



NEWS



Dr. Tari A. King Joins Emory Department of Surgery

Tari King, MD, has been appointed as chief surgical officer for the cancer service line at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University and Emory Healthcare. She will also serve as chief of the newly formed Division of Breast Surgery in the Department of Surgery at Emory University School of Medicine and as co-director of Winship's Glenn Family Breast Center. Dr. King will begin her tenure at Emory on July 14.

Dr. King currently serves as the Anne E. Dyson Professor of Surgery in the Field of Women's Cancers at Harvard Medical School and chief of the Division of Breast Surgery and vice chair of multidisciplinary oncology in the Department of Surgery at Brigham and Women's Hospital.



Dr. David Kooby Named Senior Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs

David Kooby, MD, has been named the senior associate dean of faculty affairs on January 30, 2025. Dr. Kooby serves as a professor in the Division of Surgical Oncology.

As senior associate dean, Dr. Kooby will provide leadership in multiple aspects of faculty affairs, including human resources, risk management, and compliance, including conflict-of-interest and regulatory policies. He will also oversee standardization of processes related to faculty policies in the school.



Dr. Ravi Rajani Officially Sworn In as President of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgical Society (VESS)

Ravi Rajani, MD, was officially sworn in as the President of the Vascular and Endovascular Surgical Society (VESS) on February 6, 2025. Dr. Rajani previously served in VESS as recorder.

The VESS mission is to improve the quality and safety of vascular & endovascular surgical procedures and general vascular care through education, scholarship, advocacy & leadership.



Dr. Michael Lowe Elected to Open Spot on SSO Board of Directors

Michael Lowe, MD, MA, was elected to fill the final open spot on the Society of Surgical Oncology (SSO) Board of Directors as director-at-large for a three-year term (2025–2028). Dr. Lowe is an associate professor for the Division of Surgical Oncology.

Dr. Lowe received the SSO Young Investigator Award for his study, "Evaluation of FcγRIIB as a Novel T cell Inhibitor in Cutaneous Melanoma" in 2018. The work examines the benefits of blocking FcγRIIB's ability to alter T cell responses.

The mission of the Society of Surgical Oncology is to improve multidisciplinary patient care by advancing the science, education and practice of cancer surgery worldwide.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION



Dr. Joshua Chan Receives Georgia CTSA KL2 Pilot Grant

Joshua Chan, MD, FACS, has been awarded a KL2 Pilot Grant from the Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance (CTSA).

Dr. Chan was awarded \$50,000 for his project titled "Disparities In Health-Related Quality Of Life Following Left Ventricular Assist Device (LVAD) Implantation: Mitigating Individual and Social Determinants."

The Pilot Grants program promotes new networks of multidisciplinary and inter-institutional research teams and enhances currently available resources from each Georgia CTSA partner by investing in new clinical and translational research paradigms, encouraging young faculty to develop cutting-edge science, and becoming the glue that cements investigators and projects across the research consortium.



Dr. Joshua Chan Receives Individual Seed Grant Funded by Former Falcons Quarterback

Dr. Chan was also recently awarded an individual \$50,000 seed grant funded by former Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan to support health equity related research. Drs. Christine Tompkins and Raymond Givens with the Department of Medicine have also been awarded seed grants.

Dr. Chan's research is titled "Disparities in Health-Related Quality of Life Following Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation: Mitigating Individual and Social Determinants." Dr. Chan is an assistant professor for the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery.



Dr. David Rhoiney Receives Presidential Meritorious Service Medal

David Rhoiney, DO, was awarded the Presidential Meritorious Service Medal on August 13, 2024. Dr. Rhoiney received the medal in recognition of outstanding meritorious service from September 2021 to June 2024. Dr. Rhoiney is a fellow with the Division of Vascular Surgery and a commander with the Medical Corps for the United States Navy.



Dr. Michael Lowe Named Chair of Winship's Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee

Michael Lowe, MD, MA, has been named chair of the Protocol Review and Monitoring Committee at Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University. He succeeds Susan Modesitt, MD, following her appointment as chair of Emory University School of Medicine's Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics.

As chair, Dr. Lowe will lead the committee charged with assuring rigorous internal oversight of scientific aspects of Winship's cancer clinical trials, a requirement for all National Cancer Institute-designated cancer centers.



Dr. Randi Smith Selected as Inaugural Recipient of 2025 Georgia CTSA Award

Randi Smith, MD, has been awarded the inaugural 2025 Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance Faculty Excellence in Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Clinical/Translational Science Award.

The award is bestowed upon a mid-career faculty member who made significant contributions to creating a culture that supports diversity and advances diversity, equity, inclusion, and/or social justice in the context of clinical or translational science.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY CENTENNIAL



Update: Reimagining the Emory Department of Surgery's 100-Year Anniversary

On behalf of Dr. John Sweeney and the Department of Surgery, we would like to share an update regarding the Centennial Celebration:

We are deeply grateful for everyone's support as we mark this momentous milestone – 100 years of Emory Surgery. Recent guidance from President Fennes and Dean Wong has led us to postpone our original plans for the Department of Surgery Centennial Celebration on June 14, 2025. The decision to reimagine our centennial celebration was not made lightly, but it is a necessary step as we navigate the evolving landscape shaped by numerous directives, policy changes, and legislative proposals from the federal government. Across Emory University, efforts are underway to streamline expenditures and create financial flexibility, all while staying true to our mission of supporting and celebrating excellence.

Together, we will find innovative and meaningful ways to honor this milestone, ensuring that the legacy of Emory Surgery is celebrated in a way that reflects our strength, dedication, and vision for the future. The true strength of Emory Surgery has always been its people—past and present—whose dedication, skill, and compassion have not only shaped our department's remarkable legacy but continue to propel it forward. That is truly what we are celebrating – 100-year milestone of excellence in patient care, research, and education.

We will keep you updated as our plans evolve, and we look forward to celebrating this centennial together in meaningful ways. In the meantime, please continue the outstanding work that makes our department so exceptional.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to our patients, our mission, and the legacy of Emory Surgery.



The William C. Wood Endowed Fund

As part of the 100th anniversary of the Department of Surgery, we are pleased to announce the establishment of the William C. Wood Endowed Fund.

Dr. Wood began his medical career at Harvard Medical School and completed his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH), eventually rising to chief of surgical oncology and medical director of the cancer center. In 1991, he joined Emory as the Joseph Brown Whitehead Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery. During Dr. Wood's 18 years of leadership, Emory Surgery rose to new heights in clinical care, education, and research, achieving national recognition in breast cancer treatment and clinical trial design.

In honoring Dr. Wood's passion for surgical education, with this fund, we support the next generation of surgeons on their way to excellence. We invite you to join the leadership of the Emory Department of Surgery in commemorating the remarkable impact he had on the world of surgery, both locally, nationally, and internationally.

For more details or any questions, please reach out to Tom Lawley from our surgery alumni team [here](#). If you'd like to make a contribution, please click the button below.

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