From the Desk of Dr. Fitch

Wow! St. Patrick’s Day and the Match have snuck up on us! Time flies!

The work towards a partnership with SSM out of St Louis, MO, has ended. The work towards creating a new company, with majority owner being the University Hospitals Authority and Trust (UHAT) has begun. We will finally have a system in which the hospital, the OU COM, & HSC will all be part of a single healthcare system. Along with this will come changes in by-laws, structures and governances, as well as a new model for funds flow. The new adult services bed tower is top priority, followed by a common EMR, such as either EPIC or Cerner.

In addition, we continue recruiting both faculty and associate faculty. We are also making use of locums and Outreach to help while we recruit.

We are currently in the midst of selecting our Chief and Co-Chief residents for next year. We are thrilled to have just found out who will be joining us in July as our Class of 2021 and are excited that group includes 3 graduates of our medical school who will be with us for four more years! More on all of this from Dr. Chetty.

We are starting several exciting, important clinical trials, so please stay tuned for more on those from Dr. Roberts.

After 9 years "temporarily" located in the DAC building, we will be moving approximately 45 staff back into the 1st floor of Williams Pavilion. We will also be moving approximately 25 OB & Pedi Anes faculty from TCH into WP 1st floor as well.

Many thanks for all everyone is doing to accomplish all of the missions of our department!
Education Update - Pramod Chetty, MD

It’s the busiest time of the year in Education. We have just completed the match process for the 2017 year and filled all 12 spots, including 3 OU graduates! The 2017-18 PGY-1 class will be: Neil Blanchard, (LSU-New Orleans), Casey Butler (OU), Sean Chagani (Central Florida), Jeffrey Davis (Texas Tech), Joshua Gordon (Oklahoma State), William Gordon (South Carolina), Maxwell Jolly (Kansas), Jay Kamdar (Central Florida), Quang Nguyen (OU), Trung Pham (OU), Ciera Ward (Texas-San Antonio), and Hannah White (Texas-Houston).

Thank you to everyone who played a part in recruiting our new class to the OU Anesthesiology Residency! We work tirelessly to select the best medical students to add to our program and then work continuously to develop and provide the best possible resident experience once they arrive.

Congratulations to Dr. Jeffery Foster, Chief-elect and Dr. John Crowe, Co-Chief-elect on being elected to their respective offices. Thank you to all of the residents and faculty for their participation in a well-contested process. We would like to give a heartfelt thanks and appreciation to this current year’s Chief resident—Dr. Nathan Overbey and Co-Chief – Dr. Tyler Kloven for an outstanding job! A big thank you to everyone who helps with the education of our medical students, residents and fellows!

Catching Up With Our CRNA’s - Kathryn Dooley, CRNA

Eric Holland, APRN CRNA, is one of the core pediatric nurse anesthetists in our department. Last year Eric was scheduled to provide anesthesia for a neonate for a VP shunt. The baby had recently had repair of a meningomyelocele, presenting a common positioning dilemma—avoid placing pressure on the patient’s back while also safely intubating and allowing the surgeon access for the shunt placement. In Eric’s experience the positioning of these patients was makeshift and haphazard. He thought that he would try something new.

Eric, who enjoys maintaining his own vehicles (he maintains the Holland fleet of Toyota Land Cruisers) used his mechanical problem solving skills and decided to try using two yellow foam prone pillows to position the patient. He gently placed the patient on the prone pillows with the surgically repaired MM touched only by air. The neurosurgeon said she liked the positioning and was willing to try it. The surgery was successful and the patient was held in a stable position throughout.

Eric decided to share this novel approach to positioning patients who have spinal neural tube defects with his anesthesia colleagues. He is first author on a letter which was published in the February 2017 issue of the Journal of Pediatric Anesthesia. It’s so great to see everyone in our department contributing to medical progress. Congratulations, Eric!

In addition to being mechanically inclined, Eric loves to hunt, fish and garden. He and his wife Shelley are the proud parents of two boys, ages 4 and 6. He enjoys traveling and planning adventures for his family to share. His celebrity claim to fame - he once sat next to Eric Estrada on an airplane, however we think his greatest talent is the expertise he brings to OU by providing excellent anesthesia care each day to all of his patients! Find Eric’s letter here.
Below are the current Industry-sponsored clinical trials underway in our department. Please feel free to contact the PI's for each trial if you are interested to learn more or would like to be part of any of the studies as a sub-investigator.

