I am very pleased to share with you the 2018 Winter Issue of the Department of Surgery News. In this issue, we report on several important events, which took place since the printing of the fall issue:

- We were fortunate to welcome several nationally and internationally renowned speakers over the past few months. **Daniel L. Dent, MD, FACS**, visited as the 35th Annual Peter C. Canizaro, MD Visiting Professor Lectureship guest lecturer; **Caprice C. Greenberg, MD, MPH**, visited as the 3rd Annual Diversity Lectureship guest lecturer; and **Jacques M. Himpens, MD, PhD**, visited as the Annual Corinne & Maurice Greenberg International Visiting Professorship in Honor of Peter Guida, MD guest lecturer.

- The 103rd Annual American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress meeting, where many department faculty and residents played an important and active role.

- The 13th Annual Department of Surgery Friends and Donors Dinner, where we celebrated the accomplishments of the Department and shared plans for future goals with our faculty, friends and supporters.

- Honors, awards and highlights of scholarly productivity earned by our surgery faculty.

Please be sure to check out new Department of Surgery website at: surgery.weill.cornell.edu and follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube for the latest updates and information in the Department. I hope you find this issue of interest and welcome your feedback about our newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

**Fabrizio Michelassi, MD, FACS**  
Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor of Surgery  
Chairman, Department of Surgery  
Surgeon-in-Chief  
NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center
“What I THINK We Know About Surgical Resident Education”
November 13th, 2017 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Uris Auditorium

Daniel L. Dent, MD, FACS
Distinguished Teaching Professor,
General Surgery Residency Program Director and Professor of Surgery, Division of Trauma and Emergency Surgery, Department of Surgery
UT Health - San Antonio School of Medicine

The Department of Surgery’s 35th Annual Peter C. Canizaro, MD Visiting Professor Lectureship was held on November 13th. The lecture “What I THINK We Know About Surgical Resident Education” was presented by Dr. Daniel L. Dent, the Distinguished Teaching Professor of the University of Texas System and Professor of Surgery in the Department of Surgery at UT Health San Antonio.

Dr. Dent received a bachelor’s degree in Psychology at Duke University. He obtained his medical degree from the University of South Florida. Dr. Dent subsequently completed his residency at the University of Tennessee in Memphis; his residency included an additional year of research in Trauma and Nutrition Support. Dr. Dent then joined UT Health San Antonio in 1996 where his clinical practice is in Trauma, Critical Care, and Acute Care Surgery.

Dr. Dent is the Director of the General Surgery Residency Program. UT Health San Antonio. A recognized teacher, Dr. Dent has received numerous Excellence in Teaching awards by medical students and residents at UT Health San Antonio and nationally from the American Medical Association, the American College of Surgeons, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Society for Vascular Surgery, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, the Surgical Council on Resident Education, the Residency Review Committee for Surgery, the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, the Association of Program Directors in Surgery, the Association for Surgical Education, the Shock Society, and Archives of Surgery. As a result of his commitment to surgical and medical education he was named a Distinguished Teaching Professor by the University of Texas System in 2010 and received the UT Health San Antonio Presidential Award for Teaching Excellence in 2016.

Dr. Dent has published more than 60 scientific articles. His clinical and translational research focus is in autotransfusion, where he has coordinated a multidisciplinary team of surgeons, researchers and hematologists to investigate and study its suitability. He also leads a research team in surgical education that has investigated patient acceptance of surgical residents in their care, factors affecting boards pass rates and the fate of preliminary surgical residents among other topics.

Dr. Dent is the Past President of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) and the APDS representative to the Organization of Program Director Associations. He has served on the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as the Lead of the Education Pillar overseeing the Surgical Training, Continuing Education, and Patient Education Workgroups. He was recently elected as Secretary of the ACS Board of Governors and also serves on the ACS Program Committee. Dr. Dent also serves on an American Board of Surgery task force for the development of Entrustable Professional Activities and on a Steering Committee for the ACS Advanced Curriculum in General Surgery.

