from the University of California, San Francisco where he had also completed his residency. Adam earned his medical degree from New York University and did his graduate work in microbiology. Emergency Medicine recruited *Lori Post, MA, PhD*, from Michigan State University where she served as assistant dean of research. Lori is an expert in violence and intentional injury prevention. And finally, we have hired a recruit with the Department of Radiology. *Jeff Indes, MD* has a joint faculty appointment in the section of Vascular Surgery and Diagnostic Imaging. Jeff completed his residency at Temple University and his fellowship at Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore.

Surgery has become the largest clinical (by revenue) department in the medical center. We are well poised as we anticipate our move to the Smilow Cancer Hospital in 2009 where Surgery will play a major role. Be sure to visit our campus the next time you are in New Haven.

I look forward to seeing many of you in October at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress in San Francisco. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or thoughts on the Department.



Schedule for Upcoming Grand Rounds

You are all invited to attend. Grand Rounds is held every Wednesday at 7:00 am in the Fitkin Amphitheatre.

DATE	SECTION	PRESENTER	TITLE OF TALK
09/24/08	General Surgery	SreyRam Kuy, MD <i>PGY 3 Robert Woods Johnson Scholar</i> Henry S. Park, BS <i>YSM II</i> Amanda Feigel, MD <i>PGY 2 General Surgery Research Resident</i> Stanley K. Frencher, Jr., MD, MPH <i>PGY 2 General Surgery Research Resident</i>	New England Surgical Society Presentations “Outcomes Following Thyroidectomy And Parathyroidectomy In Pregnant Women In The Us” “Outcomes From 3,144 Adrenectomies In The U.S.: Which Matters More, Surgeon Volume Or Specialty?” “Pediatric Rib Fractures May Not Be A Marker For Worse Outcomes” “Increasing Rates Of Colorectal Cancer Incidence And Mortality Among Racial Minorities In Connecticut”
10/01/08	GI Vascular Surgery	Walter Longo, MD <i>Professor, Section Chief</i> Bauer Sumpio, MD <i>Professor, Section Chief</i>	“Early Specialization In Surgery: Has The Time Come?”
10/08/08	Department of Surgery	Mr. Frederick Borelli <i>Associate Chairman and Chief of Administration</i>	“Financial / Operational Overview Of The Department Of Surgery” FOR FULL-TIME CLINICAL FACULTY ONLY
10/15/08	NO GRAND ROUNDS —AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS		
10/22/08	Vascular Surgery Occupational Medicine	Jeffrey Indes, MD <i>Assistant Professor</i> Mark Russi, MD <i>Director, Occupational Health and Associate Professor, Medicine & Public Health</i> Louise Dembry, MD <i>Hospital Epidemiologist</i>	“Venous Disease, New Solutions to an Old Problem” “Bloodborne Pathogen Training”
10/29/08	Human Resources	Kitty Matzkin <i>Director, Human Resources</i>	Recognition and Prevention of Sexual Harassment Session – 2 hrs (no M&M conf)
11/05/08	Covidien Surgical Devices	Ross Segan, MD, FACS <i>Global Medical Director, Covidien</i>	“Minimally Invasive Surgery and the Combat Theater: Lessons Learned from the Global War on Terror”
11/12/08	Billing and Compliance	Judy Harris <i>Director of Medical Billing Compliance</i> Jennie Oddy <i>Senior Compliance Auditor</i>	“Medical Billing Compliance”
11/19/08	Trauma Endocrine Surgery	Lewis Kaplan, MD <i>Associate Professor</i> Robert Udelsman, MD, MBA <i>William H. Carmalt Professor, Chairman Department of Surgery</i>	“Hyperchloremic Metabolic Acidosis: More Than Just Simple Dilution” “Management Of Lymph Node Metastases In Well-Differentiated Thyroid Cancer”
11/26/08	NO GRAND ROUNDS—THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY		
12/03/08	GI Surgery	Robert Bell, MD <i>Assistant Professor</i>	TBA
12/10/08	Transplant Surgery	Sukru Emre, MD <i>Section Chief, Professor</i>	“Update on Transplant Section”
12/17/08	Cardiothoracic Surgery	Richard Kim, MD <i>Assistant Professor</i> Arnar Geirrrson, MD <i>Assistant Professor</i>	TBA



A photo of the The Smilow Cancer Hospital taken on September 9, 2008. The opening date of the Hospital is scheduled for October 26, 2009. We hope that many of you can join us for the celebrations.

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