



# ITL IN THE LOUPES

## DEPARTMENT


Read outstanding feedback received by grateful patients!

## AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

GPILS Award Winners, October Inaugural Team Member & More!

## FACULTY

Dr. Cherian in *Newsweek* & Dr. Chryssikos Interviewed for UMMS Podcast!



*We face challenges to improve  
lives by solving complex  
neurosurgical problems.*

**Patients first,  
together!**

**Always do the right  
thing**

**Leave it better than  
you found it**

**Drive to mastery**

Maryland Neurosurgery

**CORE VALUES**



## Department Updates

### ★★★★★ Grateful Patient

*All good! Very professional and respectful and sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities!! Great job! Keep up the good work!*



### Grateful Patient

***Dr. Parker** was great! Explained everything well and listened/answered our concerns.*

### ★★★★★ Grateful Patient

*As always, the best **staff**, the very best physicians, in a top-notch facility.*



### Grateful Patient

*I believe that **Dr. Sansur** was sent here from the heavens. Some people are put on this earth to help others. He is a shining example of what's good about humanity.*



### Grateful Patient

***Crystal Bond** is great, responsive, and gets the job done!*

## Department Updates

★★★★★ Grateful Patient

All of the **physicians** and **staff** are very polite and courteous!



Grateful Patient

**Mrs. Hiler** and the staff are excellent!

★★★★★ Grateful Patient

The **doctors** were very professional, respectful, and showed that they cared about the patient as well as their job as a doctor! Very good bedside manners!!!



Grateful Patient

The **staff** is one of utmost courtesy and professionalism. I cannot say enough regarding my interactions.

Simply put, wonderful.



Grateful Patient

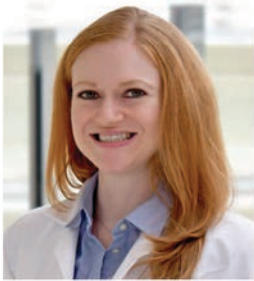
We appreciate **Dr. Woodworth** and his staff members for their help, professionalism, information, and regard for my daughters health concerns.



## Awards & Recognitions

### *The Graduate Program in Life Sciences & Office of Postdoctoral Scholars 2023 Annual Awards Ceremony Winners!*

Each year, the GPILS/OPS Awards Ceremony publicly recognizes the outstanding achievements of the school's students, faculty, and postdoctoral fellows. These awards acknowledge the community's scientific performance, but also the strong devotion to service, mentorship, and teaching that we see on campus every day. This event is generously funded by the Graduate School, Dental School, and School of Medicine.



The Dr. Laure Aurelian Biomedical Research Award winner was none other than our very own **Whitney Parker, MD, PhD**! To read more about this prestigious award, visit their website [HERE](#).



And the PhD Thesis Award was awarded to **Christine Carney, PhD**, a previous PhD student of the Translational Therapeutics Research Group (TTRG)!

*Congratulations Drs. Parker and Carney!*

### *October Team Member of the Month is Henry Reed!*



**Henry Reed**, our Executive Operations Specialist, has been awarded October team member of the month!

Henry is the definition of a team player. He consistently goes above

and beyond, and is always there to give a helping hand to others. Over the last year and a half, Henry has become the "face" of our department and leader of our executive suite. Our department is thankful to have him as an integral part of our team.

*Congratulations Henry! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Maryland Neurosurgery!*

### *Dr. Jesse Stokum is Awarded \$100K Grant!*



**Jesse Stokum, MD, PhD, PGY-5** was awarded \$100K from the Merkin PNNR Center for his project titled "Enhanced peripheral neural regeneration with limb lengthening."

The Merkin Peripheral Neurology and Nerve Regeneration (PNNR) Center has been established to advance peripheral neuropathy (PN) and nerve regeneration research, deepen the understanding of the conditions and their causes, and develop viable therapies. As part of the Johns Hopkins University Merkin PNNR Center's mission to provide support to researchers, they offer research grants to qualified applicants.

*Congratulations Dr. Stokum!*



## Faculty Spotlights



### Dr. Jacob Cherian Featured in Newsweek!

*“I Put My Facial Spasms Down to Age. A Diagnosis Left a Painful Choice”*

The *Newsweek* patient story, published by Tom Armbruster on October 31st, recounts a patient’s painful experience of constant hemifacial spasms, and the relief brought by a successful microvascular compression surgery performed by [Jacob Cherian, MD](#).

“The twitching on the left side of my face was so intense that it caused my right eye to compensate. This started to affect my driving, my vision, and my ability to read. That’s when I decided to consult with Dr. Jacob Cherian, a neurosurgeon at the University of Maryland Medical Center. The thought of brain surgery and its risks made me question if I was doing the right thing. But I went ahead with it and he took good care of me.”

According to Stephanie Janard, Senior Media Relations Manager for the University of Maryland Medical Center, this is a high profile media win for the neurosciences team. *Newsweek* is an iconic media brand with a sizeable online audience of 45 to 50 million visits per month! To read the full *Newsweek* story, visit [HERE](#).



