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Have something to share? Please, let us know! Submit to this newsletter by emailing us over at Mitchell15@up.edu or surgclrk@hawaii.edu. Send us your pictures, papers, and news before the 15th of the month, and you can be a part of The Slice!

FACULTY SNAPSHOTS



Featuring in this issue:

Megan H. Murai Kuba, MD

Megan is a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine and is in her third year of clinical orthopaedic residency training. She is a local girl and proud graduate of Moanalua High School. She thought she needed to explore the cold mainland and went to Boston for 8 frigid years where she studied athletic training at Boston University and then attended medical school at Tufts University School of Medicine. (cont. on page 3)

Welcome to the UHM Department of Surgery's newsletter!
Don't forget to keep submitting!

A New Guide to Using Ultrasound in Abdominal Surgeries

Dr. Junji Machi's new book, *Abdominal Ultrasound for Surgeons*, has just been published by Springer. The book goes into detail about how to incorporate the ultrasound of the abdomen in surgical practice for abdominal diseases. Divided into three sections—the basics of ultrasound, the anatomy of ultrasound, and the pathology of the abdomen, and the usage of ultrasonography of the abdomen in surgical practice—the text makes an excellent new reference for practicing surgeons and students alike. Dr. Machi has kindly decided to donate one copy to our Department of Surgery, to use for resident education. Thank you Dr. Machi, and congratulations on the new publication!

Welcome to our new Director of Trauma Research

We would like to welcome Chad Walton to the Department of Surgery! Chad joins our team as an Assistant Professor and Director of Trauma Research, and his office is in University Tower #601. Chad received his Master's of Biomedical Technology from the University of Calgary in 2002, and PhD in Molecular BioSciences and BioEngineering at University of Hawaii in 2006. Prior to joining the Department of Surgery he was an Assistant Professor of Medicine, within the Center for Cardiovascular Research (JABSOM). Chad's past research focused on ultrasound based biomedical engineering projects, and basic molecular cardiology studies of cardiac ischemia. We trust he will continue his success in leading and mentoring research teams, and broaden our horizons for translational research and biotech innovation. (cont. on page 2)

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CONGRATULATIONS DR. CHUN

Dr. Maria Chun has recently been elected as President of the Hawaii chapter of the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). Along with this, she will also be an invited speaker on a cultural competency panel at the American College of Surgeons 2014 Clinical Congress, and has been invited to serve as an Affiliate Faculty of the University of Hawaii's Faculty Mentoring Program.

RESEARCH CORNER

PRESENTATION ON INTERDISCIPLINARY TRAUMA TEAMWORK

Two of our medical students, Nina Ho and Alexander Wei, will be presenting their original research on interdisciplinary trauma teamwork at the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress next month.

HELMET USE AMONG INJURED MOTORCYCLE AND MOPED RIDERS ARTICLE

Medical Student Catherine Ly was co-author on a manuscript mentored by Dr. Linda Wong and first author **Dan Galanis**. The manuscript, which detailed helmet use among motorcycle and moped riders injured in Hawaii, was accepted into the Journal of Trauma within a week!

MRSA PREVALENCE IN TRAUMA PATIENTS

Congratulations to trauma surgeon Sharon Moran, who presented her work on MRSA prevalence in trauma patients and subsequent pneumonia at the Am Association for the Surgery of Trauma meeting in Philadelphia on 9/10/14.



Dr. Walton

(cont. from page 1) His focus will be on statewide trauma research efforts; we are particularly interested in his strengths in interdisciplinary, inter-institutional and translational research. Everyone is encouraged to drop in and bounce ideas off him, as he describes himself as a "serial researcher" and maintains an open door policy.

