

In The Loupe



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CHAIR'S MESSAGE

As we begin a new academic year, I want to welcome everyone back and extend a special welcome to the new faculty joining the Department of Surgery this fall and winter.

Joining us are **Dr. Brittany Abt** in the Division of Adult Cardiothoracic Surgery and Lung Transplantation and at the VA; **Dr. Claire de Crescenzo** in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery in the East Bay; **Dr. Ivy Huang** in the Section of Colorectal Surgery; **Dr. Neelima Katragunta** in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, who will also serve as Site Director for Vascular Surgery at the Stanyan and Hyde campuses; **Dr. Hyejin Kim** in the Division of Abdominal Transplantation and the Eli and Edythe Broad Center of Regeneration Medicine and Stem Cell Research; **Dr. Kevin Mangum** in the Division of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery and at the VA; **Dr. Mariya Samoylova** in the Division of Thoracic Surgery; and **Dr. Yoshiko Toyoda** in the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

Each brings valuable expertise and perspective to our department, and I look forward to the contributions they will make across our clinical, research and educational missions.



We recently surveyed UCSF Surgery faculty and trainees about how they are already using [AI](#), where they see the greatest opportunities, and what concerns or barriers we should address. We are reviewing those responses now, and a working group of vice chairs, faculty, and trainees is developing a set of strategic priorities for the department. We have also begun working with UCSF Health Chief AI Officer **Dr. Smitha Ganeshan** to ensure that our efforts complement and help inform the broader work underway across the health system. One early clinical priority is the opportunity to improve the coding and billing support provided by UCSF Health.



This emerged as an area where AI and other tools may reduce administrative burden, improve accuracy, and allow our clinicians to spend less time on work that takes them away from patients. As we evaluate these opportunities, we will be equally attentive to where technology can truly add value and where existing processes simply need to work better.

That connects directly to a second departmental priority for the year: improving our revenue cycle. Lou Wiedemann has begun meeting with clinical leaders across the department, and audits and targeted initiatives are already underway. Even at this early stage, we have identified meaningful opportunities for improvement. Accurately capturing the work we do, reducing avoidable losses, and creating more reliable processes are essential to the financial health of the department and our ability to invest in our people and programs. We have secured the full attention of UCSF Health, and we expect to see significant improvement going forward.

These efforts are connected by a common goal: making the Department of Surgery work better for the people who advance our missions every day. As we move through the fall, we will share what we are learning, where we are focusing our efforts, and how faculty, trainees, and staff can participate. I am grateful to everyone who has already contributed ideas and time to this work, and I look forward to what we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

Julie Ann

NEW HIRES

WELCOME TO UCSF SURGERY

Dr. Brittany Abt



Cardiac Surgeon

Dr. Caroline Melhado



Pediatric Surgeon

Dr. Lauren Evans



Pediatric Surgeon

Hyejin Kim, PhD



RNA Therapeutics Researcher

MEET YOUR Colleagues



Alexandra McConnell-Hill
Senior Patient Navigator

As a Senior Patient Navigator for **Trauma and Surgery**, my work centers on connecting patients with primary care during a particularly vulnerable time. Coordinated follow-up with primary care and the surgery clinic can significantly reduce hospital readmissions.

Having survived a near-fatal car accident, I also help patients understand what to expect when they return home. I speak to them not as a doctor or nurse, but as someone who made it to the other side—just as they will.



Rachel Freiberg
Academic Coordinator III - ISPY Program
Project Director

In my role as I-SPY Program Project Director in the **Breast Care Center**, I manage the **NCI-funded I-SPY P01** program and provide research oversight for the nine clinical research coordinators and interns supporting the I-SPY trial.

My work also includes overseeing the RECAST trial and partnering with Quantum Leap Healthcare Collaborative to coordinate I-SPY meetings and projects, along with the many detailed tasks that keep our department's research moving forward.



Mia Gawth
Clinical Research Coordinator

My work at the **UCSF Breast Care Center** spans clinical research, patient support, and program planning. For the **ClearEdge** surgical device trial, I partner with surgeons to assess patient eligibility, manage informed consent, and support study activities in the operating room. The trial aims to reduce repeat surgeries for breast cancer removal.

I also contribute to an initiative strengthening psychosocial services for patients with metastatic breast cancer and support planning for the **April 2027 RISE UP** for Breast Cancer and Women's Health conference.



