

# **SUTURES**

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## **CITIZENSHIP AND BEYOND**

### Calendar

Craig A. Lipkin, MD Resident Research Symposium  
Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00am in ECC B

### Presentations

Dr. Hyung L. Kim will be giving a plenary session talk entitled, “Immunotherapy for Renal Cell Carcinoma”, May 29, 2010 – June 3, 2010, at the national meeting of the American Urological Association in San Francisco, CA. He is also chairing an Oral Abstract Session for Genitourinary Cancers at the American Society of Clinical Oncology meeting in Chicago, IL, June 4, 2010 – June 8, 2010.

In addition, Dr. Kim was recently invited to participate on the National Cancer Institute’s (NCI) Renal Cancer Task Force (RCTF). The RCTF is a part of NCI’s Genitourinary Steering Committee (GUSC). The GUSC and other organ system based steering committees were formed as part of NCI’s effort to enhance its clinical trials enterprise. The GUSC with assistance from its task forces makes recommendations to Cancer Therapy Evaluation Program about GU treatment trials (primarily from Cooperative Groups) to support.

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General Surgery Resident, Cherisse Berry, was featured in this month’s issue of *Clinical Neurology News* for her research entitled “Race affects mortality after moderate to severe traumatic brain injury”. Three key findings from the study: Asian patients had a higher risk of mortality (adjusted odds ratio 1.4); overall, uninsured patients had an increased risk in mortality (19% versus 13%); and Insurance coverage trumped race. Insurance was protective overall for African Americans as well as Hispanic, Asian, and white patients. Cherisse presented her research at this year’s Academic Surgical Congress for the Association of Academic Surgery 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Session in San Antonio, TX. The

manuscript was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Surgical Research*.  
Cherisse will present her research on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at this year's Lipkin  
Resident Research Grand Rounds.

### Publications

“On Cartesian stiffness matrices in rigid body dynamics: an energetic  
perspective” Authors: Metzger M.F., Faruk Senan N.A., O'Reilly O.M.  
Multibody System Dynamics, Published online May 12, 2010  
DOI: 10.1007/s11044-010-9205-z

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Research Laboratories, on being named an Association for Research in Vision  
and Ophthalmology Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Fellow. He  
was officially inducted for contributions to ARVO and visual science at the  
Association's Annual Meeting held May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> in Fort Lauderdale, FL.



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The next SUTURES will be Wednesday, June 2, 2010.