The Department of Surgery at Weill Cornell Medical College established this Visiting Professor Lectureship in 1983 as a reminder of the importance of surgical education.
"Sticky Floors and Glass Ceiling"

Monday, March 5, 2018 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Uris Auditorium

Caprice C. Greenberg, MD, MPH
Professor and Vice Chair of Research,
Morgridge Distinguished Chair in Health Services Research
Director, Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program, Department of Surgery
University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health
Madison, Wisconsin

The Department of Surgery’s 3rd Annual Diversity Lecture titled “Sticky Floors and Glass Ceiling” by Caprice C. Greenberg, MD, MPH on March 5th, 2018.

Dr. Caprice C. Greenberg is a tenured Professor of Surgery, Vice Chair of Research, the Morgridge Distinguished Chair in Health Services Research and Director of the Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program in the Department of Surgery at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Greenberg received her bachelor’s degree with general honors (1994) and her MD with honors (1998) from the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. She also received a Masters of Public Health from Harvard School of Public Health in Clinical Effectiveness in 2002.

Dr. Greenberg completed a general surgery residency at Brigham and Women's Hospital and a two year Fineberg Fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Partners-Dana-Farber Cancer Center in Boston. Following her clinical and research fellowship training, she joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in 2007. While there, she served as the Associate Director and then Director of the Center for Surgery and Public Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She was recruited to the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011 to serve as Director for the Wisconsin Surgical Outcomes Research Program.

Dr. Greenberg is a surgical oncologist specializing in breast cancer and a health services researcher focused on improving patient safety and quality of care. Her multi-disciplinary research program in comparative effectiveness and patient centered outcomes research in cancer care, as well performance and quality measurement and improvement in surgery, has been funded by a variety of agencies, including NIH, AHRQ, and PCORI. Dr. Greenberg has mentored numerous medical students, residents, fellows and serves as an important role model.

Dr. Greenberg is an active member of several prestigious surgical societies including the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Clinical Oncology, the Society for Surgical Oncology, the Society of University Surgeons and Surgical Biology Club II. She has served as Recorder and President of the Association for Academic Surgery and Founder and President of the Surgical Outcomes Club. Dr. Greenberg is the author of more than 128 publications, 1 book, 7 book chapters and numerous abstracts. She currently serves on the editorial board of 3 peer-reviewed journals and is a reviewer for 12 surgical journals. Dr. Greenberg has been an invited lecturer both nationally and internationally.

The Department of Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian established this Diversity Lectureship in 2016 as a reminder of the importance of a culture of inclusiveness, diversity and equality. By instituting this lectureship, the Department of Surgery wants to stress the importance of a culture of inclusiveness through recruitment, mentoring, promotion, retention and selection for leadership roles to develop and sustain diversity among residents, staff and faculty in surgery.
"The Truth on Malabsorptive Surgery"

Monday, March 12, 2018 | 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM | Uris Auditorium

Jacques M. Himpens, MD, PhD, FASMBS (Hon)
Associate Professor of Surgery
The European School of Laparoscopic Surgery
Chief, Bariatric Surgery at the Delta CHIREC Hospital
Brussels, Belgium
St. Blasius General Hospital
Dendermonde, Belgium

The Annual Corinne and Maurice Greenberg International Visiting Professorship in Honor of Peter Guida, MD, was held on March 12th, 2018 in Uris Auditorium at Weill Cornell Medical College. The lecture, "The Truth About Malabsorbative Surgery" was delivered by Jacques M. Himpens, MD, PhD. Dr. Himpens is currently the Chief of Bariatric Surgery, Delta CHIREC Hospital, and Associate Professor of Surgery at the European School of Laparoscopic Surgery in Brussels, Belgium.

Dr. Jacques M. Himpens is the Chief of Bariatric Surgery at the Delta CHIREC Hospital in Brussels and the St. Blasius General Hospital in Dendermonde, Belgium. He is also an Associate Professor of Surgery at the Belgium-based European School of Laparoscopic Surgery.

Dr. Himpens received his medical degree cum laude from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, in 1977—after which he spent some time in New York researching hypovolemic shock. Returning to Belgium in 1984, he would remain in private practice for eight years until joining Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1992. In the years that followed, Dr. Himpens would use his expertise to establish the Bariatric Unit at the St. Blasius Hospital at Dendermonde, Belgium, in 1993 and Bariatric Department at the Edith Cavell Hospitals (CHIREC) at Brussels, Belgium, in 2004.

