The Chairman’s Corner

by Douglas P. Slakey, MD, MPH
Regents Professor & Chair of Surgery

2015 was a year that included several changes in the department. Obviously the most difficult change was the death of Dr. Norman McSwain. Norman had contributed tremendously to the department, the Charity trauma system and to improvements in trauma care across the globe. He is definitely missed.

On a more positive note, the department continues to expand its faculty. As profiled in this edition, we have three new clinical faculty: Dr. Chris Ducoin - minimally invasive surgery, Dr. John Blair Hamner - surgical oncology, and Dr. Margaret Moore - trauma, clinical care. Each of these clinical faculty has already added immensely to every aspect of the department and I look forward to their continued contributions as the department grows and expands.

In addition, we have added two exceptionally talented research faculty. Dr. Zakaria Abd Elmageed is achieving great success in studies involving molecular mechanisms relating to tumor progression. Dr. Mimi Sammarco is studying bone and tissue regeneration in response to hyperbaric oxygen. Her research interests bring an exciting addition to our section of trauma and clinical care.

This year we have had another record in the number of applicant for surgical residency - 1,048! Dr. Jim Korndorffer, Program Director, continues to refine the residency in ways that foster the best in modern surgical education.

The department is working with the university medical center administration to expand our services at the new state of the art university medical center and Spirit of Charity Trauma Center. If you have not yet seen this new facility, it exceeded my expectations and will no doubt will be a tremendous resource to the healthcare needs of southeastern Louisiana.

At Tulane Hospital we are thrilled with the addition of a brand new state of the art surgical robot. The number of surgical robotic procedures continues to expand with our Tulane surgeons as innovators in the field.

Finally, I want to thank all those who have generously donated during the Department of Surgery during 2015. The generosity of our alumni and friends of the department has enabled us to support our resident and student educational mission. Without your help we would not be able to take advantage of all the opportunities that we have.

Questions?
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Dr. Marc R. Moon joined the faculty at Washington University School of Medicine in 1998 and was promoted to Professor of Surgery in 2005. In 2014 he was honored as the John M. Shoenberg Chair in Cardiothoracic Disease. He was named Program Director for the Cardiothoracic Surgery Residency Program in 2004 and Chief of Cardiac Surgery in 2014.

Dr. Moon has authored more than 160 scientific publications; however, his passion lies in the clinical area, where he specializes in re-operative valvular surgery and diseases of the thoracic aorta. He is the Secretary of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the world’s oldest and most prestigious society dedicated to thoracic disease, and is a consultant to the Circulatory System Devices Panel of the Food and Drug Administration.

8th Annual Tulane Symposium on Thyroid & Parathyroid Diseases will be held on March 5 – 6, 2016.

Click here for the brochure!

Dr. Christopher DuCoin recently performed the first POEM (Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy) surgery in the Gulf South.

To watch the WWL-TV interview please click here!

Tulane Health Systems honored the legacy of Dr. Norman McSwain on January 29th at the dedication and unveiling ceremony for the McSwain First Responders Clinic.
What Nepal’s Earthquake Felt Like From A Hotel In Kathmandu”

At 11:58 a.m., I glanced at the clock in the lobby of the Yak & Yeti Hotel in the Durbar Marg neighborhood of the Nepalese capital. I walked toward the elevator, and the floor rolled in front of me. It felt like a small boat tossed by enormous waves.

I slipped and slid on the tile floor, and ran, leaning drunkenly to the left, toward the door. I was a few feet away when I heard the glass shatter. I swayed and leaned against a pillar; I looked desperately for a door frame. A hotel employee passed by me, and I reached for his arm. “Please, help me,” I said. I followed him into the room behind the reception desk and crouched on the floor. Another hotel employee inside looked as scared as I was.

She peeked out through the door frame. “Madame, go out into the garden. Go out into the garden now,” she said. I ran out the back door. A stream of water 2 feet wide rushed by the path in front of me; later, others described a foot of water from the hotel pool and dozens of goldfish from a nearby pond thrown violently into the air.

I settled on the grass a few dozen feet from the hotel and felt the rolling murmurs of aftershocks — some totaling 6.6 on the Richter scale, some sources are reporting.

The hotel employees around me were as shocked as I was. They dialed and redialed their phones, trying to reach their loved ones. They told me it was as scary for them as it was for us. As hotel guests approached across the trembling ground, asking what the next steps were, they shook their heads helplessly.

Up on the third floor, Dietric Hennings had just checked into his room and was preparing to call his girlfriend. Then he felt the building slide to one side, he said. The weirdest part was there was no sound — just the shifting and swaying of the floor. He was sure the building would collapse.