Emma Canepa
Program Manager

Supporting clinical research across **Pediatrics**, the **Center for Maternal-Fetal Precision Medicine**, and the **Center for Genome Surgery**, I help advance early-stage programs focused on rare fetal and pediatric genetic diseases. My work connects research operations, regulatory strategy, data management, and program development to translate emerging science into responsibly conducted studies.

I also coordinate complex studies and support grant applications and manuscripts, working closely with investigators, collaborators, and families while keeping patients' experiences at the center of our research.

In an effort to strengthen our team's engagement and foster camaraderie, we have initiated a new project aimed at highlighting the contributions of eight staff members representing diverse divisions within the Department of Surgery. We are enthusiastic about launching this exciting endeavor, allowing you to become better acquainted with your colleagues. If you find something intriguing about one of your fellow team members, don't hesitate to email them.

We will be maintaining this page for the time being, and as we progress, we hope to eventually feature every member of our staff. To all the staff members currently reading this message, please know that you are making a significant impact and contributing to the collaborative spirit that defines our work environment. Thank you for being an integral part of our team.



Diane B. Ngo
Program Manager

Since 2019, I have managed administrative operations for **UCSF C-SHORE** and the Biostatistics Core. I was fortunate to help establish both programs under the leadership of **Sandy Feng, MD, PhD**, and **Kalpana Harish. C-SHORE** is led by Co-Directors **James Iannuzzi, MD, MPH, FACS**, and **Tasce Bongiovanni, MD, MPP, MHS**.

Over the past seven years, my evolving role has deepened my understanding of how research and clinical care advance UCSF's mission. Drawing on **23** years of UC experience, it remains a privilege to partner with faculty, learners, and staff across the Department, including through my service on the Opportunity and Outreach and MSS Staff Committees.



Durga Pisharam, PhD
Program Coordinator, Administrative Officer

In the division of **Pediatric Surgery**, I provide program and administrative support for UCSF Surgical Innovations and the **Pediatric Device Consortium**. My responsibilities range from coordinating daily operations, meetings, and events to managing grants, budgets, reporting, communications, outreach, and research and educational activities.

This work brings me into close partnership with program leaders, faculty, trainees, external collaborators, and funding agencies. I help ensure each initiative progresses efficiently while meeting UCSF requirements and supporting the programs' broader goals.



Soka Keo
Projects Lead

My role as Projects Lead in the **Division of Thoracic Surgery** spans divisional projects, operational initiatives, and workflow implementation. I work closely with faculty and staff to identify needs, coordinate next steps, and ensure projects move forward in support of the division's goals.

My work also supports continuing medical education initiatives, faculty affairs, and day-to-day divisional administration. Through these efforts, I help strengthen the operational foundation behind the division's clinical and academic work. I am proud to contribute to a team dedicated to improving the lives of patients with thoracic cancers.



Nancy Abdo
Project Manager

My work as a Project Manager in the **Department of Surgery** combines financial oversight, fund development, contractor management, and multi-site operations. I manage daily workflows, budget forecasting, and variance tracking to keep programs financially sound and maintain zero deficits.

I also develop grant proposals and budget justifications to secure funding, and draft scopes of work that establish clear timelines, deliverables, and accountability. Across partner hub sites, I lead cross-functional operations and coordinate teams working across multiple time zones.

EDUCATION

Save the Date: IN PERSON 2026 General Surgery Residency Interviews

This December, the **General Surgery Residency Program** will conduct in-person interviews at **Mission Bay** for **categorical residency** applicants on the following dates: **Wednesday, December 2 & Wednesday, December 9**

Applicant Welcome Receptions will also be held the evenings of **Tuesday, December 1 & Tuesday, December 8**

Faculty play an essential role in helping our applicants get to know the people, culture, and breadth of surgical training at UCSF Surgery. Please save the dates above. Additional details and interview participation opportunities will be sent out soon.



Vascular Surgery Research Resident Eric Smith, MD, MAS, was selected as a **VA Quality Scholar** for the **2026–2028 academic years**. The national fellowship prepares physicians to advance healthcare quality through focused training in quality improvement, implementation science, and health services research. Through the program, Dr. Smith will build upon his expertise while contributing to efforts to improve the quality and delivery of patient care.



Congratulations to **Thomas Li, MD, MAS** (General Surgery PGY-3); **Seif Elmankabadi** (MS4); and **Laleh Foroutani, MD** (Postdoctoral Scholar), on publishing *"Impact of adjuvant chemotherapy among pathologic complete responders with pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma,"* under the guidance of **Mohamed Adam, MD**. Their findings support the continued use of adjuvant chemotherapy, even among patients who achieve a complete response before surgery.

