



# Liver Transplant Research

## March 2010

### SURGERY NEWS

#### Everolimus Study

The Liver Transplant department is participating in a new everolimus study (RAD001) evaluating the efficacy and safety of concentration-controlled everolimus to eliminate or to reduce tacrolimus compared to tacrolimus in *de novo* liver transplant recipients.

#### Introducing Vijay Menon

Please welcome Vijay Menon (590W). He joins the Liver Transplant department as a Research Associate after spending one month working as a volunteer surgical intern/registrar in the National Referral Hospital, Solomon Islands. Vijay is a 2008 graduate of the University College London Medical School with a degree in Medicine (MBBS) and a bachelor's degree in Pharmacology. Additionally, he's just completed a "thoroughly enjoyable and fulfilling first two weeks."

#### Publications



#### Cancer

A journal article that included authors Drs. Nicholas N. Nissen and Steven D. Colquhoun was published in the January issue of *Cancer*. Titled "Race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic

status influence the survival of patients with hepatocellular carcinoma in the United States," the article was written in collaboration with City of Hope.



#### The American Surgeon

Dr. Colquhoun is co-author on an article titled "*A disease-based comparison of liver transplantation outcomes.*" Published in October 2009 in *The American Surgeon* in collaboration with City of Hope.



#### Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting: January 22-24, 2010

Dr. Brendan Boland made two oral presentations at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons:

- *Cholangiocarcinoma: Aggressive Surgical Interventions Remains Justified* by Brendan Boland MD, Amanda Kim BS, Nicholas Nissen MD, and Steve Colquhoun MD
- *Current Surgical Management of Infected Pancreatic Necrosis* by Brendan Boland, MD, Steven D. Colquhoun, MD, Simon Lo, MD, Amanda Kim BS, and Nicholas N. Nissen, MD

## Upcoming Events



Drs. Nissen and Colquhoun will be on the panel of the "Ask the Experts Seminar" put on by The Caring for Carcinoid Foundation in association with the Cedars-Sinai Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute. The March 27th seminar will include brief lectures, Q&A, and case studies for neuroendocrine tumor patients. Learn more at [www.caringforcarcinoid.org](http://www.caringforcarcinoid.org).

## Recent Events

In conjunction with San Gabriel Valley Medical Center, Drs. Steven Colquhoun, Tram Tran, Fred Poordad, John Ryan, Jeffrey Fair, Nicholas Nissen, and Brendan Boland presented at the CME event **GI Symposium: Medical and Surgical Management of the Gastrointestinal Tract, Liver, Bile Ducts, Colon and Pancreas** on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Accepted for Publication

The manuscript accompanying Dr. Brendan Boland's oral presentation at the Southern California Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, *Cholangiocarcinoma: Aggressive Surgical Interventions Remains Justified* has been accepted for publication in *The American Surgeon*.



## 2010 ATC Poster Presentation

A poster titled *Outcomes of Highly Sensitized Simultaneous Liver-Kidney Transplant Patients* has been accepted for a poster presentation at the 2010 American Transplant Congress in San Diego. The project was a collaboration between the Liver and Kidney Transplant Department and the Human Leukocyte Antigen laboratory. The authors are Rafael Villicana, Amanda Kim, Shi-Hui Pan, Alice Peng, Joseph Kahwaji, Chih-Hung Lai, Nancy Reinsmoen, Stanley Jordan, and Steven Colquhoun.

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