From the Desk of Dr. Fitch

Please let me be the first to wish you all an early Happy 4th of July holiday!

We have just held our annual departmental awards and resident graduation ceremonies. Congrats to all and all the best to our graduates! We are preparing to welcome the class of 2020 to the world of clinical anesthesiology next week. Our class of 2021 has already begun their orientation at IBMC. We are anticipating this fall that our hospital ownership will change. Many of the changes to our structure and governance will become reality this July and August. We also expect to see a shovel going into the ground by the end of the summer for our new adult services bed tower, with 32 new ORs, plus keeping 4 of our existing ORs, for a total of 36 ORs.

We are recruiting for both faculty and associate faculty positions. Locums have also begun to arrive to help out, and we have folks in the Outreach pipeline.

We are two thirds of the way through our move into 1st floor of Williams Pavilion.

Welcome to July in an academic department!

Enjoy the 4th!

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Education Update - Pramod Chetty, MD

In the education division, we have just bid farewell to the class of 2017, and the class of 2021 is getting ready to start work. On June 28th, we held a graduation dinner for our residents finishing their internships at Integris Baptist Medical Center and welcomed the new interns. We recognized the graduation of our CA-3 residents with a dinner and awards ceremony on June 24th.

The 12 new CA-1's, which include five OU graduates, will begin their introductory course in the first week of July and then get to work on the immersion course.

The spring mock oral exams were conducted over weekends in April and May. The exams were proctored for 24 residents in preparation for their oral board exams in the coming year(s). Fall mock orals will be held on November 11th and December 9th.

Thank you to everyone for their continued contributions toward educating our Fellows, Residents and Medical Students! We could not do it without you!

Catching Up With Our CRNA's - Kathryn Dooley & Erica Buel, CRNAs

Marjorie Sagonda is our department’s longest-serving CRNA. She has been on campus for 30 years! One of her passions is surgical mission trips. She has been to Guatemala, Mexico, and Zimbabwe to serve patients all around the world. Marjorie feels that all patients, whether here at OU or far away, are all the same and deserve the highest quality of care. Mission trips give Marjorie the opportunity to share her vast knowledge and expertise gained through a career in anesthesia to benefit those who do not have the resources we do in the United States to access excellent medical care. She gives of her own time and money—food, transportation, and accommodations, to make these trips happen.

On a typical mission trip, her group counsels and teaches patients and parents for three days at the beginning of the mission. They draw lab work and assess the patients for different maladies for which the patients would need further workup before proceeding with surgery. Many of the patients are young and have been kept hidden because of cleft palates and facial deformations. The surgery provided by the medical missions completely changes the lives of the people they help.

After the three days of evaluation, the operating rooms are set up and cleaned. The medical professionals set up trays to use for each patient, making do with far less advanced tools and resources than Marjorie would have access to here at OU. Surgery goes from 7am to 7pm each day, except for the last day. On that day, they stop at 3pm and begin two days of postoperative assessments. Once those are complete, the mission is finished and they pack up and go home.

These mission trips take a lot of work, planning, and fundraising. Marjorie is very passionate when she speaks of these trips and the impact they have on people’s lives. We are so grateful to have such a giving, passionate professional in our department.
Staff Status: **Moving and More Moving** – Susan Van Gundy, MBA

The move to Williams Pavilion has begun! All Pediatric and OB Faculty are now in our new space, along with the Billing and Information Systems Staffs, the Reporting Staff (Dan Ridings and Kalin Chambless) and Gale Gwin who will continue to provide administrative support to the Peds and OB Faculty.

The Education and Administrative staffs are still housed in the Allergy Clinic Building, and will move beginning the week of July 10th. We must vacate the Allergy Clinic space completely by July 31st, so we hope to be settled into our new space in WP as August begins and will keep you posted on a potential open house later that month. Thanks to everyone impacted by the move for your continued patience during this time of transition. We know these changes can be rocky, but we are confident that once this transition is complete, we will all reap the benefits of this upgrade!

Resident Reflection

**Jeffrey Foster, DO-Chief Resident & John Crowe, MD-Co-Chief**

Meet our New Chief and Co-Chief Externs:

**James Paul, Chief Extern**

James was born and raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he worked for his dad doing construction, plumbing, and electrical work. He is an avid hunter and fisherman, including boar hunting and bowfishing. He is often confused with his twin brother, Aaron, who is in his medical school class pursuing orthopedics. Currently, he’s involved in multiple projects with the Department of Anesthesiology, including organizing the labels in the adult OR and starting a mentorship program for externs. Fun fact: he is also a huge Star Wars fan!

