

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*

We welcome feedback from our readers.
Please submit your comments to 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

**65TH 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