

RESEARCH HONORS & AWARDS

DANIEL ANAYA, M.D., GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENT: awarded first prize in the residents' category at the annual meeting of the Surgical Infection Society for paper entitled, "Risk factors for severe sepsis in peritonitis."

EILEEN BULGER, M.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: awarded a four-year, \$1.6 million NIH: Heart, Lung, & Trauma Institute grant for work entitled, "The effect of hypertonic resuscitation for blunt trauma."

ALBERT CHONG, M.D., GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENT: won the Samson Resident Prize Essay at the annual meeting of the Western Thoracic Surgical Association during the scientific program for his paper entitled, "Toll-like receptor 4 mediates ischemia/reperfusion injury." One of the most prestigious competitions in thoracic surgery, Dr. Chong joins **DRS. BAIYA KRISHNADASAN & EDWARD BOYLE** as previous winners from our department in this distinct honor. (**DR. EDWARD D. VERRIER**, mentor)

DAVID R. FLUM, M.D., MPH, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR: awarded a five-year, \$1.6 million NIH grant to create a Bariatric Surgery Clinical Research Consortium. The grant is designed to help the NIH set the agenda for clinical research in obesity surgery and address several important issues in the application of this procedure. It will also help in the development of the UW Surgical Center for Outcomes Research.

JONATHAN HUTTER, M.D., PLASTIC SURGERY RESIDENT: won the *Best Paper* award for work presented by a resident at the Plastic Surgery Research Council Meeting for his work addressing bone marrow contribution to cutaneous wound healing. (**DR. FRANK ISIK**, mentor) UW residents have won this prestigious award six times within the past 10 years.

F. FRANK ISIK, M.D., ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR: awarded a four-year, \$1.3 million NIH grant for project entitled, "Surgical injury and the Wnt pathway".

RONALD V. MAIER M.D., HMC SURGEON-IN-CHIEF: invited by the Director of the NIH to participate in a two-day workshop to develop a ten-year plan to re-engineer NIH funding of the clinical research program. This proposal will support the NIH in its restructuring to more adequately speak to the challenges of addressing the enormous increase in basic science understanding and translating this knowledge to the patient's bedside, and also allowing for the identification of unique observations and empiric understanding from the bedside to be translated back to collaborative efforts in developments in the basic bench arena. The group of 27 internationally and nationally recognized investigators was drawn from a national pool, with Dr. Maier being the sole representative of the surgical arena.

AVERY NATHENS, M.D., PH.D., ASSISTANT PROFESSOR:

- awarded a three-year, \$652,000 grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences for project entitled, "Effect of leukoreduced blood transfusions on infection risk in trauma."
- heading a project as part of a five-year, \$15.7 million NIH/NHLBI grant with **DR. THOMAS R. MARTIN**, Department of Medicine, as overall program PI. This Specialized Center of Clinical Research (SCCOR) grant will investigate novel aspects of the pathogenesis and treatment of acute lung injury in humans. Dr. Nathens' project entitled, "Acute lung injury clinical trials incubator unit", will perform pilot projects of new treatments with the aim of taking forward positive results to larger clinical trials.