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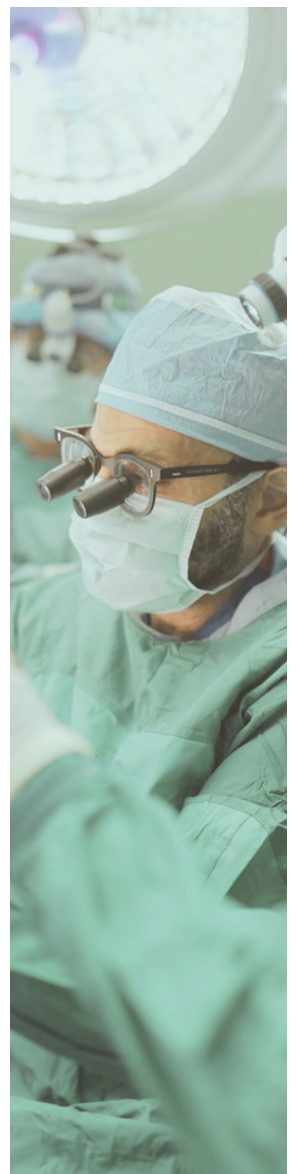
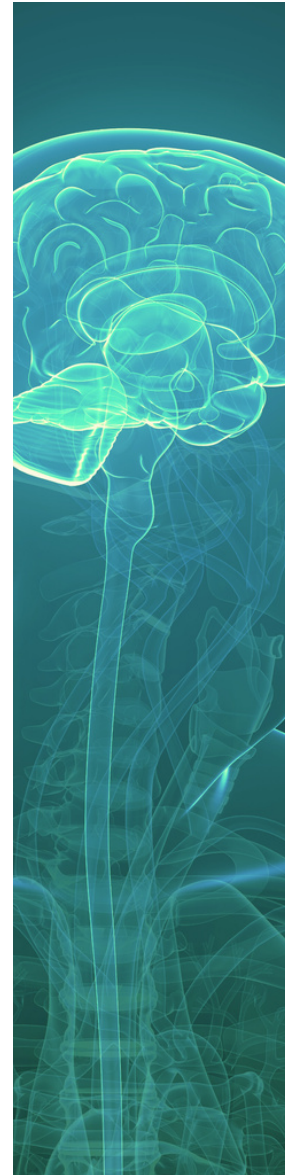
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DEPARTMENT UPDATES

NEW TO THE DEPARTMENT

BRADLEY WILHELMY | Bagley Research Fellow

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Bradley Wilhelmy is joining the department as the newest Bagley Research Fellow. He will be working in Marc Simard, MD, PhD Lab, where he will be involved in projects like studying intracerebral hemorrhage and peripheral nerve injury. Bradley grew up in Raleigh, North Carolina and attended University of North Carolina for his undergraduate degree (Go Tarheels!). In his spare time, he enjoys working out, cooking, and spending time with his friends and fiancée. *Welcome to the team, Bradley!*



STAFF HIGHLIGHT



OLGA DRANOV, CRNP, DNP

Lyndsi Hiler, our department's Senior Nurse Practitioner and Nurse Manager, would like to recognize **Olga Dranov, CRNP, DNP** for exhibiting exemplary patient care! Here is what a patient had to say about Olga:

"I would like to reach out to you to express my most sincere appreciation to Volha "Olga" Dranov. I was having severe numbness and tingling in both of my hands and arms after my 3rd Cervical Neck Fusion. Olga went out of her way to get answers to my questions and was kind enough to reach out to me by telephone. That is unheard of nowadays with the workload the medical staff deals with daily! Thank you for employing people like Olga at the University of Maryland Medical Center."

