

2014 New Faculty



[Joshua Hermsen, MD](#)

Dr. Hermsen joins the department as Assistant Professor in the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery and the Associate Surgical Director of Adult Congenital Heart Disease. A native of Wisconsin, he grew up in South Carolina where he attended college at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina,

and medical school at Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). He returned to Wisconsin for general surgery residency at the University of Wisconsin-Madison during which he completed a two year research fellowship focused on mucosal immunology as related to trauma and type/route of nutrition.

He completed an adult cardiothoracic fellowship here at University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) in 2013 and the congenital cardiac fellowship at Seattle Children's in 2014.

His practice at UWMC will include adult cardiac disease with a focus on adult congenital heart disease in partnership with doctors Ed Verrier, Professor, Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery, Karen Stout, Eric Krieger, Tom Jones and Steve Seslar. His research interests include adult congenital heart disease, transition of congenital patients from pediatric to adult care.

In 2008, he met and married his wife, Jessica, and outside of the hospital he enjoys time with his wife, their two year old daughter, Indie, and four month old son, Asher.



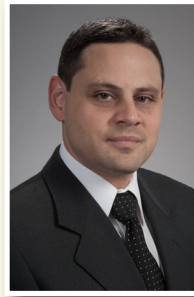
[Sam Mandell, MD](#)

Dr. Mandell, Assistant Professor, joins the Division of Trauma, Critical Care, and Burn at Harborview Medical Center. His clinical interests include burn resuscitation and rehabilitation, management of critically injured patients, and emergency surgical care.

Dr. Mandell graduated from Brown University with an AB in Late Antique Cultures as well as Biology. He went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Massachusetts Medical School. Following medical school he moved to Seattle and the University of Washington where he completed his general surgery residency, fellowship in burn surgery, and fellowship in critical care. During residency, he also completed a trauma research fellowship and earned a Masters in Public Health from the University of Washington School of Public Health and Community Medicine.

During his research fellowship, Dr. Mandell developed an interest in injury prevention, specifically looking at motor vehicle crash outcomes. He plans to continue this work, as well as pursue projects to refine burn resuscitation, examine

long-term outcomes in burn survivors, and improve clinical outcomes in the intensive care unit.



[Martin Montenovo, MD](#)

Dr. Montenovo, Assistant Professor, joins the Division of Transplant at UW Medical Center. Born in Argentina, he received his Medical Degree at the Universidad Nacional de Rosario in Argentina and completed his first surgical residency in one of the top hospitals in Buenos Aires. After completing his general surgery residency, he came in to

the University of Washington Swallowing Center as a Research Fellow. After two years in the lab, he was offered a spot in our general surgery residency program and after completion of his residency he stayed here to do his Abdominal Transplant Surgery Fellowship.

Dr. Montenovo's main research interest is identifying genomic patterns of hepatocellular carcinoma that will help to predict recurrence following liver transplantation. He will also invest research time in looking at outcomes in living donor liver transplantation and development of immunotolerance protocols for liver transplant recipients.

Personally, he enjoys spending time with his wife Flor and his two kids Lola and Benito.



[Susanna Shin, MD](#)

Dr. Susanna Shin, Assistant Professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery, joined the Department of Surgery in July 2014. She was most recently an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, DC.

She earned her medical degree from Eastern Virginia Medical School in

Norfolk, Virginia, where she stayed for her residency in general surgery in order to train under her mentor, Dr. L.D. Britt. She completed her two year fellowship in Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center.

Clinically, Dr. Shin has expertise in the treatment of all vascular pathology but has a special interest in peripheral arterial disease and limb salvage and complex venous disease. Her clinical practice will focus on further developing the UW vascular program at Valley Medical Center but she will also be clinically active at UWMC and Harborview.

Dr. Shin has a special interest in surgical education and will be site director of the new core surgical rotation at Valley Medical Center.