**Active Pediatric Trials:**

**Active Adult Trails:**
1. A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Phase 3 Study to Assess the Safety and Efficacy of Art-123 in Subjects with Severe Sepsis and Coagulopathy. PROTOCOL NUMBER: 3-001. IRB# 7495, PI: Pamela Roberts, MD
2. A Double-blind, Randomized, Placebo-controlled, Phase 2b/3 Adaptive Clinical Trial Investigating the Efficacy and Safety of Selepressin as Treatment for Patients with Vasopressor-dependent Septic Shock. IRB# 6217, PI: Pamela Roberts, MD

In addition to these four trials, we are excited about the potential opportunities involved in three additional studies. The Research Team is in the initial stages of determining feasibility of our participation in one Pediatric Phase III trial of sugammedex, as well as two Adult Phase IV trials of sugammedex.

OU Medical Students who participated in our department’s summer research fellowship (2016) presented their research at the College of Medicine Medical Student Research Symposium on January 27th.
Staff Status: THE BIG MOVE – Susan Van Gundy

We finally have a “date of substantial completion” of May 15th for most of the remodeling necessary for the departmental move to Williams Pavilion. The actual move date(s) are still TBD following the remodel. We will arrive to fresh paint, mostly new carpeting (some newer carpeting remains). We are working with Scott Rice (workplace solutions company) to determine how best to combine the existing furniture at Williams, our current furniture in the Allergy Clinic building, furniture in Everett Tower, as well as some currently in the Outback. The challenge is to best match styles and colors, as a professional look for our workplace is important for many reasons and this new location will likely be the department’s home for years to come.

The hospital will be reclaiming the majority of our current office space in TCH, so all faculty and staff in the Peds and OB offices, along with all those currently in the office located in the Allergy Clinic building will be moving to Williams Pavilion in the late spring or summer of this year. During the time of the move patience and communication will be necessary department-wide to ensure a smooth transition. We look forward to settling into our new and improved space. Keep an eye out for more specific information on moving dates via email.

Resident Reflection

Nathan Overbey, MD – Chief Resident & Tyler Kloven, DO – Co-Chief Resident

This year’s graduating class includes 5 residents that will go on to complete fellowships, an especially impressive number considering how competitive fellowships are across the country. The process started early in the CA2 year and culminated with match day on October 5th, 2016.

Jared Petter, MD matched into Pediatrics at OU. Ankit Patel, DO will take his coat and head north to do Interventional Pain at the University of Toledo in Ohio. Justin Anderson, MD will head south on I-35 for Interventional Pain at UT Southwestern in Dallas. Nathan Overbey, MD will stay in OKC to do Interventional Pain at OU where he is excited to spend his 9th year here on the OUHSC campus! Gabe Fierro-Fine, MD will do an Acute Pain/Regional fellowship at the University of Utah where he will split time between being a fellow, a visiting professor and learning how to ski. The future fellows are thankful for the extensive faculty guidance they received through this process.
When Dr. Adam Broussard isn’t on campus, you might find him running with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. Okay, that was just in 2003, but he’s done it and lived to tell the tale without requiring surgery or anesthesia from his colleagues. More often than not, Dr. Broussard’s free time is spent with his wife and two dogs, reading, and checking out live music, which he got to do on his recent trip to NOLA for Mardi Gras. Next he headed to SPA/APP in Austin and then Toronto for the wedding of a co-fellow, but he can’t stay away from New Orleans for long and will be headed back for the Jazz Festival at the end of April.

It’s no wonder he enjoys NOLA, as he grew up in Baton Rouge. Since moving to Oklahoma he’s found that the culture and food are a world away, but that Okies are a step up in the friendliness department!

Although Dr. Broussard manages to enjoy quite a bit of travel, he does spend most of his time at work and finds that some of the immediate results of performing anesthesia keep him motivated on a daily basis. Successfully intubating a difficult airway, seeing an increase in blood pressure after giving a vasopressor, and pain relief after doing a block are some of the moments he counts as most rewarding. On the flip side, none of these successes is possible unless one can rise to the challenge of quickly earning the trust of patients and families, which he counts as the toughest part of his job.

