

## RESEARCH HONORS & AWARDS

**STEPHANIE ACIERNO, M.D.**, (THEN) R4, placed second in the clinical research category at the National ACS Committee on Trauma resident paper competition. Dr. Acierno was one of 13 residents competing, each having already won a regional competition, to represent the best trauma-related research in North America. Her paper, titled “An Estimation of the Number of Deaths and Severe Injuries that Might Be Prevented by Addressing Incompatibility between Passenger Vehicles and Light Truck Vehicles,” sparked a great deal of interesting discussion.

**EILEEN BULGER, M.D.**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, received the *Peter Canizarro Award* from the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma for her paper entitled “The Use of Neuromuscular Blocking Agents to Facilitate Prehospital Intubation does not Impair Outcome following Traumatic Brain Injury.”

**ALEXANDER W. CLOWES, M.D.**, PROFESSOR AND CHIEF, DIVISION OF VASCULAR SURGERY, received the notable *Flance-Karl Award* from the American Surgical Association. The award, established in 1996 in recognition of Drs. I. Jerome Flance & Michael M. Karl, is presented to the surgeon who has made a seminal contribution in basic laboratory research with application to clinical surgery. It includes a stipend of \$35,000. Dr. Clowes was also elected Chair of the Surgical Research Committee of the American College of Surgeons.

**GORDON A. COHEN, M.D., PH.D.**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, was awarded \$156,000 from the McMillen Foundation to fund a pediatric ventricular assist device (VAD) program. The goal is to place implantable VADs in pediatric patients as a long-term bridge to transplant or recovery. Although this is not new to the adult population, there is sparse worldwide experience with this in the pediatric population and only a handful of patients have had devices placed in the USA. The funding facilitates a leading edge approach in pediatric cardiac care.

**JOSEPH S. GRUSS, M.B., B.CHIR.**, PROFESSOR, presented the *D. Ralph Millard Lecture* at the International Symposium on Pediatrics sponsored by the Miami Children’s Hospital. Dr. Gruss addressed skull abnormalities in children.

**RICHARD A. HOPPER, M.D.**, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, was the invited INCO Visiting Professor at the 2004 Lindsey-Thomson Pediatric Craniofacial Symposium at the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children — the largest craniofacial conference in Canada.

**LORRIE A. LANGDALE, M.D.**, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, was awarded a three-year, \$500,000 VA Merit Review Grant for her proposal, “Mechanisms of Injury Control after Liver Ischemia-Reperfusion.” Building on her work from a recent research sabbatical, she will explore novel signaling pathways that modulate the hepatic response to injury. She was also awarded a one-year, \$35,000 UW Royalty Research Grant to study the effects of SOCS3 gene deletion on the evolution of liver ischemia-reperfusion injury.

**CARLOS A. PELLEGRINI, M.D.**, THE HENRY N. HARKINS PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN, was elected President of the American Surgical Association, the oldest and most prestigious organization of surgeons in the United States.

**MICHAEL SOBEL, M.D.**, PROFESSOR, was awarded an NIH grant titled “Modulating Endothelialization of Cardiovascular Grafts.” The research group, which includes **Drs. Ted Kohler & Errol Wijelath**, is developing novel molecules that enhance the natural endothelialization of prosthetic bypass grafts, both through capillary ingrowth and the differentiation of adult stem cells.

**ERIK VAN EATON, M.D.**, (THEN) RESEARCH FELLOW, presented results of the UW Cores (Computerized Rounding and Sign-Out) system he designed at the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The journal *Surgery* featured Dr. Van Eaton’s work in their July 2004 issue.

**DR. RAYMOND YEUNG**, PROFESSOR, was featured on the cover of *Pediatric Research* for his investigative work titled “Effects of Rapamycin in the Eker Rat Model of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex.” Dr. Yeung’s work is supported by two NIH grants.