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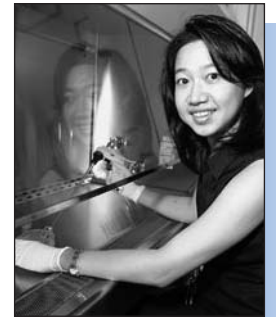
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DR. GLORIA H. SU LEADS RESEARCH IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY LABORATORY

Gloria Heui-Tung Su, Ph.D. joined our Department in September 2003. She will head our Research Laboratory in Molecular Biology. Dr. Su was recruited from the Department of Pathology and The Oncology Center at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland, where she developed mouse models for studies of human pancreatic cancer. Her goal in our Department is to begin a line of research regarding head and neck cancer.

Following a Bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, Dr. Su obtained her Ph.D. from University of Chicago in 1997. In the same year, she began a post-doctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Scott Kern, at Johns Hopkins. There, she studied tumor suppressor genes imperative for pancreatic, biliary and breast cancers. She also designed and screened for novel anti-cancer drugs. An NIH funded researcher since 2000, Dr. Su's independent research has focused on the development of mouse models for pancreatic cancer.



Gloria H. Su, Ph.D.

Dr. Su has both NIH and private funding. With our full and enthusiastic support, Dr. Su will be continuing her research in pancreatic cancer, on a K01 grant, which we recognize as creative and highly productive. Her previous work has generated considerable interest and enthusiasm among the faculty at the Cancer Center. We anticipate that, through our relationship with both Pathologists and General Surgeons, we will be able to furnish Dr. Su with abundant clinical material for study as well. In the longer term, she will apply her skills to test questions of head and neck cancer development.

Dr. Su holds a joint appointment between the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery and Pathology. As such, she will interact fully with faculty and staff from both departments, and be a fully functional member of our NCI-supported Cancer Center with its attendant resources.

Dr. Su will occupy a 1200 SF Laboratory in the Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery research space, in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, on the 11th floor.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM PREVIOUS LECTURESHIPS

5TH JOHN CONLEY LECTURESHIP & 3RD ANNUAL RESIDENTS RESEARCH DAY

The Third Annual Resident's Day was held at Columbia on June 12, 2003. Dr. Ernest Weymuller, Jr., Professor and Chairman of the Department of OTO/HNS, University of Washington Medical Center served as the 5th John Conley Lecturer, and he delivered two lectures entitled: "Outcomes Research in Head and Neck Cancer" and "The Surgeon's Role in Survival in Head and Neck Cancer". Dr. Weymuller also served as a judge of the Resident's Research Competition, together with Dr. Orville Palmer, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of OTO/HNS, Columbia University; and Dr. J. Thomas Roland, Jr., Associate Professor and Director of Neurotology, Department of OTO/HNS, New York University.

Dr. Albert Jen took the First Place award for his study: "The Relationship of Petrous Temporal Bone Pneumatization to the Eustachian Tube Lumen". Dr. Samuel Selesnick served as the preceptor for the research project.

The Second Place Award was given to Dr. Corinne Horn for "Harmonic Scalpel vs. Cold Knife Tonsillectomy: A Randomized Prospective Trial", which was studied under the direction of Dr. Liannne de Serres.



Lanny Close, M.D.
& Ernest Weymuller, M.D.



Drs. Tabae, Jen & Horn

Dr. Abtin Tabae received the Third Place Award for "The Role of Mitomycin-C in Preventing Synechia and Stenosis After Endoscopic Sinus Surgery", which was precepted by Dr. Vijay Anand, Dr. Ashtosh Kacker, Dr. Jason Newman, and Dr. Clark Huang.

Later that evening at the graduation ceremony, Dr. Rajendra Bhayani, Dr. Carlo Honrado, Dr. Mark Murphy and Dr. Mani Zadeh were congratulated for completing their residencies.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

- ◆ We regretfully announce the passing of Dr. Raymond Strauss, longtime member and alumnus of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery at Columbia and Full-time Faculty Member at Englewood Hospital Medical Center. Dr. Strauss passed away on Friday, November 7, 2003.
- ◆ Dr. Abbey Berg will present at the IASSP conference in Montpelier, France in mid-June on "Surveillance of the Hearing Impairment in Rural Bangladesh—Methodological Issues" and on developmental disabilities in HIV infected children in Durban, South Africa for the Fogarty Grant, June 29—July 3rd, 2004.
- ◆ Dr. Corrine Horn attended the Organization of Resident Representative for the AAMC in June, 2003 as an Advisory Board Member.
- ◆ In July 2003, Dr. Jose Fayad relocated to Los Angeles, CA, to begin practice in the House Ear Clinic after serving as an Assistant Professor of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery, and otologist/neurotologist with the department since July 1999. Dr. Spiros Manolidis from Baylor College of Medicine has been recruited to replace Dr. Fayad. His official start date is July 1, 2004. More information on Dr. Manolidis will be available in the Fall 2004 Newsletter.
- ◆ We announce the marriage of Mr. Jonathan Segal, Departmental Administrator, to Ms. Alison Buchalter. The two were joined in matrimony in their home state of Tennessee, on Sunday, March 14, 2004. A surprise party for the groom-to-be was held on Friday, February 13. The Department members extend best wishes to Jonathan and his new bride, and wish them happiness for the future.