Dr. Kuba Wipes Out the WOA Research Competition

University of Hawaii Orthopaedic Resident Megan H. Kuba swept the resident research competition at the 78th Annual Western Orthopaedic Association (WOA) meeting held in July on the Big Island of Hawaii. Established in 1932, the WOA consists of 14 Western states and over 1700 members. She took top honors in the poster competition for her study "Pediatric Access to Care – A Look at Orthopaedic Access in the State of Hawaii", which demonstrated that patients' access to care is affected (sometimes negatively) by the type of insurance they have. In the podium presentation competition Dr. Kuba won the Lloyd Taylor Award for her study "One Brace, One Visit: Treatment of Distal Radius Buckle Fractures in Children with a Removable Wrist Brace and No Follow-up Visit". This study demonstrated a new treatment approach to common wrist fractures in children that results in improved outcomes with high parent satisfaction while lowering costs and increasing access to care. As a result, the podium presentation will be redelivered in March 2015 at the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS) annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Kuba and her faculty mentor Dr. Byron Izuka are to be commended for this excellence in scholarly activity.



Dr. Kuba holding the podium
award plaque

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DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY FACULTY HONORED IN "BEST DOCTORS IN HAWAII"

Colon & Rectal Surgery

Rebecca Sawai

Critical Care Medicine

Cherylee Chang
Maimona Ghows
Malcolm Haruno
Mihae Yu

Emergency Medicine

Monte Elias
Jaimie Tom

Hand Surgery

Robert Atkinson
David Matthews
Daniel Singer

Neurological Surgery

Daniel Donovan
Jon Graham
Michon Morita
William Obana

Nuclear Medicine

Marc Coel

Ophthalmology

Neal Atebara
John Drouilhet
Gregg Kokame
J. Scott Kortvelesy
James Lai
John Olkowski
Jon Portis
Steven Sameshima
Rhoads Stevens
Shigemi Sugiki
Troy Tanji
William Wong, Jr.

Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery

Robert Durkin

Pediatric Surgery

Sidney Johnson
Devin Puapong
Russell Woo

Pediatric Urology

Ronald Sutherland

Plastic Surgery

Shim Ching
Thomas Crabtree
Clyde Ishii
Vince Nip
F. Don Parsa
Robert Schulz

Radiation Oncology

Vincent Brown
John Lederer
Scott Moon

Radiology

John Chan
Ryan Matsuo
Norman Polk
Hyo-Chun Yoon

Surgery

John Balfour
Racquel Bueno
Alan Cheung
Nancy Furumoto
Werner Grebe
Mark Grief
Lisa Grininger
Peter Halford
Mark Izawa
Whitney Limm
Junji Machi
Kathleen Mah
Eric Matayoshi
Mark Mugiishi
Steven Nishida
Andrew Oishi
Linda Wong (on cover of magazine)
Mark Yamamura

Orthopedic Surgery

Robert Atkinson
Gregory Chow
Jeffrey Kimo Harpstrite
Darryl Kan
Thomas Kane
Jay Marumoto
Daniel Singer
Sydney Smith

Otolaryngology

Alfred Liu

Pediatric Cardiac Surgery

Carlos Moreno-Cabral

Pediatric Ophthalmology

Malcolm Ing

Anesthesiology

Yong Goh
Neil Manago
Alan Suyama
Robin Takata

Surgical Oncology

Peter Halford
Paul Morris
Danny Takanishi, Jr.

Thoracic Surgery

Carlos Moreno-Cabral
Paul Morris

Urology

Garry Peers

Vascular Surgery

Robert Kistner
Elna Masuda
Peter Schneider
Harvey Takaki

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Megan H. Murai Kuba, MD (cont.)

Megan is happily married to a proud graduate of Mililani High School and they compete daily on who went to the better M high school. She doesn't have any spare time, but if she did she would enjoy dancing, watching sports (especially the San Francisco 49ers) and hanging out with loved ones. She is extremely grateful to be home again in Hawaii completing her orthopaedic residency where she can thaw out and enjoy the sun through the Queens windows. To see one of her most recent accomplishments, check out page 2 of this issue of The Slice!

FACULTY SERVICE AWARDS:

Thank you to Dr. Mihae Yu for 30 years of service!

WHAT'S THE SLICE IN YOUR LIFE?
LET US KNOW!