Dr. Himpens specializes in robot-assisted gastrointestinal surgery and was actively involved in the development of robotic aids for laparoscopic surgery. On March 3, 1997, Dr. Himpens performed the world's first "robotic" procedure: a laparoscopic cholecystectomy with a prototype Intuitive Surgery device. Because of his achievements in bariatric surgery, Dr. Himpens was awarded the title of Honorary Fellow from the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery in 2015. He remains involved in the development and application of robot-assisted and traditional surgical procedures, continuing to design unique approaches to laparoscopic and bariatric surgery that increase effectiveness and efficiency.

Dr. Himpens has been published widely in peer-reviewed and internationally referenced journals. In addition to authoring several chapters in surgical books and books on bariatric surgery, Dr. Himpens is the co-editor for the journal Obesity Surgery and a member of the editorial board of the journal Surgery for Obesity and Related Diseases (SOARD).

Dr. Himpens is a member of several prestigious surgical societies, including the Belgian Society for Obesity and Metabolic Diseases. He is the president of the International Federation for Obesity and Metabolic Diseases and is an honorary member of both the French and the Spanish Society of Obesity Surgery.

A reminder of the importance of international collaboration in medical education and surgery, the Corinne and Maurice Greenberg International Visiting Professorship in Honor of Peter Guida, MD, has been made possible by the generous support of Corinne and Maurice Greenberg.

Special appreciation to Steven J. Corwin, MD, President and Chief Executive Officer, NewYork-Presbyterian, Herbert Pardes, MD, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, NewYork-Presbyterian, and Augustine M. K. Choi, MD, Stephen and Suzanne Weiss Dean, Weill Cornell Medicine, for their support to establish this lectureship.
The previous issue of SurgeryNews highlighted the installment of Dr. Barbara Lee Bass, the John F. and Carolyn Bookout Chair and Professor, Department of Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital, as President of the American College of Surgeons at the 103rd Annual Clinical Congress in San Diego. Over the course of the following days, many of the Department of Surgery's faculty and residents played an active role giving lectures, oral presentations and videos, participating in panel discussions, moderating sessions and teaching post-graduate courses.

**DR. HEATHER YEO** (FACULTY) PRESENTED at Marketing Session on: “Using Social Media Effectively” at Association for Academic Surgery 2017 Fall Course: Fundamentals of Surgical Research Course on Social Media For the Surgeon at the University of California, Center for the Future of Surgery

**DR. JASON SPECTOR LAB**

**PRESERVED:** “Push to Start: Engineering a Hierarchical Vasculature for Surgically Applicable Tissues”

**DR. JASON SPECTOR LAB**

**PRESERVED:** “Modeling Breast Cancer Metastasis in a Novel Three-Dimensional Biomimetic Platform”

**DR. JASON SPECTOR LAB**

**PRESENTED POSTER:** “A Novel Rapidly Biodegradable Implantable Elastomeric Visceral Shield for Safe and Efficient Abdominal Fascial Closure”

**DR. FABRIZIO MICHELASSI** (FACULTY) HOSTED NYP-WCM Table at Association of Womens Surgeons Foundation 36th Anniversary Awards Dinner with Dr. Kelly Garrett, Dr. Toni Beninato, Dr. Heather Yeo, Dr. Rache Simmons, Dr. Katherine Gray, Dr. Maureen Moore, Dr. Jennifer Minneman, Dr. Barbara Bass & Dr. Patricia Turner

**DR. FABRIZIO MICHELASSI**

**PRESENTED:** “a-Gal: Antigen-stimulated macrophage-directed accelerated wound healing”

**DR. PIERRE SALDINGER** (FACULTY) CO-MODERATED: “ACS NSQIP/Surgical Care and Recovery Program and Protocols”

**DR. RACHE SIMMONS** (FACULTY) PRESENTED: “Cryoablation” at the Interventional and Intraoperative Breast Ultrasound for the General Surgeon Course (Course Chairs: Darius S. Francescatti, MD, FACS & Co-Chair: Richard E. Fine, MD, FACS)
DR. RACHE SIMMONS (FACULTY) PRESENTED: Hands-on Lab Instructor for Workshop Sessions I and II at the Interventional and Intraoperative Breast Ultrasound for the General Surgeon Course (Course Chairs: Darius S. Francescatti, MD, FACS & Co-Chair: Richard E. Fine, MD, FACS)

