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TIMOTHY J. EBEBLEIN, MD
Surgeon-in-Chief and Chairman, Department of Surgery
Barnes-Jewish Hospital
Washington University School of Medicine
Breast Cancer: “Contributions Toward Better Treatments for an Old Disease”
September 12, 2011
Dr. Eberlein is the Bixby Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Washington University School of Medicine. He is the Surgeon-in-Chief at Barnes-Jewish Hospital and also serves as the Olin Distinguished Professor and Director of the Alvin J. Siteman Cancer Center. He is widely known for his published works on tumor immunology, molecular biology and breast cancer.

Elliott L. Chaikof, MD, PhD
Surgeon-in-Chief and Chairman, Department of Surgery
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
Harvard Medical School
“Engineered Biomaterials for Repair and Regeneration”
October 3, 2011
Dr. Chaikof is a pioneer in the development of minimally invasive endovascular treatments of aortoaneurysms, carotid arterial disease and peripheral arterial disease. He has helped develop molecular materials for cell-based regenerative medicine. Dr. Chaikof has been elected to numerous professional societies, including the American Surgical Association, the College of Fellows of the Society of Vascular Surgery, and the American Society for Clinical Investigation. He has held leadership positions in these societies and recently completed a term as President of the International Society of Applied Cardiovascular Biology.

Chaikof earned his BA and MD degrees at the Johns Hopkins University. While completing a surgical residency at Massachusetts General Hospital, he received a PhD in chemical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Chaikof completed training in vascular surgery at the Emory University School of Medicine.

Thomas S. Riles, MD
Associate Dean, Medical Education and Technology
New York University Langone Medical Center
New York University School of Medicine
“Simulation in Health Care”
November 7, 2011
Dr. Riles is the Frank C. Spencer Professor of Surgery at NYU Medical Center. He is the Associate Dean for Medical Education and Technology at New York University and Executive Director of the New York Simulation Center. Over the past three decades, he has served as Director of the Division of Vascular Surgery, Senior Vice President for Clinical Affairs in the Office of the President, and Chairman of the NYU Department of Surgery. He is considered one of the world’s experts in the treatment of carotid artery disease for stroke prevention.

Dr. Riles served as President of the American Association of Vascular Surgery and President of the New York Cardiovascular Society. He is currently the Executive Director of WISE-MD, an online educational program used in surgical leaderships at 71 medical schools in the United States.

Dr. Riles is a graduate of Stanford University and Baylor College of Medicine. He completed his training in general surgery and a vascular surgery fellowship at NYU. Dr. Riles was a lieutenant-commander in the U.S. Navy and served as the Medical Officer aboard the USS George Washington.

Joseph P. Vacanti, MD
Surgeon-in-Chief and Chief, Department of Pediatric Surgery
Chief, Pediatric Transplantation
Massachusetts General Hospital for Children
“2099—A Look Back at Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine in the 21st Century”
December 5, 2011
Dr. Vacanti has been working in the field of tissue engineering since the early 1980s. Over the past 11 years, he has studied the creation of complete vascular networks as part of implantable tissue engineered devices, which then allow the fabrication of large, complex living structures such as vital organs, extremities or craniofacial reconstruction. Dr. Vacanti is the 2009 recipient of the American Surgical Association’s prestigious Flance-Karl Award.

Dr. Joseph Vacanti received his bachelor of science, summa cum laude, from Creighton University. He received his MD, with high distinction, from University of Nebraska College of Medicine, and an MS from Harvard Medical School. He trained in general surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital, in pediatric surgery at Children’s Hospital, Boston, and in transplantation at the University of Pittsburgh.

Joseph E. Bavaria, MD (ATTAI PROFESSOR)
The Brooke Roberts-William M. Mesey Professor of Surgery
Vice-Chief, Division of Cardiovascular Surgery
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
“Transcatheter Aortic Valve Implantation (TAVI): Lessons Learned... The Good, Bad and Ugly”
January 9, 2012
Dr. Bavaria’s primary interests include thoracic aortic surgery and more broadly, cardio-aortic surgery. This includes aortic dissection, aortic root and ascending aortic reconstruction, and aortic arch surgery. He is Director of the Thoracic Aortic Surgery Program at the University of Pennsylvania and the primary investigator for the ongoing transcatheter aortic valve trials.

Dr. Bavaria received his BS and MD from Tulane University. He was awarded the “gold scalpel,” the highest surgical honor for a graduating Tulane medical student. He completed his general surgery and cardiothoracic training at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center and the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

Robert Uedelmann, MD (GLIEDMAN PROFESSOR)
Surgeon-in-Chief and Chairman, Department of Surgery
Yale-New Haven Hospital
Yale University School of Medicine
“Management of Primary Hyperparathyroidism: Initial and Re-operative Surgery”
March 5, 2012
Dr. Uedelman is a graduate of Lafayette College and attended the George Washington University School of Medicine, where he graduated first in his class. He trained in general surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He received advanced training at the National Cancer Institute, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and the John Radcliffe Hospital of Oxford University, completing fellowships in medical endocrinology, endocrine surgery and gastroenterology.

Dr. Uedelman is past President of the American Association of Endocrine Surgeons. He is a member of numerous prestigious surgical societies and considers his most important role as that of an educator committed to training tomorrow’s leaders.

Allan D. Kirk, MD, PhD
Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics
Vice Chair for Research, Department of Surgery
Emory University School of Medicine
“Transplantation Tolerance”
April 2, 2012
Dr. Kirk’s primary interest is in the surgical and immunosuppressive management of adult and pediatric transplant recipients. He is an experienced clinical investigator and served as the inaugural Chief of the NIH Intramural Transplantation Branch (NIDDK/NIH). He currently serves as a principal investigator on federally funded projects investigating transplant biology and the development of novel immunosuppressive agents in murine and nonhuman primate models. He was recently appointed Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Transplantation.

Dr. Kirk is a graduate of Old Dominion University and received his MD and PhD (Immunology) at Duke University. He received his fellowship training in transplantation at the University of Wisconsin.

Michael G. Sarr, MD
James C. Masson Professor of Surgery, Department of Surgery
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine
“Surgical Treatment of Necrotizing Pancreatitis: Open, Endoscopic, MIS, Other?”
June 4, 2012
Dr. Sarr is currently Vice Chair of Research and Chair of the Division of Experimental Surgery. His primary clinical interests are pancreatic surgery, bariatric surgery, reoperative liver organ surgery and abdominal wall hernias. His current research interests include in vivo and in vitro control of smooth muscle contractile activity, with a primary interest in extrinsic neural control.

Dr. Sarr is one of two Editors-in-Chief of the Journal of Surgery and is currently a Director of the American Board of Surgery. He has served as past President of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the Society of Clinical Surgery, and the International Society of Surgery. Dr. Sarr received his BS at Colgate University and his MD from The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Julie A. Freischlag, MD (VONLIEBIG PROFESSOR)
Surgeon-in-Chief and Chairman, Department of Surgery
The Johns Hopkins Hospital
“Clinical and Personal Comparative Effectiveness”
May 7, 2012
Dr. Freischlag is the William Stewart Halsted Professor, Chair of the Department of Surgery, and Surgeon-in-Chief at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Freischlag is a recognized expert in the diagnosis and treatment of thoracic outlet syndrome. She is currently evaluating the outcomes of patients with neurogenic thoracic outlet syndrome by utilizing accelerometers along with a quality of life survey. She is also Editor of the Archives of Surgery and serves on several other editorial boards.

Dr. Freischlag is a graduate of the University of Illinois and received her MD from Rush University. She completed her surgical residency and vascular fellowship at the University of California, Los Angeles.