### Dr. Tim Chryssikos Interviewed for UMMS Podcast!

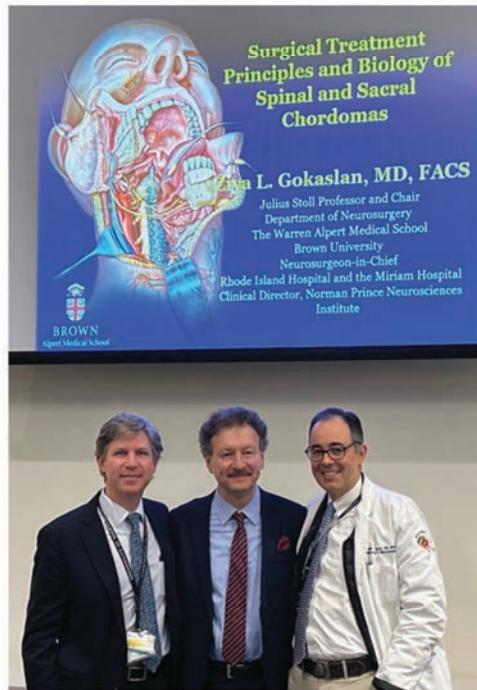
Published to YouTube on November 10th, Amanda Wilde interviews [Tim Chryssikos, MD, PhD](#) for the University of Maryland Medical System online podcast titled “Revolutionizing Spine Surgery: AI, Robotics, and the Path Ahead.” To hear the full interview, visit [HERE](#).



## Lectures & Courses

### *The David M. Ibrahimi, MD Visiting Professorship in Neurosurgery*

Established in 2017 to honor Dr. David Ibrahimi's life and legacy, on November 16th, we had the privilege of hearing this year's distinguished guest speaker, **Ziya L. Gokaslan, MD, FAANS, FACS** give his talk on "Current Surgical Treatment of Spinal Chordomas." Before his talk, the Ibrahimi Research Award was presented to **Kevin Kim, MD, PGY-2** for his research study published in *Operative Neurosurgery* titled: "Midpoint of C7 Lateral Mass Serves as an Accurate Reference Point for the Placement of T1 Pedicle Screws: An Anatomic Study." *A special thank you to Dr. Gokaslan for his visit, and congratulations to Kevin!*



### *The Skull Base 360° October Courses*

This past October, **Mohamed Labib, MD** and The Skull Base 360° Lab hosted two-weekend courses at AXIS Labs in Columbia, which focused on microscopic and endoscopic approaches to the cranial base. Neurosurgery and ENT fellows, medical students, and residents from UMSOM, JHU, and Georgetown participated in interactive cadaver workstations, explored basic and complex approaches to the skull base. They were guided diligently by faculty members from multiple institutions: **Drs. Graeme Woodworth, Jacob Cherian, Alhusain Nagm, and Andrea Hebert** from the University of Maryland; **Drs. Christopher Jackson and Raj Mukherjee** from Johns Hopkins University; **Dr. Samir Sur** from MedStar Washington Hospital Center; and **Dr. Amjad Nasr Anaizi** from Georgetown University Hospital.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



## Resident Interviews

Time: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Dates: November 3rd, December 1st, and January 12th

Location: UMMC 12th Floor D Wing

NOV 3  
DEC 1  
JAN 12



## Department Happy Hour!

Time: 5:30 PM

Date: October 26, 2023

Location: UNION Craft Brewing  
1700 W 41st St #420, Baltimore, MD 21211



## Department Holiday Luncheon

Time: TBA

Dates: Mid-December

Location: UMMC 12th Floor D Wing

DEC  
TBA



## Neuroanatomy Workshop

Time: TBA

Dates: TBA

Location: UMB Campus

TBA





# NOVEMBER 2023

## GRAND ROUNDS SCHEDULE

# November

2nd	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Jacob Cherian, MD <i>Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery</i>	"Can Less Be More?"
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9th	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Jacob Cherian, MD <i>Associate Professor of Neurosurgery</i>	Wellness in Residency
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16th	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Ziya Gokaslan, MD, FAANS, FACS <i>Julius Stoll, MD Professor and Chair, Department of Neurosurgery, The Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University</i>	Ibrahimi Lectureship Key Note Speaker on "Current Surgical Treatment of Spinal Chordomas"
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NOVEMBER 23rd CANCELED - HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

30th	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Shreyas Panchagnula, MD, PGY-2 <i>PGY-2 Neurosurgery Resident</i>	TBA
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# December

7th	7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Lily Pham, MD
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14th	7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Gary Schwartzbauer, MD, PhD <i>Associate Professor of Neurosurgery</i>
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DECEMBER 21st - December 28th CANCELED  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



# EDITOR'S NOTE

We are looking for stories, achievements, heroics, tidbits, and fun stuff to feature in *In The Loupes* and to share within the University of Maryland and our surrounding communities.

If you are interested in writing a column or would like to share news you'd like to hear more of, feel free to email at [rcmcgowan@som.umaryland.edu](mailto:rcmcgowan@som.umaryland.edu)

If you would like to submit your news via the Neurosurgery News Portal, click [HERE](#).

*Rachel McGowan*

