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These are exciting times at Jefferson! This year we "graduated" five top-notch chief residents, and are welcoming our new PG1 residents.

This issue highlights our growing solid organ transplant program, now headed by Dr. Cataldo Doria. Our liver and pancreas volumes continue to grow, and our kidney program remains sound. In the vascular surgery arena, endovascular stent grafts and a multidisciplinary approach to aortic disease are offered in our aortic program, directed by Dr. Joseph Lombardi.

Please join us in welcoming several new members to the surgical team — Dr. Thomas d'Amato (Thoracic Surgery), Dr. Francis E. Rosato Jr. (General and Advanced Laparoscopic Surgery) and Jennifer Brumbaugh, MA (Webmaster & Editor of this newsletter).

Lastly, we are delighted to feature the sixth Samuel D. Gross Professor, and Chairman of Surgery for over two decades, Dr. Francis E. Rosato Sr. Dr. Rosato contributed to the education of hundreds of Jefferson residents and medical students, and has provided us, as part of his legacy, with two stellar faculty members, Drs. Ernest (Gary) and Francis E. Rosato Jr.

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Trends in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

As a teaching hospital, Jefferson benefits from being on the cutting edge of the latest techniques and technologies, including in the area of plastic and reconstructive surgery. Clinical Professor John H. Moore, MD, explains that part of the Jefferson philosophy is to encourage research among the residents, as surgeons need to train in the most effective surgical techniques.

Jefferson surgeons are currently involved in a number of research endeavors of young surgeons. For an appointment with a Jefferson Surgeon, call 1-800-JEFF-NOW.

VisuAlizing New Possibilities in Vascular Surgery

A resident professor at Jefferson, MD, is helping transform the treatment of Jefferson's vascular surgery patients. Since completing a vascular fellowship in 2003 at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Lombardi has been practicing at Jefferson, stemming blockages and grafting arteries. This new and exciting field is called endovascular surgery, in which fluoro is directed through catheters and veins within the bloodstream. This technique allows for a new way to perform a traditional surgery — the wall that brings in the vessel — remains intact, and the wall is open. This new procedure offers many benefits without having to cut open the aorta itself.

Jefferson surgeons are currently involved in a number of research endeavors of young surgeons. Dr. Moore points out the benefits of the diverse research interests of Jefferson's Plastic Surgery faculty. "We are training the next generation of surgeons to be even better," he says, "and we are always striving for a new standard of excellence."