

## Surgery Synopsis Reader Feedback

Below are comments we received from readers regarding our  
Summer 2014 issue:

“Thank you Dr. Carlos Pellegrini for really having our surgery department be a role model for diversity and inclusion. In particular, I appreciate that you make clear that while this is an issue of social justice it goes beyond: with diversity will come greater innovation and ability to serve the public.

I appreciate your efforts and mention them often in my work.”

*Sharon A. Dobie, MCP, MD  
Professor, Department of Family Medicine  
University of Washington*

“Dear Dr. Carlos Pellegrini: I look forward to reading *Surgery Synopsis* and I am thrilled that the department continues to innovate, grow and develop under your leadership. I was particularly impressed with the focus that was given to diversity in this current issue. Your department has clearly been successful in this arena as well. This is something we all should aspire to.”

*Kevin G. Billingsley, MD  
Division Chief, Surgical Oncology  
Oregon Health & Science University*

“It should not focus on the idea that diversity and inclusion are important moral virtues that should be nurtured as a matter of social justice (though they are), but instead, on the fact that diversity and inclusion foster innovation and creativity and provide the energy to drive organizations to reach their full potential. In the case of the UW SOM diversity and inclusion make us better able to improve the health of the public.’

Absolutely perfect!...the same reasons that we should not divide and segregate our kids in elementary schools...diversity is essential for a healthy system...”

*Ryan J. Jense, MD  
Assistant Professor, Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine  
University of Washington*

“*Surgery Synopsis* is very classy. I enjoyed reading the articles and was impressed with the tenacity of Jorge Reyes to find out exactly what was keeping that boy from Alaska from eating, which would eventually compromise the patient’s outcome. Impressive personal interest as well as impressive kindness. You have a fantastic group in your department.”

*Paula Carvalho, MD  
Boise VA Medical Center*

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**We welcome feedback from our readers.**  
Please submit your comments to [surgeditors@uw.edu](mailto:surgeditors@uw.edu).

NOTE: The newsletter editorial team will decide in its discretion whether to publish submitted comments in this column and may edit the comments for publication.

## Save the Dates

**65<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
STRAUSS LECTURE**  
Friday, November 21, 2014  
Dr. Marco Patti  
Professor of Surgery and  
Director of the Center  
for Esophageal Diseases  
University of Chicago  
Pritzker School of Medicine

**DOS ANNUAL  
HOLIDAY BRUNCH**  
Saturday, December 20, 2014  
10:30am–1:00pm  
UW Club

**SEATTLE SURGICAL SOCIETY  
ANNUAL MEETING**  
Friday, January 23, 2015  
Hyatt Olive 8 Hotel  
Seattle, WA

**21ST ANNUAL  
HELEN & JOHN  
SCHILLING LECTURE  
&  
DOS RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**  
Friday, February 27, 2015  
Lecture Begins 3:00pm  
Walter J. Pories, MD  
Professor of Surgery  
Brody School of Medicine  
East Carolina University  
Lecture Title: TBA  
UW Tower Auditorium

**2015 ANNUAL  
CHIEF RESIDENTS’ DINNER**  
Friday, June 19, 2015  
Bell Harbor International  
Conference Center