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Chatter with the Chair

The new year has arrived and we are excited for our outlook in 2025. First, we welcome 2 new faculty members: Dr. Swadha Guru joins us after completing her fellowship in Colo-rectal surgery at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Michigan. She will be working with in our Division of Surgical Oncology, but note she also treats patients with benign disease too! Dr. Jeff Rogers also has joined our Transplant Division to bring his rich experience in kidney and pancreas transplant. His prior experience includes faculty positions at Wake Forest and MUSC. We are pleased to continue the growth of our faculty in the department.

We have also recently concluded our interviews for the MCG surgery residency. Our team reviewed 1356 applications for our 5 categorical positions. With some extra scrutiny, the in-person interviews were pared to 77 applicants, all of whom had great qualifications. Special thanks to Barbara Shine and Rita Bell for

getting the applicants through the process and coordinating the 14 different faculty who participated. We had extra resident help with hosting the applicants for a dinner before the interviews. Melissa Easley and Nicole Brown also spent extra time touring these applicants around our campus. Many thanks for all who helped! Match day is March 21st.

Congratulations to three faculty who have recent publications in peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Dinsmore in Dermatologic Surgery, Dr. Hilton in Surgical Endoscopy, and Dr. El Shazly in Journal of Endovascular Therapy. These continued academic contributions represent our faculty commitment to advancing our field of surgical care and discovery. I encourage all residents and students who have interest in publishing to seek a faculty mentor and project. There is much to learn and we need your work to add to the published literature!

Reminder: The Moretz Surgical Conference is set for February 28-March 1. The program is available online at augusta.edu/mcg/surgery/moretz-conference. We encourage you to register online, prior to the meeting. Of course, you are welcome to come on the same day, but we want to have enough food, so advanced registration is appreciated.

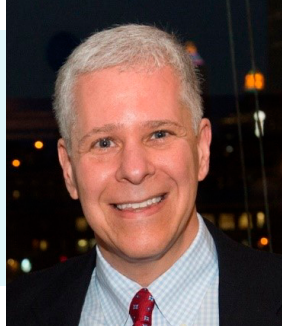
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WELCOME

Dr. Swadha Guru, our new colorectal surgeon, started on December 30th and Dr. Jeffrey Rogers, our new transplant surgeon, started on January 6th. Please join us in giving them a warm welcome to the Department of Surgery!



Dr. Hilton has been selected to attend the WellStar Leadership Academy this year! WellStar leaders are expected to master and model not only team member competencies and WellStar Values, but also leadership competencies. These expectations and our annual goals define how leadership performance is measured and rewarded.

Congrats!

REMINDER

ALL FACULTY SHOULD COMPLETE SELF-EVALUATIONS IN PACT BY JANUARY 31.

Don't forget to register!

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MORETZ SURGICAL SOCIETY

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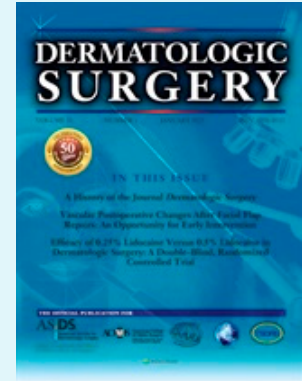
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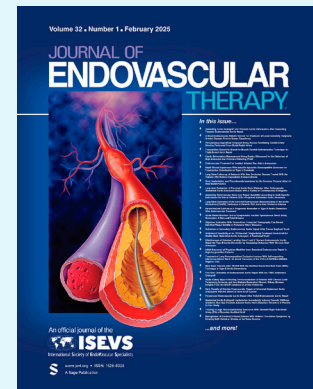


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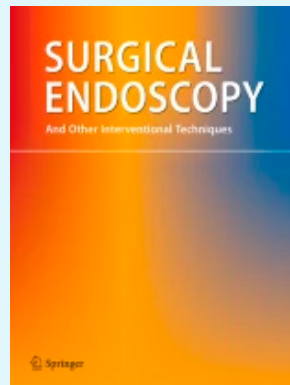
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