**Tyler Phillips, Co-Chief Extern**

Tyler Phillips grew up in Edmond, Oklahoma, where he attended high school and college. He received a full scholarship to play basketball at the University of Central Oklahoma. Tyler earned a Bachelor’s in Business Administration before completing the required prerequisites for medical school. He’s easy to pick out from the crowd— he’s the tall, super friendly guy with the huge red beard! Currently, Tyler is working on an instructional video about proper arterial line and hot line set up for our trauma rooms to help decrease errors associated with setting up these lines. Fun fact: he played high school basketball with Blake Griffin!
Catching Up With Featured Faculty Member James Eiszner, MD

It’s not hard to see why Dr. James Eiszner fits so well here in our department. He seems to have a knack for enjoying challenges as well as the ability to compliment all that hard work with an understanding of how to de-stress. After all, he was Fraternity Council President while in college at Johns Hopkins, so in addition to keeping kids pain free, kicking back is one of his specialties. Dr. Eiszner hails from Kansas City and did most of his training in the Mid-Atlantic at Johns Hopkins, Jefferson, and AI duPont Hospital for Children. He’s been with us in OKC for three years now and finds that the metro offers a great quality of life at an affordable price, near the most convenient airport around with little to no traffic. Dr. Eiszner and his wife, Laura, have also found this area to be a great place to raise their 8-month old daughter, Quinn. Dr. Eiszner thrives on waking children up after involved and painful surgeries without having them realize they’ve gone through anything at all. He was drawn to regional anesthesia and pain service for this reason and loves how here at OU, he gets to create pain service protocols to help children recover more quickly, having especially great success with scoliosis and sickle cell crises. Taking care of patients is the fun part for him. Navigating the political landscape of an underfunded environment and working to get kids (and providers) the resources they need for high quality care is the toughest part of his job. The Eiszner family is looking forward to getting some “unplugged” time when they head north in August to beautiful Mackinac Island, Michigan where they will be able to enjoy some of their favorite activities including rock climbing and hiking. The family will no doubt enjoy some fresh seafood while vacationing, but for Dr. Eiszner, nothing compares to his wife’s scallop tacos!

Getting To Know Super Staff Member Michele Doughty-Admin. Manager

Have you met Administrative Manager, Michele Doughty? She essentially keeps this whole department on task, managing schedules for the entire faculty. Michele is a recent addition to the department, making her way over from Travel, but she’s born and raised in OKC and has lived in the metro all her life. Michele’s been on campus for 12 years, and has enjoyed her transition to our department and especially the sense of humor that some of our staff members have, though those individuals will remain nameless to protect both the innocent as well as the guilty. When she’s not at work, Michele finds her fun outside enjoying good food and a cold one! We’re pretty grateful to have her here in Anesthesiology, but Michele imagines that if she wasn’t in her current role, she might be working with children or in social services, and we love her reason: she likes to help people help themselves. In fact, in her free time, Michele volunteers her time with Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) and spends that time with children in foster care.

Michele loves to travel and is always game for a good road trip. Just in the last months, she’s hit both Dallas and Memphis. Time at the lake is in her summer plans and she also has a trip to New York City on the horizon to celebrate her son’s senior year of high school.

Do oysters taste good with cheese on top? Jury’s still out on that one, but Michele is a lover of both: oysters and cheese, probably separately, but you never know…


From left, Dr. Mehmet Ozcan, visiting guest lecturer Dr. Lawrence C. Tsen-Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine Harvard Medical School, Dr. Jane CK Fitch, Dr. A. Murat Kaynar, MPH- Associate Professor Departments of Critical Care Medicine and Anesthesiology University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, and Dr. Pamela Roberts at the OU Department of Anesthesiology 2017 Advances in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Symposium in April.

Dr. Pamela Roberts (center) was recognized as a 2016 Organ Donor Physician Champion by Life Share Transplant Donor Services of Oklahoma at their April 19th recognition ceremony. Dr. Roberts has also been elected to the OU Medical School Faculty Senate, one of only 7 senators, to serve a term from 2017-2020.

Dr. Gozde Demiralp with Resident physician Drs. David Luu and Kelly Malloch at SOCCA in Washington, DC on May 5th. Dr. Luu presented the poster on ICU Distractions Research Phase I, Dr. Demiralp moderated a critical care poster session, and Dr. Malloch was the only anesthesia intern to attend the meeting!

Members of the department at OSA’s May meeting. From left: Chief Resident Dr. Jeffrey Foster and Resident Dr. David Fish from left and Dr. Jane CK Fitch second from right with other members of OSA.

Dr. Kofi Vandyck graduates from the OUHSC Faculty Leadership Program in June!
Work Hard! Play Hard!
STAFF WEEK 2017

Congrats to Matt Turner, winner of the Staff Week Cookie contest!
Congrats to our departmental participants in the Run to Remember Events! Half-marathon participants included resident Dr. Joan Strong, Jeremy Perry, CRNA; Lauren Kliewer, CRNA and her husband and soon to be CRNA, Jordan, and resident program coordinator Matt Wilson. Anesthesiology intern Andrew Pontikes did the marathon relay on a team with his wife. Anesthesiology attending Dr. Mehmet Ozcan ran in his 4th consecutive full marathon and finished with a PB of 3:35, which puts him in reach of his Boston Marathon qualifying time!