And so Hennings’s next thought was for the injured. Once the tremors had stilled, he made his way down the stairs and found a hotel employee, who led the doctor to a man lying on the concrete outside. His overshift and undershirt were soaked through with blood. Someone had fashioned a makeshift gauze dressing to staunch the bleeding.

“I undressed the cut, and I could tell at that point that it was pretty deep,” Hennings said. He was worried the glass might have punctured the man’s lung. He applied pressure until the staff brought gauze and water, which he splashed across the man’s right rib cage. No bubbles disturbed the water. “That was a good sign,” Hennings said: no punctured lung.

“I probed the wound. I actually stuck my finger in it,” Hennings said. “The cut went down into his rib bone.” Assisted by two Iraqi physicians in town for a UNICEF conference, Hennings cleaned and dressed the wound. Since his lung wasn’t punctured and the bleeding was controlled, the man waited an hour or so before heading to the overcrowded hospital. The man was back at the hotel within a few hours, sporting a ridge of stitches.

Now Hennings and his erstwhile patient and I are waiting in the garden for the next barrage. We’re told another quake may hit in the next hour or so — and it might be even worse than the first. But if disaster strikes yet again, I wouldn’t want anyone else sitting beside me.
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Dr. Lee Hamm
Dean, School of Medicine
Tulane Medical School

“His commitment to improving the care of the injured patient saved countless lives and improved the quality of life of untold millions of people.”

Dr. McSwain mourns the death of our dear friend and faculty member Dr. Norman McSwain. He passed away on July 28, 2015 from complications of a stroke.

Renowned trauma surgeon and Tulane University School of Medicine professor Dr. Norman McSwain died Tuesday (July 28) at his French Quarter home, his family reported. McSwain, 78, was hospitalized on July 17 with a cerebral bleed, according to family members.

McSwain joined the Tulane University faculty in 1977, but it was his dedication and commitment as a practicing trauma surgeon that made gained him national acclaim. He served as trauma director and a member of the teaching staff of Charity Hospital of New Orleans, surgeon for the New Orleans Police Department since 1979, and medical director of New Orleans’ Emergency Medical Services Division. Shortly after his arrival in New Orleans in 1978, the city tapped McSwain to develop an EMS system here.

Previously McSwain had developed an EMS system and educational resources for the state of Kansas. McSwain relocated to New Orleans because he considered Charity Hospital to be one of the nation’s most important trauma centers. But his efforts resonated worldwide: His work with the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma and National Association of EMTs resulted in a Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support program that is a global standard for trauma care. That program has trained more than 500,000 people in 45 countries.

McSwain had written numerous textbooks and articles and had received many awards for his trauma work. He is the only person in the history of the American College of Surgeons to receive all five of its major trauma awards.

McSwain was born in Alabama and graduated from University of Alabama School of Medicine. He worked in Atlanta and Kansas City, Kansas before coming to New Orleans.

“Dr. McSwain has left an unparalleled legacy.”
Dr. Douglas Slakey
Chair, Department of Surgery

Margaret Moore, MD
Assistant Professor of Surgery
Tulane Department of Surgery

“Dr. McSwain was my mentor and my hero; the reason why I pursued fellowship training here in New Orleans and the reason why I stayed on as faculty. I’m extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to train under him and learn from him for he was a true legend in our field and an inspiration to us all.”

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2015 McSwain Trauma Conference

"Providing Quality Education To Local EMS Personnel In Southeast Louisiana And The Gulf Coast"

The 3rd annual McSwain EMS Trauma Conference was held on November 3, 2015 at Harrah’s Hotel. The conference was a success with 115 people in attendance and an agenda full of great presenters that are listed below:

Martin Schreiber, MD: Chief of Trauma, Critical Care Surgery and Acute Care Surgery at Oregon Health & Science University

Eric Conrad, MD: Associate Professor of Psychiatry At the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center and is the Vice Chairman for Hospital Psychiatry

William Chapleau EMT-P, RN, CEN, TSN: Chairman of the Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) Committee

Marc Creswell: Operations Manager Air Med-Rotor Wing

Jeffrey P. Salomone, MD: Trauma Medical Director at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona and also serves as the Chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care for the Department of Surgery at that institution.

Hank Meyer, ATF: Senior Special Agent with the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF)

Hamed Amani, MD: Associate Medical Director of Lehigh Valley Health Network's Regional Burn Center in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Purpose

To provide an annual educational event attracting national and international speakers to New Orleans and the South, giving medical personnel such as EMT's, paramedics, nurses, firefighters and trauma surgeons access to well-known educators.