DR. FABRIZIO MICHELASSI CO-HOSTED “OFFICE HOURS” Meet the ACS Leaders with Dr. Mark Malangoni

DR. DEMETRI MERIANOS (FACULTY) FACILITATED: “Abdominal Compartment Syndrome”

DR. MAUREEN MOORE (RESIDENT) PRESENTED “Multimodal peri-procedural instructions impact on patient satisfaction: A randomized, pilot study”

DR. PHILIP BARIE (FACULTY) PRESENTED “Acute Care Surgery: Case Presentations” at Antibiotic Stewardship for Surgeons

DR. DEMETRI MERIANOS (FACULTY) CO-MODERATED: “A Night on Call in the ICU”

DR. MATTHEW SYMER (RESIDENT) PRESENTED at Surgical Education III – “The Myth of the Surgical Personality: Motivation and Attrition from Surgical Training”

DR. KATHERINE GRAY (RESIDENT) PRESENTED POSTER on “Predicting Survival and Response to Treatment in Poorly-Differentiated Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Esophagus and Stomach”

DR. JENNIFER MINNEMAN (RESIDENT) PRESENTED AN ABSTRACT in E-Poster Rounds VI on “Triage of Injured Patients in NY State prior to implementation of the ACS Committee on Trauma (ACS-COT) Verification System at San Diego Convention Center

DR. TONI BENINATO (FACULTY) DISCCUSED a Paper Abstract at Endocrine Surgery Session II, “Preoperative genetic testing and 18F-FDG PET/CT imaging in pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas allows for precision surgery” (Moderator(s): Jennifer Braemar Ogilvie MD, FACS, and Denise M. Carneiro-Pla MD, FACS)
2017 American College of Surgeons Annual Alumni Reception

On Tuesday, October 24th, Surgical Alumni, Faculty and Friends of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Houston Methodist Hospital, NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens and NewYork-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital, gathered at the 103rd Annual American College of Surgeons for the 2017 Annual Alumni Cocktail Reception.

The Reception was co-hosted by Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi, Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief, NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center; Dr. Leonard N. Girardi, O. Wayne Isom, MD Professor and Chairman, Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery, NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center; Dr. Barbara Lee Bass, the John F. and Carolyn Bookout Chair and Professor, Department of Surgery, Houston Methodist Hospital; Dr. Pierre F. Saldinger, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, NewYork-Presbyterian/Queens; and Dr. Michael E. Zenilman, Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, NewYork-Presbyterian Methodist Hospital. Our reception this year attracted one of the largest amount of guests, over 130 alumni and friends, and was held at the Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel in San Diego, California.
The 13th Annual Department of Surgery Dinner was held at the Columbus Citizens Foundation located on New York City’s Upper East Side. Over 60 guests attended to celebrate the accomplishments of the Department over the past year and to hear about exciting new plans for the Department’s future growth.

The program included remarks from Cam Patterson, M.D. (Chief Operating Officer at NYP/Weill Cornell), and Augustine Choi, M.D. (Dean of Weill Cornell Medicine). Jon Cohen, M.D., Senior Vice President and Group Executive – Diagnostic Solutions for Quest Diagnostics spoke about the impact of Philanthropy. Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D., Lewis Atterbury Stimson Professor of Surgery and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at NYP/Weill Cornell, summarized the accomplishments of the Department over the previous year, talked about future plans for the Department in the areas of clinical care, education and research, and thanked all friends and supporters.
Scars are the visible reminders of a wound from an injury or surgery.

Many scars fade over time, but may never completely disappear. They may look red, raised, indented or otherwise disfiguring. Depending on the location and size of their scarring, an individual may feel supremely self-conscious of their appearance.

Dr. Abraham Houng and the Burn Center at NYP/Weill Cornell Medicine are leading the pack with a new Laser Scar Revision Program. We recently sat down with Dr. Houng to gain better insight into this new technological advancement/treatment option.

What technology is used for this treatment?

We use a CO2 laser technology that destroys scar tissue from a controlled burn for any type of scar. The most popular and widely used machine is the UltraPulse CO2 laser by Lumenis. The Lumenis UltraPulse Laser Therapy is the most advanced laser of its kind, and in various studies, has demonstrated a great deal of success in decreasing scars, improving color match, improving texture and improving function. Some have reported up to a 90% reduction in the appearance of scars.