"When a patient takes time out of their weekend to notice the positive impact a member of our team is making, it should be recognized - thank you for embodying our core values, Olga!" Lyndsi says, "The department and the patients appreciate all that you do!" *Amazing work, Olga!*



DEPARTMENT EVENTS



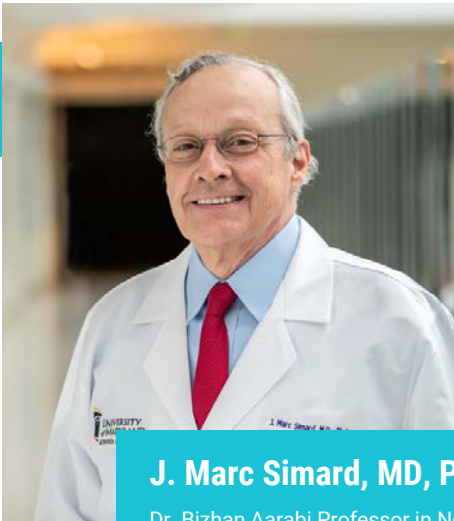
BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!

May was jam-packed with events honoring Brain Cancer Awareness Month! The department was grateful to sponsor two events in particular: Race for Hope DC and Keep Punching! May 7th was the **National Brain Tumor Society's Race for Hope DC** 5K walk/run event held in DC at Freedom Plaza. Twenty-three members attended, and the Maryland Brain Tumor Center raised \$3,295.00! *Great work team!*

The 10th Annual Keep Punching 5K, 1 Miler, and Virtual Event was held on May 21st at Goucher College. The organization reported that it was their largest event ever - raising over \$70,000 for individuals living with brain cancer and medical researchers fighting the disease! *Amazing! And a special thank you to Liz Cahill, RN for coordinating both events!*



FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS



DISTINGUISHED UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR!

UMB announced on Monday, May 22nd that **J. Marc Simard, MD, PhD** has been recognized with the designation of Distinguished University Professor. The title of Distinguished University Professor is the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at UMB. "It is a recognition of not just excellence, but also of impact and significant contribution to the nominee's, knowledge, profession, and/or practice." *Congratulations Dr. Simard!*

J. Marc Simard, MD, PhD

Dr. Bizhan Aarabi Professor in Neurotrauma, Department of Neurosurgery; Interim Chair, Department of Physiology; Distinguished University Professor; University of Maryland School of Medicine Chief, Neurosurgical Service, Baltimore VA Medical Center

MARYLAND STEM CELL RESEARCH GRANT!

The Maryland Stem Cell Research ([MSCRE](#)) Commission announced in a [press release](#) on May 9th that over \$14.1 million in grants were awarded to promote innovative research that will strengthen and advance stem cell treatments and technologies in Maryland, and **Alex Ksendzovsky, MD, PhD** was one of thirty-nine scientists to receive this award. Dr. Ksendzovsky along with co-investigators Drs. Philip Iffland (Assistant Professor of Neurology at UMSOM) and Seth Ament (Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UMSOM), will receive grant funding to take stem cells from genetic epilepsy patients, and use microelectrode array technology to create personalized antiepileptic therapies. *Congratulations Dr. Ksendzovsky!*



NEWSWORTHY!



A special congratulations to **Kelly Swan** for her award-winning work on UMMC's focused ultrasound advertising campaign! The campaign took home a Bronze award for Magazine Advertising in the 40th Annual Healthcare Advertising Awards. With over 4,300 entries received this year, it is one of the largest national competitions in healthcare advertising. [Click here to see the campaign!](#)

RESIDENT HIGHLIGHTS

MAYO CLINIC PERIPHERAL NERVE SURGERY FELLOWSHIP

Jesse Stokum, MD, PhD, PGY-4 has just recently been admitted into Mayo Clinic's premier one-year Peripheral Nerve Surgery Fellowship at its campus in Rochester, Minnesota. Following completion of this fellowship program, Jesse will be trained in all aspects of peripheral nerve treatment! His fellowship will begin July of 2026. To learn more about this fellowship, visit their website [here](#). *Congratulations Jesse!*



JOHN C. OAKLEY PAIN FELLOWSHIP BY THE AANS/CNS SECTION ON PAIN

Jesse isn't the only resident to receive a fellowship this month, **Abdul-Kareem Ahmed, MD, PGY-5** has been selected for the John C. Oakley Pain Fellowship by the AANS/CNS Section on Pain. Abdul will spend a rotation in his PGY-7 year with Dr. Zaman Mirzadeh at the Barrow Neurological Institute to learn techniques in pain neurosurgery. To learn more about this fellowship, visit their website [here](#).



