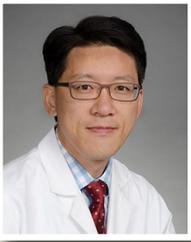


## Crowdfunding

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he will use to purchase lab supplies needed to support his ongoing innovative research in lung ischemia reperfusion injury (LIRI). Dr. Mulligan recently completed an R01 grant from NIH in support of this work, and the funds raised on Consano provide important funding to keep his lab active while he prepares his next application.



Dr. James Park, Associate Professor in the Division of General Surgery, recently posted his project “**The Illuminator: Changing the Way We See Liver Cancer,**” which seeks to raise \$10,000 to develop an advanced imaging technology that will increase liver cancer diagnostic accuracy and

speed, potentially saving millions of lives around the world. Funding from Consano will provide the seed money necessary to file an investigator-initiated Radioactive Drug Research Committee application with the Federal Drug Administration and begin development of a clinical-grade Illuminator that meets good manufacturing practice standards.

Crowdsourcing is by no means a substitute for sponsors such as the NIH, societies and foundations, or our generous benefactors, without whom we would be unable to undertake the high-impact, multi-year research for which we are known. But, crowdsourcing does provide a new and potentially powerful way for individuals with only a little money but a lot of interest - who may otherwise never be connected with our research - the opportunity to have a very real impact on discoveries that change people’s lives.

## UWMC Receives “Meritorious Status” on Quality Scores from ACS NSQIP



The American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) recognized the University of Washington Medical Center (UWMC) at its just-concluded Clinical Congress, as one of only 44 participating hospitals that have achieved meritorious outcomes for surgical patient care. Participation required UWMC to track the outcomes of inpatient and outpatient surgical procedures and collect data in eight important clinical areas:

- Mortality
- Unplanned intubation
- Ventilator greater than 48 hours
- Renal failure
- Cardiac incidents (arrest and myocardial infarction)
- Pulmonary/Pneumonia
- Surgical Site Infections
- Urinary Tract Infection

The hospital achieved meritorious distinction based on composite quality scores in the eight areas listed above. These data were presented in the July 2014 ACS NSQIP *Semiannual Report*, which presents data from calendar year 2013 and was recognized at the ACS Clinical Congress meeting in San Francisco in October 2014.

ACS NSQIP is the only nationally validated quality improvement program that measures and enhances the care of surgical patients. The goal of ACS NSQIP is to reduce surgical morbidity and surgical mortality and to provide a firm foundation for surgeons to apply best scientific evidence to the practice of surgery. ACS NSQIP is a major program of the American College of Surgeons and is currently used in over 550 hospitals nationwide.

Many people in the hospital and department working together have achieved meritorious status for UWMC. **Rosemary Grant, RN**, a member of the Department of Surgery staff, in partnership with Julie Duncan, Director of the UWMC’s Center for Clinical Excellence, have provided oversight and direction to the many involved. Surgeons involved in achieving this goal are too many to name; however, special thanks to **Patch Dellinger, MD**, Professor and past-Division Chief of General Surgery for his leadership; **Brant Oelschlager, MD**, Professor and Division Chief of General Surgery and **Zoe Parr, MD**, Assistant Professor, General Surgery. A vital element of success in this endeavor is hospital leadership. We thank Steve Zieniewicz, Executive Director, UWMC Administration for his support in this effort.