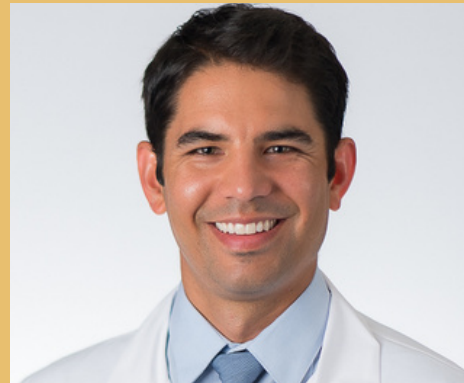


Congratulations to **UCSF Cardiothoracic Surgery** fellow **Raghav Chandra, MD**, on his selection for the competitive **American Association for Thoracic Surgery Robotics Fellowship** and his appointment to the **UCSF Cancer Committee**.

Vascular Surgery Research Resident Sowmya Mangipudi, MD, delivered a podium presentation, *"When to Stop: Optimizing Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Surveillance in the Elderly,"* at the **2026 Society for Vascular Surgery Annual Meeting**. The study was subsequently published in the September issue of the **Journal of Vascular Surgery** and featured on the **Audible Bleeding Vascular Surgery** podcast on **September 8th**.



General Surgery PGY-4 Keli Santos-Parker, MD, received a **Conquer Cancer Merit Award** at the **2026 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting**. The award recognized Dr. Santos-Parker's work developing a statistical model to predict long-term survival in patients with breast cancer based on their early responses to neoadjuvant therapy.



Alexander Murphy, MD, Resident Research Fellow in the **UCSF Division of Plastic Surgery**, received a two-year, \$174,728 **NIH F32 National Research Service Award Fellowship** from the **Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development**. The award supports his project, *"Lipid Nanoparticle Vector for Prenatal Gene Therapy Treatment of Apert Syndrome,"* advancing research at the intersection of prenatal gene therapy and regenerative medicine.



STAFF RECOGNITION

2026 SOM STAR & SPOT Achievement Individual Awardees



Kristina Aquino



Rashad Benton



Crystalin Bonjoc



Alexi Callen



Madison Cavallaro



Doris Chan



Ada Chao



Timothy Chow



Heidi Crist



Kristen De La Rosa



Monica Diaz



Yvonne Dunkley



Frenni Enriquez



Maria Esquerro



Eleanor Fiege



Irina Gorodetskaya



Winnie Green



David Hernandez



Robyn Hughes



Susan Ku



Matthew Kuhn



Rachelle Lau



Alexandra Lee



Matilda Lee



Francesca Leung



Mandy Li



Julie Link



Donna Liu



Sabrina Lum



Stacey Ma



Krislyn Malagum



Bekky Margin



Jasmine Monfared



Simon Pan



Durga Pisharam



Iamina Racine



Rodney Rogers



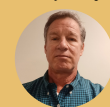
Vanessa Shiffer



Louis Solis



Catherine Sutherland



Hugh Swartz



Renee Sweeney



Jillian Swepson



Annie Szeto



Michael Texada



Annie-Hue To



Carrie Triplett



Charmayne Walker



William Yau



Christine Yung

RESEARCH



**Dr. Tammy T. Chang Awarded \$2.25M
NIH R01 Grant**

A **four-year**, \$2.25 million R01 grant from the **National Institutes of Health** will support Dr. Tammy T. Chang's research into the use of irreversible electroporation to facilitate hepatocyte transplantation for patients with inborn errors of metabolism.



**Dr. Kyle Cromer and Dr. Sriram Vaidyanathan
Receive \$200K Cystic Fibrosis Research Grant**

UCSF's **Kyle Cromer, PhD**, and **Sriram Vaidyanathan, PhD**, of **The Ohio State University** have received a \$200,000 grant from **Emily's Entourage** to explore how synthetic biology can help gene-corrected airway cells successfully engraft and persist in people with cystic fibrosis.



**Dr. Valerie Weaver to Lead Team in \$35M Gray
Foundation Cancer Research Program**

Dr. Valerie M. Weaver will lead one of **16** research teams selected for the **Gray Foundation's \$35 million Team Science program**, which supports collaborative efforts to advance new approaches to the prevention and early detection of BRCA-associated cancers.