How many treatments are needed?

Approximately 4-6 treatments are needed. You must wait 1-2 months between each treatment.

Do other hospitals offer this?

The Burn Center at NYP/Weill Cornell Medicine is the only burn center in the tristate area to offer this service. Currently, it is also the only ABA verified burn center in NYC for both the adult and pediatric population.

What type of scars can this treat?

The laser can treat Burn Scars, Hypertrophic Scars and Surgical Scars.

What does the laser feel like?

The laser treatment requires general anesthesia. However, after the application is over, there is no residual pain and patients require no post-op pain medicine.

Does insurance pay for this?

The procedure is covered by most insurances. Kindly schedule an appointment to be seen and evaluated by one of the surgeons by calling 646-962-2580.

Is this treatment used only to improve the visual appearance of the scar?

No, this treatment also softens the scar, increases mobility, decreases itchiness and overall scar pain.

Can this be used to treat C-section scars?

Yes, this could be used to diminish the appearance of C-section scars.
After Deadly Attacks, More Seek Out Training for Bystanders
(as seen on lohud.com)

Narayan said the recent Halloween terrorist attack in Manhattan that saw a truck plowing down a bike path, mowing down people and killing eight, offers another example of why everyone should learn blood-control basics.

Similar to past efforts to expand cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training, Stop the Bleed is an emergency preparedness program run through the Department of Homeland Security. It provides guidelines experts say could save lives by extending the crucial window between injury and emergency response.

First, bystanders should try to move themselves and the victim to somewhere safe, if possible. Then, victims can be assisted by:

- Applying pressure on the bleeding. Expose to find where the bleeding is coming from and apply firm, steady pressure to the bleeding site with both hands.

- Use dressing or clothing if possible. Continue to apply steady pressure to the bleeding site.

- Apply tourniquet(s). If the bleeding doesn't stop with simple pressure, place a tourniquet 2 to 3 inches closer to the torso from the bleeding. The tourniquet may be applied and secured over clothing. Pull the strap through the buckle, twist the rod tightly, clip and secure the rod with the clasp or the Velcro strap.

Stop the Bleed training initiatives were launched in October 2015 after a gunman killed nine people and injured seven more at Umpqua Community College in Oregon.

For more information about the Stop The Bleed training initiatives, please contact (646) 962-8490.
“It is possible that a big breakthrough could occur. We need to encourage young, bright faculty members because they will turn that knowledge into extraordinary advances,” said Mr. Rasweiler, noting that resources are critical to growth in the field of Pancreatic Cancer Research.

When Mildred and John Rasweiler toured a scientific lab at Weill Cornell Medicine this past spring, observing amazing research firsthand, they were enthralled.

With a family history of pancreatic cancer, the Rasweilers wanted to shed light on the disease that took the life of Mr. Rasweiler’s mother and Mrs. Rasweiler’s grandmother. The lab tour was a turning point that showed them how they could make an impact.

“What we learned was incredible,” says Mrs. Rasweiler. “Seeing those dedicated researchers was eye-opening.”

Already in the midst of contemplating a donation, the Rasweilers say that visit enthusiastically confirmed their decision to establish the Mildred L. and John F. Rasweiler Research Scholar Award in Cancer Research with a $1 million gift.

“Pancreatic cancer is a significant issue,” says Mrs. Rasweiler. “Through exposure at Weill Cornell, we have a lot of hope for this Research Scholar Award to provide the necessary resources to make significant strides leading to a cure for pancreatic cancer.”

In October, it was announced that the inaugural recipient of the Rasweiler Research Scholar Award would be Dr. Yariv Houvras, assistant professor of medicine, of medicine in surgery, and of cell and developmental biology. Research Scholar Awards provide endowed funding for rising-star scientists to build independent research programs.

“I feel very honored to have this ongoing support. It’s pivotal for giving us the time we need to explore ideas and build innovative tools for genetic approaches that hold tremendous promise to tackle fundamental problems in cancer biology and cancer medicine,” says Dr. Houvras, whose research is currently focused on understanding how enzymes turn normal cells into cancer cells.

