

## In Memoriam—Robert Condon, MD



Dr. Robert E. Condon

Dr. Robert E. Condon, a distinguished alumnus and long-time friend of our department passed away last week. He was a major figure in American surgery with roots firmly embedded in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Condon was born in Albany, New York, in 1929 and was a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. He received his MD in 1957 from the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in Rochester, NY before coming to the University of Washington. He graduated from our residency program in 1965, under

the chairmanship of Dr. Henry Harkins. A close colleague of Dr. Lloyd Nyhus and along with Dr. Harkins, the three became known as “The Seattle Group” researching and developing surgical treatments for ulcers and then, what would become Dr. Condon’s scholarly passion throughout his career, the science and art of hernia surgery. He was a major contributor to Harkins and Nyhus’ *Hernia*, which in a later edition was renamed, *Nyhus and Condon’s Hernia*. This text has been the definitive reference for hernia

repairs for over 30 years. After a period of service at the University of Washington, Baylor, the University of Illinois in Chicago, and the University of Iowa College of Medicine, Dr. Condon was recruited to the faculty at the Medical College of Wisconsin in 1972. He became Chair of the Department of Surgery at MCW in 1979, and he served for 18 years in this position. Subsequently, the Robert E. Condon Hernia Institute was established at the MCW and continues as a Center of Excellence for hernia surgery in the Midwest.

Dr. Condon never forgot his roots in the Pacific Northwest. He promised his wife Marcia that when he retired, they would return to Seattle, and that is exactly what they did. Dr. Condon continued his service to the UW Department of Surgery as a Clinical Professor, teaching our residents and attending various functions over the years. As an active member of our community, he was awarded the Harkins Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1998. In addition to his academic surgical career, Dr. Condon was an accomplished gardener, cook, wine connoisseur, world traveler, and patron of our local art museums.

Dr. Condon is survived by his wife Marcia, who he met in kindergarten, and to whom he was married for 64 years, and two sons, Sean Edward Condon and Brian Robert Condon.

## Honors and Awards

### Faculty



**Dr. Sara Javid**, Assistant Professor in the Division of General Surgery, has been selected to participate in the [Cancer Research Networks Scholars program](#).

The NCI-funded CRN Scholars Program is a 26-month training activity that aims to help junior investigators develop research independence using CRN

resources to conduct population-based multi-site and multi-disciplinary studies that leverage the network’s strengths.

Specific goals that CRN Scholars work toward during their training include becoming a Principal Investigator (PI) on a successful investigator-initiated grant, and being first author on a peer-reviewed, published article reporting original research.

The Scholars Program is open to junior investigators from academic institutions, cancer centers, federal institutes, and other research centers. They seek candidates with a demonstrated commitment to conducting future population-based cancer research within integrated health care settings.

Dr. Javid was also recently nominated by the [American College of Surgeons’](#) Committee on Interprofessional Education and Practice for Regental consideration.



**Dr. Ron Maier**, Chief, Division of Trauma, Burn, and Critical Care Surgery and Professor and Vice Chair of Surgery, was inducted into the [Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh](#) as an Honorary Member Ad Hominem in October 2014.

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