Summer is season of honors

‘America’s Best Hospitals’

In the U.S. News & World Report 2012 rankings of “America’s Best Hospitals” released in July, Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center leads the region with 10 ranked specialties, including Cancer and Cardiology. Ohio State is among a select number of hospitals in the nation ranked in multiple specialties. In addition to ranking first in central Ohio, Ohio State ranked third in the state. Only the Cleveland Clinic (No. 1) and University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland (No. 2) ranked better.

The 10 Ohio State specialties recognized and their newest national rankings are: Cancer (25); Cardiology and Heart Surgery (29); Diabetes and Endocrinology (27); Ear, Nose and Throat (14); Gastroenterology (46); Gynecology (28); Nephrology (29); Pulmonology (50); Rehabilitation (13); and Urology (36). Ohio State was also named high-performing in Gastroenterology, Neurology and Neurosurgery, and Orthopaedics.

The U.S News rankings are based on quality measures such as patient volume; mortality and safety; nursing excellence, including Magnet designation; staffing levels; reputation; and technology.

This year’s rankings continue Ohio State’s standing as one of “America’s Best Hospitals” for the 20th year in a row. These recognitions are a testament to consistent high quality of care and a broad range of expertise.

While thanking faculty and staff for their hard work and dedication, Steven G. Gabbe, MD, CEO of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, stated: “I am very proud of these rankings and the high quality care that we provide to our patients every day. We certainly have a lot to be proud of as we work together to improve people’s lives.”

Earlier this summer, Nationwide Children’s Hospital ranked seventh on the U.S. News honor roll of children’s hospitals. Nationwide Children’s Hospital serves as home to the College of Medicine’s Department of Pediatrics and many of the hospital’s medical staff and physician scientists hold faculty positions at Ohio State.

‘Most Connected’

In addition, Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center is one of only 156 hospitals nationwide honored by U.S. News & World Report with the “most connected” designation, which recognizes a superior level of patient care and IT support for that patient care.

To earn the “most connected” honor, hospitals must have
• Earned a Top 50 medical specialty designation in the magazine’s “America’s Best Hospitals” rankings
• Achieved meaningful use status for its electronic medical records (EMR)
• Achieved either stage 6 or stage 7 in the HIMSS Analytics rankings for EMR adoption (Ohio State is the only institution in Ohio to have earned the stage 7 HIMSS Analytics award.)

‘Most Wired’

Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center has been recognized as one of the nation’s “Most Wired” hospitals for the 10th year. This designation from Hospitals & Health Networks magazine is based on evaluations in four areas: infrastructure, business and administrative management, clinical quality and safety, and clinical integration. More than 660 hospitals and healthcare organizations nationwide participated in this annual survey and 215 received the designation.

“This national award means a lot to us because it represents that we are doing our best to leverage technology to improve the care for our patients,” says Phyllis Teater, chief information officer at Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center.

Learn more about Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center honors and accomplishments that you can share with family and friends. Go to medicalcenter.osu.edu > About Us > Points of Pride.

Funai serves as OSU Health System COO

Edmund Funai, MD, has been appointed chief operating officer of Ohio State’s Health System with responsibility for the operations of clinical areas within the OSU Health System. He will retain his position as associate dean for Administration in the College of Medicine.

Funai joined Ohio State’s faculty in 2011. Before that, he was chief of Obstetrics at Yale-New Haven Hospital and also served as interim project manager for the hospital’s roll-out of its electronic medical records program.

In addition, Funai has served on numerous clinical leadership committees and chaired several committees of the board of The Medical Centre Insurance Company (MCIC) Vermont. The $1-billion specialty insurance company provides medical professional and general liability insurance coverage to several prominent academic medical centers.

During his years at Yale, Funai was extensively involved in practice management, compliance and risk management. He obtained advanced training in Six Sigma quality improvement processes.

Peter Geier, OSU Health System CEO, says Funai brings to the position the clinical and business perspective of Yale-New Haven Hospital, another successful organization: “Ed inherently understands what is required to ensure all of our clinical operations produce the outcomes necessary to support the highest quality care. His expertise will be invaluable as we plan, implement and continuously improve our operations.”

Steven G. Gabbe, MD, CEO of Ohio State’s Wexner Medical Center, adds: “We are very fortunate to have Ed in this very important position. He understands how patient care, education and research are integrated in the operations of our academic medical center and we are confident he has the energy and expertise to lead our clinical programs to higher levels of performance and achievement.”

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CENTRAL OHIO’S BEST HOSPITAL

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Ohio State's College of Medicine welcomed the entering Class of 2016 with a traditional White Coat Ceremony Aug. 6 in Merillon Auditorium. The donning of the white coat symbolizes the students’ entrance into the medical profession, which helps the students understand a professional responsibility for the practice of medicine. This orientation event emphasizes the importance of compassionate care for the patient as well as scientific proficiency. Students also professed their commitment to ethical care with the recitation of the Hippocratic Oath and an oath written by the class.  The 178 students who began their medical studies this month:

- 76 (43%) are Ohio residents, 102 (57%) are non-residents.
- 78 (44%) are female and 160 (96%) are male.