Goal

To offer comprehensive team-based continuing education in the treatment of critically ill and injured patients by stressing basic and cutting edge guidelines and technology for evaluation, diagnosis and management.

Audience

Designed for those with an interest in the continuum of pre-hospital, emergency medicine and trauma surgical care of the acutely injured patient such as physicians, nurses, paramedics, EMTs, firefighters, search and rescue workers, respiratory therapists and others. Tulane faculty physicians along with national and international speakers will take audience members on a stimulating journey of trauma surgical knowledge.

Opportunity

We invite you to participate in this unique opportunity to appeal to a broad range of local and regional participants, including ambulance companies, emergency room physician groups, pharmaceutical companies and trauma vendors. Attendees will take advantage of a one-day conference focused exclusively on the needs of pre-hospital personnel and emergency room experts.

Join us next year for the 4th Annual McSwain Trauma Conference! It is scheduled for November 1, 2016. Location will be announced at a later date.

Click below to download our 2015 Faculty Presentations & Publications listing
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New Clinical Faculty

Christopher DuCoin, MD, MPH, FACS is a board certified general surgeon who completed his Fellowship in Minimally Invasive Surgery at University of California, San Diego, in La Jolla, California. Returning to the Tulane University in the Medical Center’s Department of Surgery is coming full circle for him, as he received his Bachelor’s degree from Tulane University and his Masters of Public Health from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. He has a very strong affinity for New Orleans and desires nothing more than participate in the health care and wellbeing of its population. He completed his general surgery residency and was also the Academic Chief Resident at Orlando Regional Medical Center, a large, Level One trauma center, which is the only branch of M.D. Anderson outside state of Texas.

DuCoin’s surgical interests include Minimally Invasive Surgery of the Foregut, Advanced Endoscopy, and complex abdominal wall pathology such as hernia repair and fistula management. The foregut surgery in which he specializes is distal esophagectomy, large paraesophageal hernias, anti-reflux surgery, and solid organ surgery such as gastrectomy, hepato-pancreato-biliary, and splenic procedures. His endoscopy area of expertise is that of the foregut nature and includes both diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, such as Peri-Oral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM) and Peri-Oral Endoscopic Tumor DResection (POET). He is trained in both Robotic and Bariatric surgery.

Dr. DuCoin is well published, having published 12 articles and 3 book chapters on topic as abdominal wall reconstruction and anti-reflux surgery. He is involved such organizations as the American College of Surgeons (ACS), Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES), the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS), and American Hernia Society (AHS). He has served as Resident Chair to the American College of Surgeons, and us currently serves on two SAGES committees, the Grant Committee and the Membership Committee.

Dr. DuCoin is also extremely passionate about surgical education and has been published in Journal of the American College of Surgeons on this topic. He is involved in resident education, training and research at Tulane University.

John B. Hamner, MD, FACS is an Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Tulane University School of Medicine. Born and raised in south Louisiana, Dr. Hamner earned his medical degree from the LSU School of Medicine in Shreveport, LA. He then completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Tennessee in Memphis. During this time, he completed 2 years of cancer research at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital focusing on tumor angiogenesis and anti-angiogenic cancer therapy. He now joins the faculty at Tulane after completing fellowship training in Complex General Surgical Oncology at City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center in southern California. Dr. Hamner is Board Certified in General Surgery and is among the earliest candidates for board certification in Complex General Surgical Oncology.

As a surgical oncologist, Dr. Hamner will work in concert with other specialties (medical oncology, radiation oncology, GI, dermatology) to help coordinate the surgical and multidisciplinary care of patients with complex cancers. Dr. Hamner’s clinical practice will focus on melanoma, sarcoma and gastrointestinal malignancies, including those of the liver and pancreas.
AN APP HELPS SAVE LIVES

by Fran Simon
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Jennifer Farrell took a year off from medical school to launch an emergency medical communications app in Bangladesh, a country that didn’t have an emergency medical service and where people couldn’t summon first-responders with a 911 call. With a Fulbright scholarship and on leave from Tulane School of Medicine, Farrell spearheaded the development of Criticalink, a mobile health social enterprise that summons volunteer first-responders.

Farrell’s mentor, Dr. Bernard Jaffe, director of the Tulane Global Trauma Education Program, has spent years in Southeast Asia training lay people to become first-responders with medical emergency skills. But the communication piece was missing, says Jaffe, a professor emeritus of surgery at Tulane.