**Dr. Hirotake Komatsu Receives Two
Research Awards**

Congratulations to **Hirotake Komatsu, PhD**, on receiving two new research awards: an **NIH R56 award** and a **UCSF Liver Center grant**. The two-year NIH award supports a multi-PI collaboration with the **UCSF School of Dentistry** and **Georgia Tech** investigating ectopic mineralization in osteoarthritis.

A Legacy Built for the Future

THE RONALD J. STONEY LABORATORY AND A NEW ERA OF VASCULAR SCIENCE



A June 30th celebration honored **Professor Emeritus Ronald J. Stoney, MD**, while marking the dedication of the **Ronald J. Stoney Laboratory** and the launch of the **Translational Vascular Science Initiative**. The collaborative effort between the **Department of Surgery** and the **Cardiovascular Research Institute** will expand vascular research across departments and campuses.

Supported by more than **\$15.5 million** in philanthropic funding and significant UCSF investment, the initiative will create new opportunities for translational research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and investigator training. It will also support the recruitment of a vascular biologist through the **Ronald J. Stoney Endowed Professorship** and a surgeon-scientist as the **inaugural Frederick M. Binkley Endowed Professor**.

Expected to open in early **2028** at Parnassus, the laboratory will place researchers near operating rooms and leading programs in cardiovascular medicine, immunology, aging, diabetes, and stem cell biology. The initiative carries forward Dr. Stoney's lifelong vision of using scientific discovery to prevent vascular disease, improve treatments, and ultimately reduce the need for surgery.



The Haile T. Debas Academy of Medical Educators Excellence in Teaching Award Recipients

Dr. Esther Kim

Plastic & Reconstructive
Surgeon & Associate Professor
of Surgery



Dr. Shareef Syed

Transplant Surgeon
& Associate Professor
Associate Director, UCSF
Surgical Skills Center



Dr. Joseph Cuschieri

Chief of Surgery at ZSFG,
and Vice Chair of Acute
Care Surgery



*Class of
2026*

Dr. Scott Hansen

Professor and Chief,
Division of Plastic
and Reconstructive Surgery



ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Tasce Bongiovanni Honored for Exceptional Mentorship

Trauma and Acute Care Surgeon **Dr. Tasce Bongiovanni** has received the **UCSF School of Medicine Long-Term Mentor Award**, celebrating her steadfast commitment to cultivating and championing student scholars. General surgery PGY-1 resident **Dr. Natasha Gonzalez** nominated Dr. Bongiovanni for the honor, recognizing the meaningful impact of her mentorship.



Dr. Melissa Coleman Named a 2026 Castle Connolly Top Doctor

Thoracic Surgeon **Dr. Melissa Coleman** has been named a **2026 Castle Connolly Top Doctor**, recognizing her clinical excellence and dedication to delivering outstanding surgical care. The honor celebrates physicians who are recognized among their peers for their expertise and commitment to patients.



Dr. Lara Senekjian Takes on New Leadership Role at UCSF Health

Dr. Lara Senekjian has been appointed **Medical Director of the Surgical Transitional Care Unit (8 South)** at **UCSF Health**. In this pivotal leadership role, Dr. Senekjian will help steer clinical operations across the unit, strengthening transitions of care and bringing physicians, nursing, rehabilitation, care management, and other teams together around safe, efficient, high-quality surgical care.



Dr. Andre Campbell Inducted as Honorary Member of Colombian Surgical Society

Trauma surgeon **Dr. Andre Campbell** has been inducted as an **Honorary Member of the Colombian Surgical Society**, marking a notable international distinction in his surgical career. Dr. Campbell received the honor in **Cartagena**, where he joined UCSF colleagues for the Society's meeting with the **PanAmerican Trauma Society**.



Dr. Pat O'Sullivan Receives Edward A. Dickson Emeritus Award

Patricia "Pat" O'Sullivan, EdD, MS, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Surgery, received the **2026–2028 UCSF Edward A. Dickson Emeritus/a Professorship Award** for her project, *"Enhancing Surgeons' Operative Teaching: A Longitudinal Cohort Program."* The project will develop a nine-month curriculum to strengthen operative teaching and help surgical faculty improve how they prepare learners in the operating room.



Dr. Johannes Kratz Named a 2026 Castle Connolly Top Doctor

Thoracic surgeon **Dr. Johannes Kratz** has been named a **2026 Castle Connolly Top Doctor**, a distinction recognizing leading physicians across specialties. The honor spotlights Dr. Kratz's expertise in thoracic surgery and his commitment to advancing exceptional, patient-centered surgical care.