Since his arrival at OU in the fall of 2015, Dr. Broussard has enjoyed working with his wonderful colleagues and especially teaching and working with our residents and fellows. He’s been here at OU for a year and a half now, but if you haven’t gotten a chance to get to know Dr. Broussard yet, boil up a pot of spaghetti or take him out for some Carbonara, and get to know him. This physician loves his pasta!
Getting To Know Super Staff Member
Lauren Morrison-Edwards, PSR II

Lauren Morrison-Edwards has only been with us since December 2016, but everyone who has met and worked with her so far agrees, she brings a ton of positive energy to the DAC and a can-do approach to everything! Lauren’s position is as a Patient Services Representative, which means that she ensures registrations and insurance are up to date and keeps track of the dates of service for each patient. Lauren is a local lady, hailing from our fair city, but her family came north from Italy...Italy, TX that is, about 45 minutes south of Dallas. In addition to learning the ropes of her position, Lauren has so far really enjoyed working with colleagues of diverse backgrounds and experiences, and getting to know her coworkers as friends. Lauren likes the work hard to play hard vibe we have in the department!

When she’s not at work, Lauren has some awesome and surprising hobbies. After meeting her first deaf friend in 6th grade and finding out that she is also hard of hearing at age 19, Lauren pursued a degree in American sign language and now interprets gospel songs for choirs in churches throughout Oklahoma. She also uses her skills (she’s a black belt in martial arts so don’t even think about messing with her) to teach karate to kids. The martial arts are a family affair, a passion passed down from her mom and dad. Most of all she enjoys spending time with her daughter, a mini karate master too!

Lauren enjoys working with young people and is pretty sure if she weren’t with us here at OU, she would be working with children professionally. She’s headed to Las Vegas and California for an upcoming vacation and is very specific about her favorite food. We hear a lot about Mexican food or pizza around here, but Lauren’s favorite is lemon pepper chicken. Who knew we had a black belt in our midst who is not only friendly in her morning greetings, in English, but is also fluent in sign language?! Stop by to say hi to Lauren if you haven’t had the pleasure of meeting her yet.


We Wear Red!

For OU, to celebrate the holidays, and for national “Wear Red Day” on February 3rd for women’s heart health awareness.
Holiday Luncheon 2016

Alice’s Retirement!

Thank you for 25+ years of service at OUHSC!!!
Adrenaline Run 2017

There’s nothing better than modeling healthy lifestyles for our patients and colleagues! Drs. Gibson & Strong, and Martha McClure and her husband, Glenn, kicked off March with some 5k and 10k racing!

Dr. Gibson continues his campaign for fun and fitness and is hoping folks will come out to some upcoming races, such as the OUHSC Health Dash on April 1st, or for extreme fun The Rugged Maniac obstacle race on April 29th. Dr. Strong and others are in training for the OKC Memorial Half/Full Marathon on the 30th of April. Rewards continue to be offered to anyone who can beat Dr. Gibson!

Congrats to the Grooms’ on their upcoming addition of a baby boy!
Welcome Aboard To Our New Hires

Faculty
Suanne Daves, MD
Ronald Powell, MD

Associate Faculty
Erin Salsman, CRNA
Regina George, NP

Staff
Lauren Morrison-Edwards - PSR II
Anameshia Pope - Coding Spec. I

Staff Member Of The Quarter

Praise for Allyson Grooms from her colleagues:

"Allyson is a GREAT team-member...she is always pleasant, positive and very dependable! She is always willing to help with anything we need and does so with a smile on her face. Her knowledge just keeps growing with her job."

"[Allyson] is a pleasure to talk to and always has a smile on her face. She is always willing to help with anything that needs to be done!"

Allyson Grooms
Charge Entry

Save These Dates!

MOCA: June 10th (Gale Gwin)
ACLS/BLS: Mar 25th, Apr 8th, Jun 17th (Matthew Wilson)
PALS: May 20th (Gale Gwin)
Mock Orals: Apr 29th & May 13th (Matthew Wilson)
April 22nd: Annual Symposium (June Fish)
June 24th: Resident Graduation (Amanda Lee)

Tip Time!
Consent Forms for Publication:

We update our departmental consent for publication forms during the first new months of each year. It’s important to get patient consent anytime you think you might write up a case. We have 2 versions of the form, 1 for a written report only and 1 that includes the use of photos. The most updated consent forms are always available in the Shared drive at: Shared > Scholarly Activity > Consent or by emailing Kate at: kate-strum@ohusc.edu. If you save a copy of the blank forms to your own files, just be sure to check for an updated version each new calendar year.

Once you have your forms signed, please send the originals to Kate, who will save them, along with a PDF, in departmental records.