

Honors and Awards

Faculty



Dr. Benjamin Anderson, Professor, General Surgery Division, has been appointed as Chair of the new [National Comprehensive Cancer Center \(NCCN\)](#) International Program Committee. "I am delighted to work with NCCN on this important international project," said Dr. Anderson. "The value of the NCCN algorithms will increase exponentially as

the International Committee works with collaborators from other regions of the world to help identify how NCCN Content can best be adapted to their regional needs and resources. This is an exciting time in global medicine."

[Read the NCCN article >>](#)



Dr. Farhood Farjah, Assistant Professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery Division, received a Cancer Research Network Pilot Project Grant award from the [Cancer Research Network \(CRN\)](#) for his project entitled "Automated Tool to Measure Lung Cancer Risk Factors in Pulmonary Nodule Patients."

This pilot project aims to develop an automated tool to measure lung cancer risk factors among individuals with pulmonary nodules. Once validated, this methodology will be used to conduct a multi-site study across integrated health systems investigating care delivery and outcomes among enrollees with lung nodules. The ultimate goal of this work is to design multi-level interventions to increase guideline adherent care and improve outcomes, quality, and value. This work will be conducted in collaboration with investigators at [SORCE](#), [UW Department of Health Services](#), [VA Health Services and Research and Development](#), [Group Health Research Institute](#), and [Kaiser Permanente Southern California Department of Research & Evaluation](#).



Dr. Michael Mulligan, Professor, Cardiothoracic Surgery Division, has been elected by the [Western Thoracic Surgical Association \(WTSA\)](#) its new Vice President (this will elevate to President of the WTSA at next year's annual meeting). This is well deserved as Dr. Mulligan has had multiple roles in the association (Program Committee, Council, winner of 3 Samson Resident Paper Awards) and is highly regarded by our peers for his leadership and stature in cardiothoracic surgery.



Dr. Edward Verrier, Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery will be awarded the David J. Dugan Distinguished Service award for 2013 by the [Western Thoracic Surgical Association \(WTSA\)](#). This prestigious award has been granted to only ten individuals since 1994 and it distinguishes great surgeons for outstanding contributions in both science and leadership over a sustained period of time. Dr. Verrier has been influential as both a leader and scientist, conducting innovative research in clinical settings as well as education methodology. Dr. Verrier is the Director of the Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education and was previously the Cardiothoracic Surgery Division Chief and Vice Chairman of Clinical Affairs at the University of Washington. He began the Cardiothoracic Division's Annual Visiting Professor Event in 1992 and is known by his colleagues as a humble and kind teacher and peer. He will be honored at the WTSA's 39th Annual Meeting in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, June 26-29, 2013.

Residents



Dr. Callie M. Thompson, received the 2013 [American Association for the Surgery of Trauma \(AAST\)](#) resident scholarship to attend the 72nd Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma and Clinical Congress of Acute Care Surgery. This scholarship includes the following: complimentary meeting registration; complimentary lunch session tickets and banquet ticket; hotel costs; stipend for meals; and an invitation to attend a special breakfast for In-Training Fellows, Residents and Medical Students.