**Message from the Chief**

This month we were honored to welcome one of Stanford’s most illustrious alumni, Dr. Norman Rich. Dr. Rich is a distinguished leader in vascular surgery, particularly noted for his contribution in the area of vascular trauma. The Division hosted a symposium in his honor with excellent presentations by our faculty and fellows (see program on page 3). Dr. Rich then delivered an outstanding Holman lecture with a comprehensive history of the treatment of vascular trauma. March 7 was a memorable and inspiring day. We were also pleased to welcome Dr. Kim Hodgson who has been a leader in the development of the field of interventional and endovascular surgery. Our endovascular program continues to grow as we finalize our training program in this.

--- Christopher K. Zarins, MD

**Highlights:**

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**The 4th Annual Holman Lecture in Surgery – Norman M. Rich, MD, FACS, DMCC:**

"Vascular Trauma: Reflections and Projections"

Dr. Rich was born and grew up in Arizona. He received both his B.S. and M.D. degrees at Stanford University. Dr. Rich then served his internship at Tripler and his General Surgery Residency at Letterman in San Francisco. He was then assigned to the Second Surgical Hospital as Chief of the Department of Surgery, first at Ford Bragg and later at An Khe in the Republic of Vietnam. He was the first Fellow in Vascular Surgery at Walter Reed and shortly thereafter assumed the position as Chief of Vascular Surgery and Director of the Fellowship from 1967 to 1978. Dr. Rich was appointed Professor of Surgery of the School of Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) in 1976, responsibilities which he holds to this day. In 1999, he was awarded the Leonard Heaton and David Packard Professorship named for two USUHS Founders. Dr. Rich has earned international recognition of his work in vascular trauma, lecturing in over 35 countries. He has published over 300 manuscripts and has been the author or co-author of 5 books. VASCULAR TRAUMA, coauthor with Dr. Frank Spencer is indeed the bible of the field. Dr. Rich serves on editorial boards of 10 journals and is a member of every major surgical and vascular surgical society in the world.

His U.S. military awards include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Meritorious Service Award and Vietnam Medals. He received the Medaille D’Honneur from France in 1991.

On the 11th of October 2002, the Dean and the President of the University announced that in honor of Dr. Rich’s 25 years of contribution the department would be renamed the Norman M. Rich Department of Surgery. [Adapted from the brochure of Department of Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine]
Postgraduate Training in Endovascular Surgery

Dr. Christian Bianchi

Dr. Christian Bianchi recently completed a 3-month postgraduate experience in endovascular surgery at Stanford. Dr. Bianchi completed his general surgery training at Loma Linda University Medical Center, and completed a vascular surgery fellowship at the same institution in 2002. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Loma Linda University in Loma Linda, CA.

During his 3-month endovascular training experience, Dr. Bianchi participated in endovascular cases at Stanford with Drs. Arko and Zarins, at Kaiser Santa Clara with Drs. Brad Hill, at O’Connor Hospital with Drs. Peter Schubart and David Chang and at the Palo Alto VA Hospital with Dr. Sheila Coogan. His endovascular experience exceeded 150 endovascular procedures and he participated in our didactic and clinical teaching program.

Dr. Bianchi will return to Loma Linda University, where he will develop an endovascular surgery program.

--- By Christopher K. Zarins, MD

Medical Student Investigators in Vascular Biology - Victor Tubbesing, BS & Adrian Thomas, BS

Victor Tubbesing, BS

Victor Tubbesing, BS, a 4th year medical student at Stanford, has completed a 2-year research experience in the Division of Vascular Surgery under the direction of Drs. Brad Hill and Christopher Zarins. Victor dedicated himself to both basic and clinical research utilizing animal models and molecular analysis to improve our understanding of arterial wall biology and pathology. Working in collaboration with the departments of dermatology and materials science, he has studied the mechanical strength of bovine arteries and the use of endothelial cells in bioengineering. He also helped perform a 10-year review to determine the effectiveness of ultrasound in the detection of IVC thrombosis. Recently, he has been using immunostaining and microscopy to study mechanical damage to extracted saphenous vein.

