

SUTURES

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Success of the Pocket Atlas “Step By Step Surgery”

Drs. Edward Phillips, George Berci, and Toshiko Nobuto created a Pocket Atlas of “Step by Step Surgery” covering the various important anatomical areas of laparoscopic cholecystectomy. This was aimed for R-1s and R-2s to make them more familiar with the various critical areas of the procedure. Chronic and acute cases were covered as well as the laparoscopic removal of common bile duct stones. The important aspect of this teaching tool was based on the idea that with today’s technology we can produce exquisite, high definition photos which can display depth of field (stereo effect) of critical areas. The idea was that the resident should be able to easily memorize certain anatomic appearances or structures of anomalies.

A letter with a sample of this Atlas was sent to 300 program directors in the United States, and asked them for their opinion about the teaching value of this booklet. We are very happy to report as of this date, 2,000 copies have been requested from program directors in the U.S.A and 400 copies from Europe.

Recently requests arrived from Japan from some surgical departments and a few leaders in the Japanese Endo Society requesting a Japanese translation and 500 copies of the Pocket Atlas for departments who are educating surgical residents in Japan.



“Introduction to Surgery” Elective

Mondays 4-6pm, you may see First and Second Year medical students from UCLA in your OR. They are enrolled in the course, “Introduction to Surgery”, which is an elective offered at Cedars-Sinai to 1st and 2nd year medical students. The goal is to familiarize students with what it means to be a surgeon, prior to their clinical years with us. Their time is split between observing cases in the OR and hands-on practices in the Surgical Skills Simulation laboratory. Dr. Towfigh is the Instructor of this course, which has been ongoing for the past 2 semesters.



Citizenship and Beyond

Acknowledgments

Dr. Dodanim Talavera-Adame was selected to present at paper entitled “Endothelial Cells in Co-Culture Enhance Embryonic Stem Cell Differentiation to Insulin-producing Beta Cells through BMP-2 Signaling” at the upcoming American Society of Transplantation Distinguished Fellows Research Forum. This work was accomplished in collaboration with Gordon Wu, Yao He, Tina Ng, Jae Y. Hwang, Daniel Farkas, and Donald Dafoe.



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The next SUTURES will be Tuesday, September 29, 2009.