Dr. Steve Gibson ran with interdepartmental team “OU Ortho” joining 4 residents from the Department of Orthopedic Surgery and Rehabilitation. He let them keep the name as long as he could run the final leg and if they all promised not to say “It was anesthesia’s fault!” if their race went poorly. They came through with a top 20 overall finish and either 4th or 6th place in the division, depending on which official results you believe.

**RUGGED MANIAC!!!**

Though Drs. Gibson and Haywood were missed at this year’s event, Anesthesiology residents Drs. Ian Gray, Chris Kuebler, and Joey Terracina took it on and made it through largely intact on a very wet day. Right: Dr. Terracina is pictured powering up what must have been a very slippery Warped Wall.

**OUHSC Health Dash**

**OU Corporate Challenge**

Billing Staff Member, Lauren Morrison-Edwards and her mom, Cherry Morrison—a Nurse with Family Medicine, represented the Anesthesiology and Family Medicine departments in high style both finishing 2nd in their respective 55 Meter Dash events!
Welcome Aboard To Our New Hires

**Faculty**
- Neeti Sadana, MD
- Juanita Henao-Mejia, MD
- Christine Vo, MD
- Xiaomin Liang, MD
- Lara Dean, MD

**Associate Faculty**
- Shane Stack, CRNA
- Crystal Vicars, CRNA

**Staff**
- Carisa Newton—Accountant
- Nickol Downey—Billing
- Brittany Scott—Billing

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**HIPAA Tip Time!**

Before You Hit Send...

Do you email patient or research participant PHI to an off-campus email address? If emailing off-campus is necessary and permissible under our department or clinic rules, be sure your email is sent via a secure method and goes only to individuals authorized to receive the PHI. Secure methods include (1) using the patient portal and (2) putting [secure] in the subject line, which encrypts the email, using the brackets. Messages between ouhsc.edu email addresses are automatically encrypted, as are messages between an OUHSC.edu email address and an HCA email address, so these messages are secure as well.

Sending PHI via unsecured email – even to research sponsors or other providers – is a violation of HIPAA policy and can easily lead to a breach. The Office for Civil Rights may impose monetary penalties for HIPAA breaches, especially those that result from deliberate disregard for patient privacy. Check your email recipients and confirm that the method you are using to send PHI to a non-OUHSC or non-HCA email address is secure – if in doubt, contact OUP IS or IT Security. Finally, be sure you are NOT using auto-forwarding or redirecting your messages to accounts outside of the University email system.

Relevant HIPAA Policies and forms can be found at the University’s HIPAA website ([https://apps.ouhsc.edu/hipaa/](https://apps.ouhsc.edu/hipaa/)). (OU Physicians employees should also refer to MR 36 for specific OUP policy on emailing patients.)

If you have questions about these or any other HIPAA topics or would like to schedule a department training, please contact any of us; we are eager to help!

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**Save These Dates!**

**MOCA:** Aug 12, Sept 30, Nov 4 (Gale Gwin)

**ACLS/BLS:** July 15, Aug 12, Oct 21 (Matthew Wilson)

**PALS:** Sept 9 & Nov 18 (Matthew Wilson)

**MOCK ORALS:** Nov 11 & Dec 9 (Matthew Wilson)
CONGRATS AND ALL THE BEST TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES!

Brock Alexander, MD * Justin Anderson, MD
Nabil Aounallah, MD * David Butten, MD
George Dignan, DO * Gabriel Fierro-Fine, MD
Clayton Hines, MD * Tyler Kloven, DO
Nathan Overbey, MD * Ankit Patel, DO
Jared Petter, MD * Christine Vo, MD

Fellows:
Nathan Smith, MD (Pain Medicine)
John Venditti, DO (Pediatric Anesthesiology)

Special Congrats to our Award Winners:
Pedi atric Services CNRA Award: Kathryn Dooley, CRNA
CRNA Service Award: Rebecca Tripp, CRNA
CRNA Quality Award: Erica Buel, CRNA
CRNA Adult Services Quality Award: Tara Gerhardt, CRNA
30 Year Recognition: Marjorie Sagonda, CRNA
Extern Teaching Award: Clairese Webb, MD; Nathan Overbey, MD; Melissa Jennings, MD; Ian Gray, MD
Charles A. Carmack Award: Trung Pham, MD
Francis C Kumar Award: Ashley Bailey-Classen, DO
Bertram Sears Award: Alexander Bautista, MD
Chairman’s Award: Robin Elwood, MD
Exceptional Service Recognition Award: Kofi Vandyck, MD
Resident Academic Award: Ankit Patel, DO
John L Plewes Award: Tyler Kloven, DO

Incoming Chief and Co-Chief Residents:
Jeffrey Foster, DO & John Crowe, MD

Incoming Anesthesiology Chief and Co-Chief Extern:
James Paul & Tyler Phillips

Incoming AIG Presidents and VP:
Peter Shin/Jordan Phillips & Jacob Byers