Victor has given oral presentations at the Western American Federation of Medical Research and the Stanford Medical School Symposium, a poster presentation at the Society of Vascular Technology, has co-authored various abstracts, and is completing his manuscripts. He received grants from the American Heart Association and Lifeline Foundation as well as two Stanford Medical Scholars awards and a Medical Scientist award.

Now shifting his attention back to medical coursework, Victor will continue to visit the lab to finish up remaining projects. We are extremely grateful for what he has done for the lab and wish him well in pursuing an excellent academic career in the years to come.

--- By Chengpei Xu, MD, PhD

Adrian Thomas, BS

Adrian Thomas, BS, a 4th year medical student at Stanford, has completed a 2-year research experience in the Division of Vascular Surgery under the direction of Dr. Zarins. Adrian has been enthusiastic in both basic and clinical research in vascular biology over the past 2 years. He dedicated himself to research by taking time out from his busy schedule of course work and teaching. Adrian worked on projects of animal models and using molecular biological techniques to address fundamental mechanisms of diseases. He has become an expert in animal surgery and benchtop worker. Adrian also participated in several research projects on clinical issues. In addition, he has helped the lab in variety of ways he can.

Adrian obtained several student research grants to support his research. He has given oral presentations at meetings and symposia and co-authored several abstracts and manuscripts. We are extremely grateful for his contribution to the lab and to the research projects.

Adrian is currently working on his medical school courses. We wish him continuing doing well in pursuing his outstanding academic career in the coming years.

--- By Chengpei Xu, MD, PhD

Visiting Professor - Dr. Kim Hodgson

Dr. Kim Hodgson

Dr. Kim Hodgson, Professor of Surgery and Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at Southern Illinois University visited our endovascular program on March 19th, observing cases in the operating room and teaching our vascular fellows. Dr. Hodgson is a pioneer in endovascular surgery and chairs the Endovascular Committee of the SVS/AAVS, which is developing the guidelines for endovascular training. The Endovascular Training Program endorsement essentials (PEEC training essentials) will likely be applied to our ACGME approved fellowship as well as to our 3-month postgraduate endovascular fellowship.

Dr. Hodgson discussed a few complicated cases of vascular surgery with vascular surgeons and provided valuable advice.

--- By Chengpei Xu, MD, PhD
**Holman Rounds**

Holman Rounds are held every second Tuesday of each month during the academic year. These evening conferences provide an opportunity to present and discuss interesting and difficult clinical problems in Vascular Surgery, in an informal setting over wine and food. All vascular surgeons in the community are encouraged to attend. There is no formal registration or fees. Pertinent imaging studies should be brought to the conference, if possible. The conference is attended by the Stanford Vascular Faculty, Fellows, and surgical residents, and recent or upcoming complex and interesting vascular and endovascular cases are usually presented.

Location: Stanford University Medical Center, in vascular conference room. Time: 6:00-8:00 PM

- March Holman Rounds was held on March 11, 2003 supported by Medtronic

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**Symposium Program of Vascular Surgery in Honor of Norman M. Rich, MD, FACS, DMCC**

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**Upcoming Events**

- April Holman Rounds, will be supported by Leuiaitre
- May Holman Rounds will be held on May 13, 2003, 6:00-8:00pm, in vascular conference room, and will be supported by W.L. Gore & Associates, Inc.
- Experimental Biology 2003, FASEB, Translating the Genome. Friday April 11 – Tuesday April 15, 2003, San Diego, California
- SVU Interpretation Symposium, May 4, 2003 just following the Stanford / UCSF symposium
- The Fourth Annual Conference on Arteriosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology, May 8-10, 2003, Washington, DC.
- SVU’s 26th Annual Conference, July 16-19, Charlotte, NC
- Bonnie Johnson RDMS, RVT, FSVU: To lead delegation of vascular professionals to China April 3,2003. People to People Ambassador Programs offer professional exchange opportunities worldwide