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## Jefferson Hosts Meetings of Two National Surgical Societies

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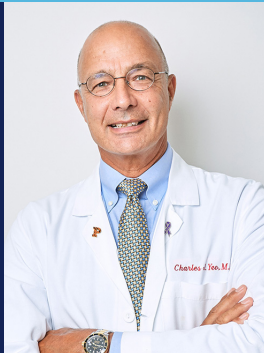
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## Overview

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## The Phillies, the Union, the Eagles and Jefferson Health

We are in the midst of a very successful spectator sports year in the City of Brotherly Love. The Phillies defied the odds, ended the regular season strong, and treated us to a World Series spectacle – playing baseball in November. (The World Series is now a November event; so much for the old moniker “Mr. October.”) The Union were there right up to the last minutes, in the MLS Cup, the championship game. Finally, the Eagles won the National Football Conference championship and headed to Super Bowl LVII.

The winning analogy is to Jefferson Health and our Department. We too are competitors and champions. We compete for terrific fourth year medical students who join us as interns and train in Surgery. We have been successful in recruiting “top talent” to our Department as faculty. We have been winners when it comes to the Dean’s Awards for Education, Mentoring, and Clinical Excellence. Working with our Office of Institutional Advancement team, we have had another very successful year, garnering philanthropic dollars to support our education and research missions. We have had some nice measure of success with grant proposals to support our young faculty. Many other examples of our successes exist.

Kudos to all in the Department, as we emerge from the negative specter of the COVID-19 pandemic, and embark upon our post-COVID activities. Soon to come – the year 2024, where we will be seeing our outpatients in the new 19 floor Honickman Center at 1101 Chestnut Street and celebrating the 200th anniversary of our Department and our Medical School: the bicentennial celebration of Jefferson Medical College (now Sidney Kimmel Medical College) – founded by a surgeon, Dr. George McClellan. Onward and upward!

## Please Welcome

## Our Categorical Interns

**Thomas Jefferson University Hospital**

Allison Doermann, MD, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Lindsay Edwards, MD, Chicago Medical School

George Ibrahim, MD, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine

Haley Kittle, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine

Ellius Kwok, MD, Penn State University College of Medicine

Meghan Maceyko, MD, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

Khaled Noueihed, MD, Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Jacob Woodroof, MD, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

**Jefferson Abington Hospital**

Jennifer Dai, MD, Ohio State University College of Medicine

Brian Lifschutz, DO, Des Moines University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Hajar Rashid, MD, St. George’s University – London

Jinghong (Wesley) Yuan, MD, Cooper Medical School at Rowan University

James Zamora, MD, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University

**Jefferson Health – Einstein**

Moshumi Godbole, MD, Ross University

Zaid Haddadin, MD, Jordan University

Dimitra Papanikolaou, MD, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Johnathan Sadeh, MD, Sackler University

## Education

## Jefferson Hosts Meetings of Two National Surgical Societies

In September 2022, the Department of Surgery hosted annual meetings for two surgical societies – both of which were the first in-person conferences since 2019.



### Annual Conference of the Women’s Leadership in Surgery Society: September 10–11, 2022

Achieving pay equity. Building resilience and leadership skills. Deciding whether, when and how to start a family (and then managing the demands of work and home). Such challenges are common to many working women; they can be even more complex for female surgeons.

Those challenges were among the topics covered at the Annual Conference of the Women’s Leadership in Surgery Society (WLISS). Launched in 2008 as an annual meeting and formalized as a nonprofit membership society in 2021, the Society aims to “promote women and underrepresented groups in surgical specialties by enhancing awareness and education in business and leadership.” It welcomes faculty, junior faculty, fellows and residents who want to heighten their personal lives and professional careers in surgery.

This year’s meeting attracted about 200 attendees, half of whom attended in person. As Jefferson’s Talar Tatarian, MD, who served as local arrangements chair, explains, WLISS aims to provide educational content not usually covered by traditional surgical meetings.

“For example, we discussed the reality of the biologic clock and options for fertility preservation. We also talked about the business side of medicine – including how to craft an elevator pitch and negotiate contracts more effectively,” says Dr. Tatarian, who will serve as the program chair for the 2023 WLISS meeting in Washington, DC.

“We want to be candid about these issues. Our goal is not only to offer helpful information, but also to make it a little easier for people to have these conversations.”

For more information about WLISS, please visit: [wliiss.org](http://wliiss.org)

### Scientific Meeting of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons: September 15–18, 2022

Last year’s thirty-second annual meeting of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons (SBAS) – whose mission is to “improve health, advance science and foster careers of African American and other underrepresented minority surgeons” – attracted a record 347 registrants. Jefferson Health and the Sidney Kimmel Medical College Department of Surgery hosted the meeting, with Nathaniel R. Evans III, MD, serving as the local program chair and leading a committee that included Orlando C. Kirton, MD, and Alliric Wills, MD. SBAS President Carla Pugh, MD, PhD, presided over the meeting.

Event highlights included a Leadership and Career Development Institute session and presentations by Jefferson leadership. Executive Vice President Edmund A. Pribitkin, MD, and Ex-Executive Vice President Sandra E. Brooks, MD, MBA shared highlights of Jefferson’s clinical, academic and community efforts. Attendees also heard lectures by Jefferson surgeons Charles J. Yeo, MD, and Ala S. Stanford, MD, as well as Patricia Turner, MD, MBA, who serves as executive director of the American College of Surgeons. More than 30 peer-reviewed abstracts and posters were presented at the scientific sessions.

Attendees enjoyed an evening social event at the Museum of the American Revolution with a keynote by Stephen K. Klasko, MD, MBA, former President and CEO of Thomas Jefferson University and Jefferson Health.

For Dr. Evans, one of the most interesting sessions was one attended by more than 50 local high school students: “Our goal is to reveal the many pathways to success in medicine and surgery. It was rewarding to see that the students were very engaged. They asked some great questions of the senior leaders at the meeting.”

For more information about SBAS, please visit: [sbas.net](http://sbas.net)