Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In the early days of fellowships there were a just handful arranged through a conversation and a handshake. In a few short years the number of programs grew exponentially and the Fellowship Council (FC) emerged as the accrediting body in response to the need for a universal application and matching process. All the while, programs were supported almost exclusively by industry. With the advent of the Sunshine Act there arose a need for a third party funder of fellowships and the FSF was borne of that need.

What I have found in recent months is that there is confusion in the surgical community about the roles and working relationships of the Fellowship Council (FC), the FSF and the Sponsoring Societies of the FC. What has also come to light is a fairly strong consensus among industry in the intrinsic value of this advanced training, but also a need for hard data to illustrate the actual outcomes.

This year’s annual report is aimed at bringing clarity where this is confusion while highlighting the work of the Foundation. I also want to share with you some exciting new developments that begin to bridge the gap between anecdotal evidence and scientific conclusions. At the core of our work is the fellowship experience and I am proud to share some highlights from the most recent graduating class of fellows.

Thank you for helping the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships to continue to advance surgical care through advanced training.

Sincerely,
Mark Talamini, MD, MBA, President, Foundation for Surgical Fellowships
Foundation for Surgical Fellowships  
**FOUNDED 2010**

- Funds programs, not individual fellows
- Executes a blinded review process
- Awards programs based on amount of funds available for disbursement

**MISSION:** The mission of the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships (FSF) is to provide essential financial support for sustaining advanced general surgery fellowships not funded by the ACGME.

Fellowship Council  
**FOUNDED 1997**

- Accredits general surgery fellowship programs
- Runs the match process of fellows to programs
- Members are fellowship programs

**MISSION:** The Fellowship Council is an association of program directors and specialty societies charged with oversight of fellowship training programs in order to uphold uniformly high standards and produce well trained surgeons.

**FSF & FC PARTNERSHIP**
- FC provides various data to the FC which helps illustrate the impact of fellowship training
- FC supports the FSF with grant funds
- FC advocates for financial support of the FSF among its constituents
- **NEW THIS YEAR** – The FC provided the FSF a report on practice pattern data, which helped demonstrate the impact of fellowship training

Heidi Holmes of Applied Medical chats with a fellow
Sponsoring Societies of the Fellowship Council

The societies which participate in the FC are referred to as Sponsoring Societies. Their representatives provide expertise on fellowship program requirements and curriculum.

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA)  
FOUNDED 1994

Americas Hernia Society (AHS)  
FOUNDED 1997

American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS)  
FOUNDED 1899

American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)  
FOUNDED 1983

Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)  
FOUNDED 1960

Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)  
FOUNDED 1980

FSF & SOCIETY PARTNERSHIP

• Sponsoring Societies of the FC support the FSF with grant funds
• Society leaders advocate for support of the FSF among their members

“My goal in pursuing MIS fellowship was to feel confident practicing at a tertiary referral center with complex patients and have the skills to perform difficult, revisional cases in a way that was safest for my patients. I will be joining an academic group focusing on bariatric and benign foregut surgery, and I can say that I believe my goal has been achieved. I have also had the opportunity to be involved in more book chapters and research projects and am excited to start an academic career of my own.”

– JESSICA KOLLER GORHAM, MD

Former fellow Dr. Laura Fischer speaking about her fellowship experience at the FSF annual reception
2017-2018 Quick Facts

Total Number of Individual Institutions that applied: 99

Total Number of Applications: 118

Total Fellowship positions applied for: 157

Total Fellowship positions awarded: 127

Total amount awarded: $2,540,000

Average Award: $20,000

Allocation by sub-specialty:

- MIS General – 33%
- Bariatric MIS – 19%
- Bariatric – 15%
- Colorectal – 11%
- Thoracic – 10%
- HPB – 8%
- Robotics – 4%

“"It has taught the vast breadth and depth of colon and rectal surgery. I will bring these new found skills back to my community in a system currently without a colon and rectal surgeon. It has made me much more confident as a surgeon.”

