

# General Surgery Residency & Research Interest Committee (RIC) Newsletter



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- We would like to welcome all the new residents, fellows and research staff to Henry Ford Hospital. We will be sending out a research newsletter twice a year to highlight the department's ongoing scholarly activities.
- We had an excellent research year, with **73 presentations** and **28 publications**.
- We encourage all the residents and fellows to make use of the biweekly Research Interest Committee (RIC) meetings. The RIC is a resident run, staff supported meeting that encourages research among residents and fellows. The RIC helps bounce ideas, solve problems, set deadlines, and review abstracts, posters and presentations. Several staff have always been present. We would like to thank **Drs. Rupen Shah, Arielle Gupta, and Kellie McFarlin** for their time. A dedicated statistician is assigned to the department of surgery (Amy Tang) and is present during these meetings to address any statistical questions or concerns. Kelly Marsack, manager of surgical research, has a team of coordinators and they are available to help with any projects too. If you would like more information about the RIC meetings, please e-mail [mshamaa1@hfhs.org](mailto:mshamaa1@hfhs.org).

## Announcements

- Introducing new team members:
  - Mariam Saad MD [msaad4@hfhs.org](mailto:msaad4@hfhs.org), is the new Research Fellow for Surgical Oncology.
  - Camden Gardner BS [CGardne6@hfhs.org](mailto:CGardne6@hfhs.org), is the new Clinical Study Coordinator for Trauma Critical Care.
- If you need Wayne State medical student's help, there are several who are more than willing. Please email Tayseer at [mshamaa1@hfhs.org](mailto:mshamaa1@hfhs.org) to connect you.
- The Association for Academic Surgery (AAS) is offering 2 excellent virtual research courses on October 1-2<sup>nd</sup> & November 5-6<sup>th</sup> for residents and Junior faculty. More information at <https://www.aasurg.org/aas-fall-courses/>
- GME provides Research Grants up to \$5000 to house officers. Application deadlines are August 15, November 15, February 15 and May 15.
- GME provides a medical writer Karla Passalacqua, ([kpassal1@hfhs.org](mailto:kpassal1@hfhs.org)) who can help write and edit manuscripts. We also have access to a librarian Stephanie Stebens ([ssteben1@hfhs.org](mailto:ssteben1@hfhs.org)) who helps with submitting manuscript to appropriate journals.

## Resident and Fellow awards

### Abdul Kader Natour, M.D.

- Best poster award in clinical research, Henry Ford Health System 18th annual symposium
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place in VQI annual meeting poster competition
- Best poster award, Henry Ford Surgery and Anesthesia Research Celebration Day

### Chinmayee Potti, M.D.

- 2020-2021 Charles G. Johnston Award presented by the Detroit Surgical Association (DSA)

### Shravan Leonard Murali, M.D.

- 3<sup>rd</sup> place oral presentation, Surgery and Anesthesia Research Celebration Day
- 2021 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium (ASCO GI) Merit Award
- The Beckwith Institute Clinical Transformation Program Research Grant, Amount: \$180,000; 2021 – Present
  - Proposal: Reverse Bioengineering of Tumor Infiltrating Lymphocyte Metabolism for Adoptive Cell Transfer

### Tommy Ivanics, M.D.

- 1<sup>st</sup> place oral presentation, Surgery and Anesthesia Research Celebration Day

## Abstract submission deadlines

- American Society of Transplant Surgeons (ASTS) winter symposium: **9/8/2021**
- Society for Clinical Vascular Surgery (SCVS): **9/13/2021**
- Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES): **9/24/2021**
- American Association of Plastic Surgeons (AAPS): **9/30/2021**
- American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS): **10/7/2021**