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

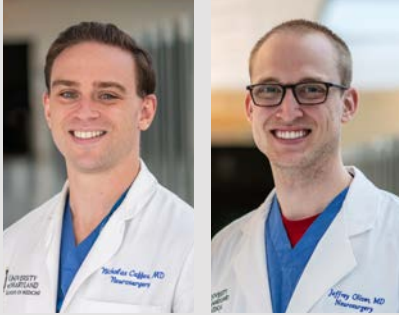
Sophie White, MPH, C-TAGME
Senior Academic Specialist

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND FACULTY!

Mock Oral Boards are scheduled in lieu of Grand Rounds for Thursday, June 8th from 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM. Sophie will be coordinating the sessions. Residents and faculty will receive details from her regarding the schedule and structure for the exercise.



UPCOMING EVENTS WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO!



2023 Neurosurgery Residency Graduation with Nick Caffes, MD & Jeff Oliver, MD

- **Time:** 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
- **Date:** Friday, June 16th
- **Location:** The Winslow Parker Metal Building, Baltimore, MD



Fall 2023 Neuroanatomy Workshop

More information to come about this event. Will most likely take place in late September of 2023.



2023 CNS Annual Meeting

- **Time:** TBA
- **Dates:** September 9th - 13th
- **Location:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center, DC



NASS 38th Annual Meeting

- **Time:** TBA
- **Date:** October 18th - 21st
- **Location:** Los Angeles, CA



Department Happy Hour!

- **Time:** TBA
- **Date:** October
- **Location:** Baltimore, MD



Fall 2023 Ibrahimi Lecture with Ziya L. Gokaslan, MD, FAANS, FACS

- **Time:** TBA
- **Date:** November
- **Location:** UMB Campus

**Please note that the times, dates, and locations of these events are subject to change*

JUNE 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

MAY GRAND ROUNDS

Thu, May 4 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Louis Bovina, MD, MS <i>Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery, UMSOM</i> <i>"Navigation, Robotics, and Augmented Reality in Spine Surgery"</i>
Thu, May 11 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Mari Groves, MD <i>Assistant Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery, UMSOM</i> <i>"Updates in Treatment for Achondroplasia"</i>
Thu, May 18 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Bizhan Aarabi, MD <i>Professor of Neurosurgery, UMSOM</i> <i>"M&M"</i>
Thu, May 25 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	MEMORIAL DAY - NO CONFERENCES

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JUNE GRAND ROUNDS AT-A-GLANCE

Thu, June 1 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Nathan Han, MD, PGY-6
Thu, June 8 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Mock Oral Boards
Thu, June 15 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Nick Caffes, MD & Jeff Oliver, MD; PGY-7
Thu, June 22 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Gary Schwartzbauer, MD, PhD
Thu, June 29 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	NO CONFERENCES

HOLIDAYS

- 5/1 - Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; Indian Heritage Month; Jewish American Heritage Month; Brain Cancer Awareness Month
- 5/5 - Cinco de Mayo
- 5/6 - National Nurses Week
- 5/11 - Brain Injury Awareness Week
- 5/14 - Mother's Day
- 5/22 - National Epilepsy Week
- 5/29 - Memorial Day (UMB CLOSED)
- 6/1 - Black Lives Matter Month; Pride Month
- 6/8 - World Brain Tumor Day
- 6/14 - National Nursing Assistants Week
- 6/18 - Father's Day
- 6/19 - Juneteenth (UMB CLOSED)
- 6/21 - National Day of Indigenous People



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