– GREGORY QUATRINO, MD

“I have learned a lot about bariatric surgery, which I had no exposure to before. I have also developed more advanced laparoscopic and robotic skills. Personally, I think it has helped me become more confident and a better leader.”

– SARAH MARKHAM, MD
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“Fellowship directors were the best mentors I have ever had. I experienced more growth in 1 year of fellowship than 5 years of residency.”
– ANDREW LOVEITT, MD

“Obviously my surgical skills were greatly impacted, but my reasoning of how to approach complex cases and being able to see the patient as a whole, not only as a problem or disease. Based on this expanded view I learned how to make the best recommendation for the patient’s well being.”
– SERGIO TOLEDO VALDOVINOS, MD
Societal Supporters of the FSF

The Americas Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (AHPBA)
American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS)
Fellowship Council
Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES)
SAGES Foundation (SERF)
Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT)

Fellows celebrate at the FSF Annual Reception
FSF Individual Donors 2017

AS OF DEC. 31, 2017

Robin Blackstone, MD
Michael Brunt, MD
Ravi Chari, MD
William Cioffi, MD
Eugene Cho, MD
Thomas D’Amico, MD
Mohamed Elgamal, MD
Douglas Ewing, MD
Edward Felix, MD
Kenneth Forde, MD
Dennis Fowler, MD
Lawrence Gottlieb, MD
Muhammad Jawad, MD
Jeffrey Lee, MD
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Alice Wei, MD
Carl Westcott, MD

Support the FSF with Your Generous Gift Today!

Our work would not be possible without the generous gifts from donors like you. If you have benefitted from the outcome of this training, either as a former fellow, a surgical educator, or a company whose products are used in training I ask you to take a moment to donate to the FSF. To donate to the FSF, click on this link www.surgicalfellowships.org/donate-now. Checks can be made out to the Foundation for Surgical Fellowships and mailed to: FSF, 11300 W. Olympic Blvd., Ste 600, Los Angeles, CA 90064.
Fellowship Programs Awarded
FOR 2017-2018 FELLOWSHIP YEAR

**BARIATRIC SURGERY**

Abington Memorial Hospital
Dr. Gintaras Antanavicius
Beth Israel Medical Center
Dr. Benjamin Schneider
Carolinas Medical Center
Dr. Timothy Kuwada
Cleveland Clinic
Dr. Stacy Brethauer
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
Dr. Michael Schweitzer
Lahey Hospital and Medical Center
Dr. Dmitry Nepomnyashy
Orlando Health
Dr. Muhammad Jawad
Penn State Hershey Medical Center
Dr. Randy Haluck
St Luke’s University Hospital
Dr. Maher El Chaar
University Hospitals Case Medical Center
Dr. Leena Khaitan
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics
Dr. Peter Nau
University of Missouri
Dr. Roger De La Torre
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Dr. Anita Courcoulas
University of South Florida
Dr. Michel Murr
University of Texas HSC Houston – MIST San Antonio
Dr. Frank Duperier
University Medical Centers of Princeton at Plainsboro
Dr. Wai Yip Chau
Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center
Dr. Titus Duncan

**BARIATRIC/MIS SURGERY**

Albany Medical Center
Dr. Tejinder Paul Singh
Alta Bates Summit Medical Center
Dr. Ajay Upadhyay
Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Dr. Ali Tavakkoli
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
Dr. Miguel Burch
Cuyuna Regional Medical Center
Dr. Paul Severson
Duke University Medical Center
Dr. Dana Portenier
Geisinger Medical Center
Dr. Anthony Petrick
Gundersen Lutheran Medical Foundation
Dr. Shalu Kothari
Hackensack University Medical Center
Dr. Douglas Ewing
Indiana University
Dr. Don Selzer
Massachusetts General Hospital
Dr. David Rattner
Montefiore Medical Center
Dr. Diego Camacho
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Dr. Bradley Needleman
University of California Davis
Dr. Mohamed Ali
University of California Fresno
Dr. Keith Boone
University of California San Francisco
Dr. Jonathan Carter
University of Massachusetts Medical School
Dr. John Kelly
University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Dr. Erik Wilson
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Dr. Daniel Scott
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
Dr. Brandon Williams
Wake Forest University Health Sciences
Dr. Carl Westcott
Yale School of Medicine
Dr. Kurt Roberts
COLORECTAL SURGERY

