

SUTURES

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Heparin Restandardization

Unfractionated heparin (UFH) has been restandardized resulting in a 10% decrease in potency "which is not likely to have clinical significance" according to the FDA and several professional organizations.

Due to recent changes in heparin product by our suppliers, effective, Tuesday, May 4, 2010 the new heparin will be used in the medical center.

In order to ensure physicians are aware of this change, for the period of May 4-11, a 'Dear Doctor Letter' will be placed in the patient's chart if the patient is receiving prophylactic or therapeutic heparin. Additional communication will be sent out via medical staff committees. See attachment.

Please contact Drug Use Policy (x3-3784) with any questions or concerns.



CITIZENSHIP AND BEYOND

Calendar

Dr. Bruce Gewertz speaks on "*Life, Medicine, and the Pursuit of Happiness*" at the CSMC Emeritus Medical Staff lecture Friday, May 14, 2010 from 11:30am – 1:00pm in the Harvey Morse Auditorium.

The lecture portion is free and open to all. To make a reservation for the luncheon or obtain more information, please contact Dr. Herb Levin at (310)279-1664 or Kate Samuels at (310)892-1331 by May 7th.

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Surgery Grand Rounds

Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00am in ECC-A/B

“Esse Quam Videri: The State of Immune Dysfunction Following Brain Injury”
with Bruce Cairns, MD from the North Carolina Jaycee Burn Center, Chapel Hill,
NC

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Wednesday, May 19, 2010 at 12pm in ECC-A/B
22nd Annual Samuel L. Perzik, MD Memorial Lectureship in Surgical Oncology
“*The Local Therapy of Breast Cancer in the Era of Molecular Medicine*” with
Monica Morrow, MD from Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York,
NT

Presentations/Publications

Gary H. Hoffman M.D. (Divisions of Colon and Rectal Surgery and General
Surgery) Publication in the May (and June, July and August) issue of General
Surgery News. Part one of a four part series titled "Inherited Colorectal Cancer:
Surgical Perspectives-The Genetics of inherited Colorectal Cancer."

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Dr. Phillips and I (Dr. George Berci) published a *Pocket Atlas of Laparoscopic
Surgery Cholecystectomy: Overview and Case Studies Dedicated to Surgical
Residents*. An atlas is different from a textbook where general or specific
descriptions are only available. An atlas is a guide or teaching aid for the
surgeon to see step by step the anatomy and which are the following steps to be
done to recognize the area, anomalies, and how to avoid complications. This is
expressed with the high quality of photographic illustrations.

We forwarded a copy to the 300 program directors in the U.S. and received a
request of 2,080 publications. The European centers asked for 500 copies, the
Japanese Society of Surgical Endoscopy requested 500 copies and recently it
was translated into Russian. We think it was an outstanding achievement and
the teaching value was appreciated not only nationally but internationally.

Submitted by George Berci, M.D., FACS, FRCS, Ed (Hon)

Acknowledgements

Congratulations to Dr. Rick Delamarter, Co-Director of the Cedars-Sinai Spine
Center on his receipt of the Best Overall Scientific Paper Award for 2010 for the
"5 year Results of the Prospective, Randomized, Multicenter FDA Investigational
Device Exemption Prodisc-C Clinical Trial" from the International Society for the
Advancement of Spine Surgery. His efforts on behalf of this clinical trial were
recognized last week at the national meeting in New Orleans. In addition, Dr.
Todd Lanman's presentation was also honored with a nomination.

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Congratulation to Arkadiusz Gertych, PhD. He received a R21 grant award from the National Cancer Institute for his research work on "High-Content Image Analysis of Global DNA Methylation Patterns for Drug Screening ". The aim of this bioinformatics project is to elucidate if DNA phenotypes in cancer cells treated by epigenetic drugs can be automatically quantified and distinguished by a computerized methods. The load of DNA methylation is evaluated based on high-resolution 3D images of cells. In the long term this study should help in epigenetic drug discovery as well as in the development and optimization of personalized treatment for patients with cancer. The project period is two years with funds for two-years is \$380,162. Co-Investigators: Dr Jian Tajbakhsh and Dr Daniel Farkas.



Items for submission to Sutures may be sent to Meg Jenkins at jenkinsml@cshs.org

The next SUTURES will be Wednesday, May 19, 2010.