2004 MATCH RESULTS

The Department is pleased to announce the results of our recent residency match. The following physicians will be starting their internship training in general surgery at New York Presbyterian—Columbia Center in June 2004, and will begin their specialty training in Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery on July 1, 2005.

Dr. Rickert received his undergraduate degree in physics from Yale University, and his medical degree from Columbia University in New York. Scott was elected to AOA and was recently issued the Lattes Fellowship award for outstanding scholarship for his international proposal for underserved communities. His outside interests and hobbies include writing, acting, golf, and international travel.



Scott Rickert, M.D.



Tali Kassenoff, M.D

Dr. Kassenoff received her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience from Columbia University and her medical degree from Cornell University Medical College in New York. In addition to being inducted into AOA, Tali was a volunteer sign language interpreter for deaf patients while in school. In her free time she enjoys scuba diving, traveling, and preparing great cuisine.

Dr. Yoon received her undergraduate degree in Biology from Trinity University, and her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Texas. While at Baylor, Caroline served as an EMS paramedic volunteer and teaching assistant in physics and molecular biology. Her outside interests include martial arts, traveling and marathon training.



Caroline Kun Yoon, MD.

CLINICAL OFFICES RELOCATED

After many years of operating out of the Atchley Pavilion (recently renamed The Irving Pavilion), at 161 Fort Washington, the Clinical Offices of the Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery officially relocated to the 7th Floor of Harkness Pavilion, located at 180 Fort Washington Avenue, directly across from the Milstein Hospital.

Renovations on the new facility began in the Summer of 2003, and after all major work was completed, the move was officially executed on Tuesday, April 19, 2004. The move joins Audiology with our physician practices in the same space for the first time, and results in a total of 4400 square feet of patient care space.

The response to the new facility has been tremendous. Office Manager Miriam Arbelo describes it as “very functional”, and patients have been effusive in their praise of the new space which boasts panoramic views and great lighting. Office telephone and fax numbers remain the same.



Office Manager Miriam Arbelo & Staff

ALUMNI NEWS!!!

Philip Ho, M.D. (*Columbia 1999*) is now in private practice after 3 years with the U.S. Air Force at Nellis AFB, Las Vegas, NV. Dr. Ho's new location is at the New Milford Ear, Nose & Throat in New Milford, Ct.

Samuel Lam, M.D. (*Columbia 2001*) will be opening a new 27,150 square foot aesthetic wellness center this Spring. Known as the Willow Bend Wellness Center, it will house his AAAHC-accredited surgical facility, medical spa, salon, and dental office.

Jason Newman, M.D. (*Columbia 2002*) has accepted a Fellowship in Head and Neck, Skull Base, and Microvascular Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania, PA. The Fellowship, which will run for one year, starts in July 2004.

Alumni!!! - Have you taken a new position? Moved? Doing interesting research? Please share it with us by email to lgc6@columbia.edu

LECTURESHIPS AND CME ACTIVITIES

The Department has four named Lectureships, which are presented three times a year on a rotating basis. Upcoming Lectureships :

- ◆ The 10th Annual Abramson Memorial Lecture will take place on Thursday, June 24th, 2004 with **Dr. Lloyd Minor, Bordley Professor**, Otolaryngology, Johns Hopkins Hospital giving two lectures entitled: "Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence Syndrome", and "Evaluation and Management of the Patient with Dizziness". This lectureship will be incorporated into the 4th Annual Residents Research Day also taking place on that day.
- ◆ **Dr. Craig Murakami**, a Columbia alumnus and Attending at the VA Mason Medical Center, Seattle, WA, will be the Guest Lecturer at the 6th Annual Howard W. Smith Lectureship in Facial Plastics and Reconstructive Surgery, to be held on Thursday, September 23, 2004.
- ◆ The 6th John Conley Lectureship in Head and Neck Surgery is scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2005. The Guest Lecturer will be **Patrick Gullane, M.D.**, Professor and Chairman, Department of Otolaryngology, University of Toronto. Lecture topics will be announced at a later date.

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