

Department of Surgery New Education Web Section



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The COVID-19 pandemic was the impetus for many new surprise projects. One such project was the UW Department of Surgery (DOS) Education & Training [web section](#). As we marched through the spring of 2020, we realized that all residency and fellow recruitment would be 100% virtual. This meant that our website needed to be in tiptop shape with comprehensive program information, up-to-date content, and easy to navigate with mobile devices. This rebuild had been in the plans to occur at a future date when the entire Department website was migrated to its new platform, but with the new virtual recruitment season just around the corner we realized we needed to put this project on a FAST TRACK. So, we quickly assembled a Taskforce and got to work! Taskforce members included: Dr. [Bryce Robinson](#), Associate Professor, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery, [Caroline Riley](#), Program Manager, Division of Trauma, Burn & Critical Care Surgery, Dr. [Catherine Kling](#), Assistant Professor, Division of Transplant Surgery, Dr. [David Drouillard](#), R4, General Surgery, Dr. [Elina Quiroga](#), Associate Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, Dr. [Erin Miller](#), Assistant Professor, Division of Plastic Surgery, Dr. [Jake Hemingway](#), Chief Resident, Vascular Surgery, Dr. [Jay Zhu](#), Fellow, Center for Videoendoscopic Surgery), Dr. [Jeffrey Friedrich](#), Professor, Division of Plastic Surgery, Dr. [Jenny Yu](#), R5,

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The Taskforce met weekly via Zoom July through September 2020 and was chaired by Dr. [Karen Horvath](#), Professor, Division of General Surgery, General Surgery-Categorical and Preliminary Residency Programs Director, Associate Chair for Education. We researched available options for our new site, acknowledged our time and financial limitations, outlined our vision, created a standardized template, introduced new social media links and photos, and collected content from all education programs. Our amazing IT consultants, [Chris Fiset](#), Web Computing Specialist, [Michael Hilleary](#), Public Information Specialist, and [Roland Lai](#), Director IT Services, listened patiently, contributed real world advice, and enacted the vision the Taskforce designed with lightning speed. In a few short months, the result was that resident/fellow applicants looking at DOS training programs had a streamlined and efficient place to locate information under a single Education section umbrella. It is fair to say COVID-19 provided us with a great, new and updated recruitment tool for all of DOS training programs moving forward—thank you COVID-19???

Cardiovascular Advanced Practice Provider Fellowship Program



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The UW Medical Center's [Cardiovascular Advanced Practice \(CV APP\) Fellowship program](#), established in 2014, prepares postgraduate physician assistants (PA) and nurse practitioners (NP) to utilize evidenced-based practice and develop specialized skills to care for chronic and acutely ill patients across the continuum of cardiovascular disease. It is an intense, highly structured, comprehensive program through which newly licensed APPs acquire in depth knowledge, advanced skills, and mentorship in delivering safe, high quality care. The 12-month fellowship begins November 1st and the two fellows complete four week



Meet [Leslie Ma, PA-C](#) and [Stacy Sanders, ARNP](#), the 2020/2021 Cardiovascular Advanced Practice Provider Fellows