RESIDENCY HIGHLIGHTS

- Congratulations to Donald Bennett, MD for accepting a position at Midwest ENT & Allergy in Sioux Falls, SD.
- Welcome to our new PGY1 Kelly McKenna! Read about Kelly on Page 2.
- Check out our residency research updates on Page 2.
- Connect with us on social media! Check out our Residency Program Instagram @UVM_ENT_RES

UVM Otolaryngology Division

The Division celebrated Dr. Dan Gerges’ graduation from residency June 2021

UVM Otolaryngology Newsletter

We are excited to share updates and ongoing activities in our program!

Otolaryngology Division Accolades

Green and Gold Professorship —William Brundage, MD
Dr. William Brundage was appointed as the inaugural Green and Gold Professorship of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. This professorship rewards outstanding faculty and is a testament to his commitment to teaching, research and service. Congratulations to Dr. Brundage for being honored with this endowed professorship.

Community Faculty Teacher of the Year Award —George Kurien, MD
Dr. Kurien was selected as Community Faculty Teacher of the Year Award by the PGY-3 Family Medicine Residents at CVPH for being an outstanding provider who is dedicated to resident teaching. Well-deserved—Congrats!

Frymoyers scholars program —Heather Herrington, MD
Congratulations to Dr. Herrington and team for being selected as recipients for the 2021 FSP for their project: Improved management of pediatric difficult airways through creation of collaborative inter-professional workgroups.

Faculty Promotion —Heather Herrington, MD & Tamara Rimash, MD
Congrats to Drs. Herrington & Rimash for their promotion to Associate Professor.
Welcome our Newest Faculty Member
Julie Lumingu, MD
Dr. Julie Lumingu completed medical school at University of Ottawa and Otolaryngology residency at the University of Calgary. She joined our group this past year and provides excellent care for our ENT patients at CVPH. We are so excited to have her on the team!

Welcome to our Newest Resident
Kelly McKenna, MD—PGY1
Kelly grew up in South Windsor, Connecticut. She studied biochemistry at Georgetown University and then returned home to attend medical school at the University of Connecticut. During her time at UConn, she developed a passion for ENT and participated in research projects involving inner ear biomarkers, pediatric primary hyperparathyroidism and impact of surgeon experience of thyroidectomy complications. Kelly enjoys spending time with family and friends, practicing yoga, running and enjoying good food.

Annual Women in Otolaryngology Event
Our Oto-Ladies set sail on Lake Champlain to bond, create mentoring relationships and have some fun! In 2010, the Women in Otolaryngology section of the American Academy of Otolaryngology was officially established with the goal of assisting career development of women otolaryngologists and has fostered positive change and growth through the specialty. We are inspired by the women pioneers of our field and seek to mentor and promote the future generation of women in otolaryngology.

Residency Research Updates:
- This year the American Academy of Otolaryngology Annual Meeting was held in Los Angeles, CA.

  - Quinn Self, MD (PGY3) and one of our outstanding medical students Olivia Quatela, had a poster presentation entitled “Ultrasound-Guided Transcervical Fine Needle Aspiration in the Diagnosis of Laryngeal Cancer”

- Quinn Self, MD (PGY3) and another one of our fantastic medical students Kyle Leonard, had a poster selected for the Science Highlights Session at the ASTRO (American Society for Radiation Oncology) Annual Meeting. Their paper is entitled “High Risk Head and Neck Cutaneous SCC Treated with Mohs Micrographic Surgery: Practical Implications of Actuarial Recurrence Risk”

- Due to the generosity of the Sudbay Research Funds, we will be initiating electronic survey based questionnaires to our clinic patients to improve data collection for our research studies and enhancement of patient care.

  - One of these upcoming research projects is being led by Nicole Wershoven, another one of our excellent medical students, and will focus on Head and Neck Cancer Patients’ patterns of use and medical effects of cannabis.