UCSF Earns International Recognition for Lymphatic Disease Care

A significant milestone for **Dr. John Rose** and the **UCSF Cancer Center**: UCSF has been designated a **Comprehensive Cancer Center of Excellence in Lymphatic Disease** by the **Lymphatic Education & Research Network**. The designation places UCSF within an international network delivering specialized, multidisciplinary care for patients with lymphatic diseases.



Dr. Niti Shahi Selected for 2026 Network Leadership Academy

Surgical expertise meets an expanding leadership horizon as **Dr. Niti Shahi** joins the **2026 UCSF Health Network Leadership Academy**. Selected for this dynamic cohort, Dr. Shahi will engage with leaders from across the network to deepen collaboration, broaden connections, and help shape the evolving future of UCSF Health.



Dr. Rachel Koch Receives 2026 AAST Research & Education Fund Scholarship

Acute care surgeon **Dr. Rachel Koch** has received the **2026 AAST Research & Education Fund Scholarship from the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma**. The award supports promising surgeon-scientists as they pursue ambitious research and build the next chapter of discovery in trauma and acute care surgery.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Johannes Kratz Expands Leadership Across UCSF Health

From advancing robotic surgery to leading the Division of Thoracic Surgery, **Dr. Johannes Kratz** continues to broaden his leadership across UCSF. His selection to the **2026 UCSF Health Network Leadership Academy** extends that trajectory beyond the operating room, creating new opportunities to bring a surgeon's perspective to the ideas, partnerships, and decisions shaping care across the health system.



UCSF Hosts International Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Symposium

Dr. Rita A. Mukhtar, Professor of Clinical Surgery, hosted the **7th International Invasive Lobular Carcinoma Symposium, September 23–25, 2026**, in San Francisco. The premier scientific and clinical meeting brings together international experts, clinicians, scientists, and patient advocates to advance research and care for lobular breast cancer. The UCSF Department of Surgery is proud to serve as a **platinum sponsor**.



National Study Examines the Weight of Surgeons' Workloads

How much is too much? A new national study "*Workload and Perceived Burden From a National Survey of Surgeons*" led by medical student **Saffanat Sumra** and General Surgeon **Dr. Carter Lebares** offers a revealing look at the demands of surgical practice. Published in **JAMA Surgery**, the study found that surgeons report a median **68.1** scheduled work hours per week, while **58%** consider their workload excessive—findings that sharpen the conversation around workload and well-being in surgery.



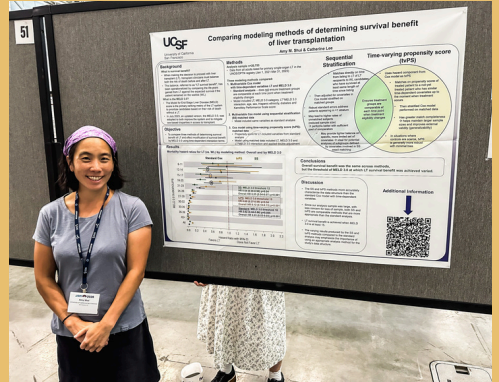
Dr. Tammy T. Chang Takes Regenerative Medicine Research to Space

Could microgravity help transform the future of organ transplantation? General Surgeon **Dr. Tammy T. Chang** is exploring how NASA-supported research aboard the International Space Station could unlock new possibilities for growing human liver tissue. The pioneering work could help advance regenerative medicine while confronting one of transplantation's most persistent challenges: the shortage of donor organs.



Dr. Laura Esserman Receives 2026 AIM-HI Beacon Award

From pioneering personalized breast cancer screening to transforming the design of clinical trials, internationally recognized Breast Cancer Surgeon **Dr. Laura Esserman** has spent her career challenging conventional approaches to cancer research and care. Her selection as the recipient of the **2026 AIM-HI Beacon Award for Women Leaders in Oncology** recognizes her visionary leadership and sustained impact on breast cancer detection, treatment, and prevention worldwide.



Amy Shui Brings Transplantation Science to JSM 2026

Where statistical rigor meets consequential questions in transplantation, Senior Statistician **Amy Shui** presented her research at **JSM 2026** in Boston as part of the **SPAAC Poster Competition**. Her work compares statistical methods for determining liver transplant survival benefit, helping refine how researchers evaluate outcomes and understand the life-saving impact of transplantation.



Dr. Gillis-Buck Receives NIH Research Support

General Surgery resident **Eva Mae Gillis-Buck, MD**, received funding from the **National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases** for her project, "*Defining the Role of RORYt-Lineage Antigen-Presenting Cells in Maternal-Fetal Tolerance*." Her research will advance understanding of maternal-fetal immunology and the biological processes that support a healthy pregnancy.