“We are excited about establishing this award,” says Mrs. Rasweiler. “It will give so many people hope for the future and the ability to spend many more years with their families.”
**Highlights of Scholarly Productivity**

**Dr. Eugene J. Nowak** was honored at the NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner as the recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Service Award. This award was created in order to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution to the Medical Center through his or her years of service to the institution. The NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council (CAC) is a collegial association that was established in 1976 for healthcare professionals at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center. Its objectives are to support and promote the educational, research, and clinical missions of the Medical Center while encouraging the collaboration of current and former faculty and staff members of both the Hospital and the Medical College.

Under the leadership of **Dr. Benjamin Samtein**, chief of liver transplantation and hepatobiliary surgery in the Department of Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center and Weill Cornell Medicine, surgical director of the living donor liver transplant program at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, and an associate professor of surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine, the living donor liver transplant program at NYP/WCMC and Weill Cornell Medicine had its first successful living donor liver transplantation case in late January. The center received certification in May 2017 by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), which oversees all organ transplant programs in the country and regulates which programs can perform such surgeries. One important aspect of NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell and Weill Cornell Medicine’s new designation is the potential to offer living donation “exchanges,” Similar to kidney donation exchanges or “swaps,” living liver donation chains pair interested donors with recipients, allowing those who may not be perfectly compatible with their loved one to essentially trade with another liver donor and recipient, so everyone’s medical needs are met.

**Dr. Sandip Kapur**, G. Tom Shires, MD Faculty Scholar in Surgery, Jeanette and Jeffrey Lasdon Directory of Kidney and Pancreas Transplant Programs and Chief of Transplantation Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine, co-authored an abstract in the American Journal of Transplantation on “Shipping living donor kidneys and transplant recipient outcomes”. Recent acceptance of the practice of kidney paired donation (KPD) in the United States has given rise to national KPD registries that facilitate KPD exchanges between kidney donors and recipients separated by long distances. This latest research shows that cold ischemia times (CIT) in kidney paired donation transplants does not have a detrimental impact on patient or graft survival.

*View the full article here*
**Highlights of Scholarly Productivity**

**Dr. Briar Dent,** Plastic Surgery Resident was selected as the December 2017 Resident Award Winner. Dr. Dent attended the Department Meeting where she was recognized and received 4000 in her NYP EVERYDAY AMAZING ACCOUNT from Dr. Cam Patterson. Such exemplary employees make us #1 in New York City!

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**Dr. Matthew Smith** was honored at the NewYork Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council Awards Dinner as a recipient of the Distinguished Housestaff Award. This award is presented annually to one member of the housestaff from each department for all-around excellence. Award recipients are selected by Department Chairs and Residency Program Directors.

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**Dr. Heather Yeo,** Nanette Laitman Clinical Scholar in Healthcare Policy and Research/Clinical Evaluation, an assistant professor of surgery at Weill Cornell Medicine and a surgical oncologist at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center specializing in colon and rectal surgery and **Dr. Gregory Eckenrode,** Resident in the Department of Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine were awarded best abstract and best resident presentation for their work entitled “Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Promotion and Retention of Academic Surgeons” at the Academic Surgical Congress held on January 30th-February 1st.
Dr. Shuibing Chen was the recipient of the International Society of Stem Cell Research (ISSCR) Dr. Susan Lim Award for Outstanding Young Investigator. The ISSCR Dr. Susan Lim Award for Outstanding Young Investigator, supported by the Dr. Susan Lim Endowment for Education and Research Ltd., recognizes the exceptional achievements of an investigator in the early part of his or her independent career in stem cell research.

Dr. Alfons Pomp, Leon C. Hirsch Professor, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, Chief of GI Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medicine recently met with Dr. Leon Hirsch to discuss the Leon C. Hirsch Professorship, currently held by Dr. Pomp. This professorship was established to support excellence in minimally invasive surgery.

Mayur Narayan, MD, MPH, MBA, MHPE, FACS, Assistant Professor of Surgery (Interim) at Weill Cornell Medical College was appointed Vice-Chair of the ACS Greater New York Committee on Trauma. The mission of the Committee on Trauma is to improve all phases of the management of the injured patient including prehospital care and transportation, hospital care, and rehabilitation; to prevent injuries in the home, in industry, on the highway, and during participation in sports; to establish and implement institutional and systems standards for care of the injured; to provide education to improve trauma care; and to cooperate with other national organizations with similar objectives.
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Invitation & RSVP card to follow