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Meet our Surgical Interns

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Jefferson surgeons are currently assisted by an exceptional group of categorical interns. These doctors, who recently matched with Jefferson, started on June 20, 2010 (l to r):

Meredith Harrison, MD, Drexel University Philip Batista, MD, University of Connecticut Sean Devitt, MD, Jefferson Medical College Timothy Carter, MD, SUNY Downstate Julie Monteagudo, MD, University of Connecticut Melanie Sion, MD, Georgetown University

We are also pleased to welcome back another Jefferson Medical College graduate, Suh Yueh Lim, MD, as a preliminary intern in General Surgery.
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Summer reading!

Mixed amongst the thrillers that I read this summer, two important nonfiction works held my attention. Both focused on a topic of interest to all of us – improvement of the U.S. health care system.

First, former Senate majority leader Tom Daschle, in his short book Can Do About the Health-Care Crisis, nicely portrays the complexities of our health care delivery system from political, regulatory, and patient perspectives. We need bipartisan, common-sense solutions.


Both of these books are concise and quick reads. In my mind, both are required reading for physicians whose ultimate goal is to improve the care delivered to our patients. Both are required reading for potential candidates for the U.S. Senate.

Vascular Center Offers Leading-Edge, Integrated Care

Since the Jefferson Vascular Center was launched in July 2009, this comprehensive program has been co-directed by Paul J. DiMuzio, MD, FACS, the William M. Meany Professor of Surgery and Director of the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery. The co-directors are Gene Merli, MD, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of Thomas Jefferson University Hospital (TJUH), and Laurence Needleman, MD, Associate Professor of Radiology and Director of the Division of Abdominal Imaging.

“One of the greatest barriers to patient care in our system is a fragmentation of services,” says Dr. DiMuzio. “The Vascular Center brings these specialties together under one roof.”

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The center’s team of physicians currently includes a comprehensive, on-site wound care program centered on hyperbaric oxygen therapy. The physicians also evaluate and treat all forms of venous disease, including performing minimally invasive procedures for varicose veins right in the office, as well as comprehensive evaluation and management of thrombotic disorders. Additionally, the center includes a comprehensive, on-site wound care program centered on hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

The center’s team of physicians currently sees close to one hundred patients a week, and for the past year Dr. DiMuzio and Joshua Eisenberg, MD, FACS, have performed roughly 80 vascular procedures a month. The center’s capacity has expanded even further with the recruitment of a third vascular surgeon, Abdul Rass, MD, in August 2010.

“The full implementation of the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system has been a tremendous asset as well,” says Dr. DiMuzio. “We can handle a higher volume of patients and patient satisfaction has been excellent.” The facility, located on the sixth floor of the Gibbon Building at Jefferson, houses the offices of all six physicians, eight exam rooms, three fully equipped ultrasound rooms, and the hyperbaric oxygen unit. Dr. DiMuzio adds that “the difference it has made in our patients’ experience is quite noticeable.”

Read more about the Jefferson Vascular Center at www.jeffersonhospital.org/Vascular.