Dr. Alexandra Highet Receives Resident Research Award

General Surgery Resident **Alexandra Highet, MD** project "*Sociodemographic and Geospatial Disparities in Biliary Atresia Outcomes*," was selected for funding through **UCSF's Resident Clinical and Translational Research Funding (RRF) program**.

Muriel Steele Society

MSS SHADOWING PROGRAM CONNECTS MEDICAL STUDENTS WITH SURGICAL MENTORS

Dr. June Peng with Andre (Andy) Fabian, MS1 (JMP)



The Muriel Steele Society (MSS) Shadowing Program offers UCSF medical students meaningful opportunities to observe surgeons across a broad range of specialties in clinical and operating room settings. Through firsthand exposure to surgical practice, patient

care, and team dynamics, students gain insight into the day-to-day realities of a surgical career while exploring their own professional interests.

The program also fosters mentorship and connection between students and surgeons, reflecting MSS's broader mission to support and advance surgeons at every stage of their training and careers.

Janey Lee, a first-year medical student who participated in the program, shared:

"I'm deeply grateful to the Muriel Steele Society and the MSS Shadowing Program for making this experience possible. Being able to shadow a physician in a specialty I'm genuinely interested in felt both grounding and inspiring. Experiences like this are tremendously helpful to first-year medical students like me as we explore and refine our interests and begin to envision the kind of physicians we want to become."

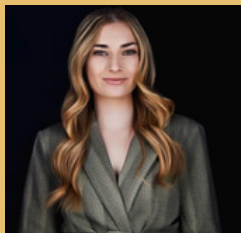
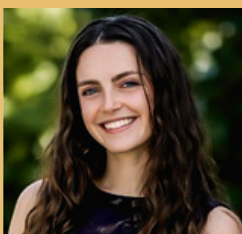
Janey Lee, MS1, with Dr. Stas Amato



NEW STUDENT LEADERSHIP

The Muriel Steele Society (MSS) Medical Student Committee is pleased to welcome its **2026–2027** student leadership. **Rachel Huynh** and **Eva Kitlen** will serve as **Co-Chairs**, working alongside **Vice-Chairs Hailey Johnson, Grace Kloss, and Kara Ushijima**.

In their new roles, the student leaders will help advance MSS programming, strengthen connections among medical students and surgical mentors, and create opportunities for students to learn more about careers in surgery. Please join us in congratulating Rachel, Eva, Hailey, Grace, and Kara as they begin their leadership terms and contribute to the continued growth of the MSS community.



MSS HONOR ROLL

This quarter, the society recognized its Honor Roll recipients—individuals nominated by their peers for their outstanding commitment to advancing and supporting women and gender minorities in surgery. The honorees include **faculty, fellows, and residents** from surgical specialties and subspecialties across UCSF who exemplify mentorship, advocacy, leadership, and excellence.

Recipients were recognized for qualities including supporting and uplifting women colleagues and learners; fostering inclusive and welcoming environments; celebrating team members; demonstrating kindness and strong leadership; providing exceptional patient care; and making a lasting impact through their surgical expertise.

Department of Surgery honorees include:

- Marissa Boeck, MD, MPH
- Tasce Bongiovanni, MD, MPP
- Ginny Butchy, MD
- Anna Fishbein, MD
- Sophia Hernandez, MD, MAS
- Esther Kim, MD
- Amanda Sammann, MD, MPH
- Jessica Santos-Parker, MD, MS, PhD
- Lara Senekjian, MD
- Caroline Stephens, MD, MPH
- Karen Trang, MD
- Dominique Tucker, MD
- Jane Wang, MD



Dr. Varma Receives Nina Starr Braunwald Award

Dr. Madhulika "Mika" G. Varma, Chief of Colorectal Surgery, is the recipient of the **2026 Association of Women Surgeons Foundation (AWSF) Nina Starr Braunwald Award** and was formally recognized at the **Association of Women Surgeons Annual Conference** last month. This prestigious honor recognizes Dr. Varma's sustained and outstanding contributions to advancing women in surgery.



Named for pioneering cardiac surgeon Nina Starr Braunwald, MD, the award honors a surgeon whose career reflects continued surgical excellence and an enduring commitment to supporting women surgeons and trainees. Additional information is available on the Association of Women Surgeons website.

ICONS OF SURGERY

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