Farrell, who is in Dhaka, Bangladesh, received notice this fall that Criticalink won the World App Awards in Health. The award will be presented during the 2016 Group of Twenty (G20) World Summit in China in January. Recognition is not new to Farrell, who was selected as a White House Young Global Entrepreneur and represented Criticalink at the Global Entrepreneurship Summit with President Barack Obama in Nairobi, Kenya, this year.

Farrell’s dream is for the app to expand internationally. She is working with mobile company MiakiVAS, Criticalink partner’s in Bangladesh, to launch the app in Myanmar, and she has received partnership offers from potential partners in South Africa, Botswana and Nigeria.

Jaffe shares a letter from Farrell, describing an incident in August after a meeting with more than 100 Criticalink volunteers in Mali: “There was a massive road accident in Banani just in front of us. There was a mother, a father and two babies on a rickshaw and it got hit hard by a car. Everyone was thrown from the rickshaw but one of the babies was thrown into traffic … I’ve never seen anything so horrid in my life…”

Fortunately the EMS-trained volunteers were there moments after the accident. With the Global Trauma Education Program and the Criticalink app, prompt emergency care is possible in Bangladesh.

“There was a massive road accident in Banani … I’ve never seen anything so horrid in my life…”

— Jennifer Farrell

Jennifer Farrell, right, teaches a woman in Dhaka, Bangladesh, how to take a pulse, as Dr. Bernard Jaffe, center, watches the training session.
(Photo from Dr. Bernard Jaffe)
New Clinical Faculty continued

Margaret M. Moore, MD attended Indiana University in Bloomington, IN as a music major specializing in classical trumpet performance. After college, she performed for a year in London as a soloist with the show blast! and then returned to her home state to attend medical school in Hershey at the Pennsylvania State College of Medicine. Following medical school, Meg entered the active Naval service, completing a transitional year Internship at the Naval Medical Center San Diego and then spending the next several years on active duty as a Flight Surgeon. While in the Navy, Meg participated in humanitarian missions in the Western Pacific and deployed multiple times in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Her experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan led her ultimately to pursue a career in Trauma Surgery. She completed her Residency in General Surgery at Lehigh Valley Health Network in her hometown of Allentown, PA prior to moving to New Orleans, where she recently completed her Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at LSU.

New Research Faculty

Zakaria Abd Elmageed, PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Surgery, did his postdoctoral training in cell and molecular biology of cancer disease at three major medical schools: Louisiana State University, Johns Hopkins University, and Tulane University. At each institution, he sought to improve his research and pursued cutting-edge research in basic and translational biomedical sciences. In 2012, he was appointed as a Research Instructor of Urology for his groundbreaking work in reprogramming of stem cells by prostate cancer cells. In 2015, he has promoted to an Assistant Professor in the Department of Surgery at Tulane.

Dr. Elmageed’s research focus is to unravel the molecular mechanisms underlying the regulatory role of exosomes-associated microRNAs in tumor progression of prostate cancer using tissue culture approach, animal model and human specimens. We consider engaging students and residents in research and establishing collaborations with other scientists and physicians are very important steps for building a strong research program in our department.

Mimi Sammarco, PhD, Research Assistant Professor of Surgery, received her PhD in Genetics from LSU Health Sciences Center in 2005. Dr. Sammarco’s primary research interest is the influence of oxygen on the promotion of limb regeneration and tissue, muscle and bone salvage after traumatic injury. Our previous studies on digit regeneration revealed that oxygen microenvironment changes during the specific stages of regeneration are critical to the optimal regeneration of bone and soft tissue. Regeneration is dependent on a specific changing oxygen environment, therefore a better understanding of the effects of oxygen during wounding, scarring, and regeneration is essential to finding better ways to generate both hypoxic and oxygen replete microenvironments to promote successful regeneration and healing.

Oxygen may promote or even antagonize healing and regeneration of the digit depending on the duration and timing of the application. The long-term goal of our research is to establish molecular markers that allow us to stage limb injury and guide the application of oxygen to promote a regeneration-competent tissue environment in order to establish injury-specific treatments for clinic and improve limb tissue salvage outcomes after limb trauma. To do this we utilize both in vitro slice tissue culture models and in vivo mouse injury models. Active projects currently include the temporal influence of oxygen on recovery from extended tourniquet use, and utilizing timed oxygen application to prevent mortality and promote limb salvage after exsanguinating hemorrhage.
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Plastic Surgery Fellows

Orlando Canizares, MD
Plastic Surgery Fellowship
Methodist Hospital
Houston, Texas

Steven A. Clark, MD
Private Practice
Dallas, Texas

General Surgery Residents

Ivane Chua, MD
Colorectal Fellowship
Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando
Florida Hospital & Orlando Regional Medical Center
Orlando, Florida

Ryan Keith Couvillion, MD
Plastic Surgery Fellowship
Methodist Hospital

Christopher Lee Martin, MD
General Surgical Practice
Natchez, Mississippi

Eric Sims, MD
Advanced GI Minimally Invasive Surgery & Bariatric Surgery Fellowship
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Los Angeles, California
Graduation Events
When I started general surgery residency at Tulane in 2011, I expected to be challenged in and out of the operating room, exposed to cutting-edge techniques, and contribute to learning and research within my future profession.