Advocate Lutheran General Hospital
Dr. Slawomir Marecik

Cleveland Clinic Florida
Dr. Steven Wexner

Colon & Rectal Clinic of Orlando / Orlando Health
Dr. Joseph Gallagher

Franciscan St. Francis Health
Dr. Dipen Maun

Lankenau Medical Center
Dr. John Marks

Mayo Clinic Arizona
Dr. Tonia Young-Fadok

North Shore University Hospital
Dr. John Procaccino

Swedish Medical Center
Dr. Amir Bastawrous

University of South Florida
Dr. Jorge Marcet

University of Tennessee College of Medicine
Dr. Daniel Stanley

University of Texas Medical School at Houston
Dr. Eric Haas

HPB SURGERY

Carolinas Medical Center
Dr. David Iannitti

Cleveland Clinic
Dr. Matthew Walsh

Duke University
Dr. Dan Blazer

Indiana University
Dr. Nicholas Zyromski

Medical College of Wisconsin
Dr. Kathleen Christians

Methodist Dallas Medical Center
Dr. D. Rohan Jeyarajah

Providence Portland Medical Center
Dr. Paul Hansen

Stanford University
Dr. Brendan Visser

University of Louisville/James Graham Brown Cancer Center
Dr. Robert Martin

Virginia Mason Medical Center
Dr. Adnan Alseidi

THORACIC SURGERY

Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Dr. Jon Wee

Duke University
Dr. Matthew Hartwig

Fox Chase Cancer Center
Dr. Stacey Su

Providence Portland Medical Center
Dr. Lee Swanstrom

Stanford University
Dr. Joseph Shrager

Swedish Medical Center
Dr. Ralph Aye

University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Dr. James Luketich
MIS GENERAL SURGERY

Anne Arundel Medical Center
Dr. Adrian Park
Baystate Medical Center
Dr. John Romanelli
Carolina Medical Center
Dr. B. Todd Heniford
Cleveland Clinic
Dr. Matthew Kroh
Cleveland Clinic Florida
Dr. Samuel Szomstein
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center
Dr. Thadeus Trus
Emory University Hospital
Dr. Scott Davis
George Washington University Medical Center
Dr. Fred Brody
Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center
Dr. Alfredo Carbonell
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Dr. Daniel Herron
Jackson South Community Hospital
Dr. Henry Lujan
Mayo Clinic Florida
Dr. Steven Bowers
New York-Presbyterian Cornell Medical College
Dr. Fabrizio Michelassi
Northwell Health
Dr. Dominick Gadaleta
Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Dr. Jeffrey Hazey
Oregon Health & Science University
Dr. Brett Sheppard
Our Lady of the Lake Physicians Group
Dr. Karl LeBlanc
Providence Portland Medical Center
Dr. Lee Swanstrom
Rhode Island Hospital
Dr. Stephen Migliori
St Francis Hospital and Medical Center
Dr. Ibrahim Daoud
Stony Brook Medicine
Dr. Aurora Pryor
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Dr. Ernest Rosato
University Hospitals Case Medical Center
Dr. Yuri Novitsky
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dr. Richard Stahl
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Dr. Ninh Nguyen
University of California San Diego
Dr. Santiago Horgan
University of Florida College of Medicine-Jacksonville
Dr. Ziad Awad
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Dr. Mark Kligman
University of Miami Miller School of Medicine
Dr. Jose Martinez
University of Minnesota
Dr. Daniel Leslie
University of Nebraska Medical Center
Dr. Dmitry Oleynikov
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Dr. Gregory Mancini
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Dr. Guilherme Campos
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