Surgery program trains tomorrow’s leaders

In many ways, leaders of academic medical centers are similar to CEOs of large corporations, and they need similar skills that they may have not learned in medical school. With healthcare experiencing an unprecedented complexity and rapidly changing environment, it is critical to provide the aspiring leaders of tomorrow with the necessary skill sets and competencies to meet future challenges. That is the mission of the Talent Management and Leadership Development Academy (TMALDA) at Ohio State. Established initially by Nitesha Satiani, MD, professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Vascular Diseases and Surgery, and Robert Ruberg, MD, professor of Surgery and associate vice president for Health Sciences and dean of the College of Medicine, the academy is an integral role in the development of the College of Medicine’s new Leadership Training program, which launched in August.

Most recently, Davis was the assistant dean for Student Life and clinical education programs. Davis brings to the role a position of long-standing commitment to education and teaching excellence. His educational expertise: He played an integral role in the development of the College of Medicine’s new Medical Education Program, which is designed to provide a comprehensive and innovative health science education into the 21st century. Under his leadership, the Medical Education Program has undergone significant growth and development, resulting in a significant increase in student enrollment. He is currently involved in the development of a new campus-wide curriculum, which is scheduled to launch in fall 2012. The new curriculum will provide students with a comprehensive understanding of the human body, including the structures and functions of the major body systems, as well as an understanding of the integration of the body systems.

TMALDA offers leadership training

The TMALDA offers a well-defined, practical, and efficient program for assisting colleagues in distress. His work as an assistant dean for Student Life and Clinical Education has been recognized by the College of Medicine, where he was awarded the 2012 Landacre Honor Society Faculty Mentor Award and the 2012 U.S. News and World Report ranking that names Ohio State's Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy programs among the Top 20 programs in the nation. With more than 10,000 graduates, the Ohio State School of Medicine is one of the largest providers of healthcare professionals in the United States.

In May, the Young Professionals Network (YPN) of the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center hosted the Diversity Program to provide faculty and staff of the Wexner Medical Center with support and resources to increase their professional, social and community service activities. With more than 250 employees between the ages of 22 and 40, the YPN acts as an outlet for networking, socializing and sharing information, collaboration and leadership development opportunities.

The YPN also hosted a meeting in June with guest professionals to hear from Beth Nacpich, chief communications officer at the Patient Safety and Quality Care Institute, as well as virologist and associate professor for Health Sciences and senior sponsor for the Young Professionals Network, who has been with the organization for more than 20 years. Nacpich shared the importance of always looking for new challenges, getting involved in activities outside the Wexner Medical Center and going back through community-related work. She also emphasized workplace balance, setting goals and seeking the input of a mentor.

In May, the Young Professionals Network launched a webpage that will drive the Network forward. While the Network targets those early in their career, it is open to anyone who would like to get involved.

For more information about the Young Professionals Network, visit go.wcmc.osu.edu/ypnw. If you are a mentor interested in speaking at a meeting on campus, please email Mary.Connelly@osumc.edu.
UP CLOSE AND PERSONALIZED

Dr. Martha Gulati is a nationally renowned expert in women’s heart disease whose work at Ohio State is saving women’s hearts through prevention, education and specialized care. Like Dr. Gulati, THE WORLD’S BEST AND BRIGHTEST PHYSICIANS AND RESEARCHERS ARE COMING TO OHIO STATE to create a new model for health care that is predictive, preventive, personalized and participatory. We call it P4 Medicine.

**What attracted me to Ohio State?** Ohio State had the foresight to recognize the importance of a women’s cardiovascular health program and cardiovascular disease prevention program. Both are a passion of mine, and it was the perfect opportunity to build a pre-eminent program at an amazing hospital.

**How am I advancing personalized health care at Ohio State?** At the Ross Heart Hospital, we recognize that every woman is unique. We tailor the care of every woman who comes to our Women’s Heart Center by identifying the genetic and lifestyle risks that predispose women to heart disease. By personalizing our care, we are better able to identify the best treatments for each woman, and also her best options for preventing heart disease.

**Today, I can say, “But for Ohio State...”** I would not have been given the opportunity to improve the heart health of Ohio’s women and to change heart outcomes for women everywhere.

Ohio State’s reputation for excellence is drawing world-class talent to Columbus. WE HAVE ATTRACTED MORE THAN 215 EXPERTS IN 2 YEARS, AND 87 PERCENT OF CENTRAL OHIO’S BEST DOCTORS ARE OHIO STATE FACULTY. Through their skill and dedication, we are delivering on our promise to improve people’s lives, and giving central Ohioans access to the very best care.

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Came to Ohio State from Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, Northwestern University
Winner of the Women’s Day 2012 National Red Dress Award