But I didn’t expect I would do all that in two countries.

Tulane Surgery’s partnership with Hopital Lyon-Sud in Pierre-Benite, France gives interested residents the opportunity to spend a semester of their research year embedded surgeons, fellows, and residents across the Atlantic. As the third resident to participate in this exchange this past Spring, I assisted in nearly 100 surgeries, attended daily rounds and conferences, taught Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS), attended the first-ever Advanced Surgical Skills for Exposure in Trauma (ASSET) course in France, and co-authored four published peer-reviewed manuscripts with more currently submitted. To say it was professionally rewarding would be an understatement.

But the cultural and medical nuances of French practice may be the most memorable aspects of the fellowship. I struggled to not call out when we prepared to spend eight hours resecting disseminated appendiceal cancer without a harmonic scalpel. Shortly after I marveled in their proficiency with bipolar scissors and electrocautery to perform a surgery that spanned the pelvis, spleen, diaphragm, and colon in no less time I would expect had we employed the devices that have become so ubiquitous in American operating theaters.

Yet their frugality in high tech and patient-based frills — no art on the walls, no gourmet food, and few private rooms — belied their dedication to evidence-based medicine and efficiency in patient care. In particular contrast to our experience at Tulane, the greater involvement of French anesthesiologists enabled post-operative extubations in the PACU and non-surgeon management of all intensive care units; the resulting case volume and multidisciplinary care were comparatively tremendous. And the windfalls of their nationalized and well-funded healthcare system are no myth — the absence of resident debt and malpractice insurance, local boarding for all long-term patients’ families, and the prompt adoption of advanced and expensive medications and technologies were daily reminders of the potential benefits of progressive (if controversial) reform to American healthcare.

There were certainly no shortage of tempting lures to spend more than a semester there, such as jeans and short coats in the hospital, free espresso after lunch, no daily progress notes, and a sense of camaraderie between residents, fellows, and staff that eases the stress and exhaustion of a schedule just as demanding as ours. I travelled throughout Western Europe, expanding my perspectives on food, art, history, and culture while gaining conversational fluency in another language. But I am, perhaps, most humbled by how friendly, helpful, and enthusiastic our French colleagues were to help me expand my own practice and perspective on life within and beyond the operating room. I only hope, as I return to residency on Tulane Avenue, that my experience will be shared by more residents on both sides of the Atlantic. Qui est le prochain?!
CONGRATULATIONS!

2015 TUSOM OWL CLUB AWARDS

Award Recipients

Outstanding Attending Physician In Surgery
Emad Kandil, MD

Outstanding Resident in Surgery
Dietric Hennings, MD

Nominees

Outstanding Clerkship
Peter Meade, MD, MPH

Outstanding Resident
Ryan Couvillon, MD

Outstanding Clerkship Coordinator & Outstanding Administrator Award
Stephanie Reed

The Golden Scalpel Award & The McCool Award Recipients

(Left to right: Lawrence, Devin and Gauthier)
The Gold Scalpel goes to a student who is going into surgery and also has some kind of publication. Certificate states: “in recognition of superior performance as a Student in Surgery for outstanding traits and qualifications leading to an academic career in Surgery”. This year the Gold Scalpel was awarded to Courtney Devin.

The McCool Award goes to 2 students this year and is awarded to students who are overall good students who are going into surgery. Certificate states: “to the senior medical student who best demonstrates those assets deemed central to the disciple of surgery: a sound clinical acumen, an accomplished bedside manner, an effective teaching style, and an unwavering pursuit of scholarly activities.” This year McCool Award recipients’ were Jason Gauthier and Amy Lawrence.

Just facts

For the Tulane Medical School class admitted for 2015, the average MCAT score was 32.5 and the average GPA was 3.60. Tulane received over 10,000 applications for 185 slots.

In 2015, our department welcomed international visitors from all over the world. Some are here as short-term international medical graduate residents, J-1 residents, research scholars and observers. The countries represented are: China, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Korea, Pakistan, Saudia Arabia, Syria and Uzbekistan.
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