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We are here because of a need and a desire to help shape lives beyond our own.

Upon this milestone of transformation from division to department, we commemorate those who built our foundation—the forefathers who set the high standards we have lived by for more than 70 years. Our continued mission is to provide outstanding clinical care, perform innovative research, and train future generations of leaders in plastic surgery. It is our goal—as it was starting in the 1940s—to improve the human condition.

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine
Department of Plastic Surgery
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A NEW BEGINNING - MESSAGE from the CHAIR

The Division of Plastic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, a program with an incredibly rich history, is transitioning to a department. This landmark event is representative of the growth of plastic surgery as an independent discipline, both in scope of practice and educational process, as well as the prominent role that the University of Pittsburgh has played in advancing the frontiers of this specialty.

Since the 1940s when plastic surgeons first arrived at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, four important pillars have strongly supported our efforts. These are excellent clinical care, service, education, and cutting-edge research. Our dedication to excellent clinical care over the years has helped patients to recover from traumatic injuries, congenital deformities, cancer, and a range of other disorders from head to toe. Importantly, Pitt plastic surgery faculty and graduates have been instrumental in developing new techniques and practices to advance the standards of care in plastic surgery across the globe.

Service is another hallmark of the University of Pittsburgh plastic surgery faculty, residents, and graduates. This includes service to our hospitals, with ready availability to help patients in need and to work collaboratively with our colleagues in many other specialties as we meet the reconstructive needs of their patients. This also includes service on committees in the School of Medicine and the hospitals, as well as service to our greater Pittsburgh community and our regional and national plastic surgery organizations.

University of Pittsburgh plastic surgery faculty and graduates have a tradition of contribution to and leadership in organizations such as the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, and the American Board of Plastic Surgery. In addition, Pitt plastic surgery faculty have held numerous editorial board positions for journals and textbooks. Another prominent area of service has been with international medical missions.

Education has been another important pillar of the University of Pittsburgh plastic surgery program. Since our first resident trained in the late 1940s, we have been committed to training the next generation of leaders in plastic surgery. Our current residency training program is recognized for its innovative approach and outstanding curriculum.

The fourth pillar of Pitt plastic surgery is cutting-edge research. Our laboratories have focused on scientific exploration in all areas of plastic surgery and now tackle current challenges in wound healing, regenerative medicine, transplantation, and craniofacial biology. Our multidisciplinary teams, which include surgeon-scientists and basic researchers, always bear in mind that we can impact the practice of medicine through our work in the laboratory.

Tying these four pillars together are overriding themes of innovation, creativity, collaboration, and collegiality. Plastic surgery is an incredibly creative specialty, and our faculty and graduates have displayed these attributes while recognizing the importance of working closely with our colleagues in plastic surgery and other disciplines to enhance the sharing of ideas.

As we move forward with plastic surgery’s mission to restore form and function throughout the body, the University of Pittsburgh Department of Plastic Surgery will maintain its steadfast commitment to these pillars of excellent clinical care, service, education, and cutting-edge research.

J. Peter Rubin, MD
Founding Department Chair
Professor of Plastic Surgery
UPMC Endowed Chair in Plastic Surgery
It is wonderful to celebrate the inauguration of the Department of Plastic Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh. For departments of academic medicine and surgery, the educational mission of training future physicians and surgeons remains one of the primary responsibilities.

At the University of Pittsburgh, this residency tradition began in 1948. S. Milton Dupertuis, MD, the first division chief and program director, recruited John C. Gaisford, MD, as Pitt’s first plastic surgery resident—at a salary of $34 a month. The following year, Ross H. Musgrave, MD, became Pitt’s second plastic surgery resident. These pioneers of the Pitt plastic surgery residency would lead the way of academic excellence, setting a precedent for what would become a tradition of training leaders in plastic surgery. Dupertuis; Musgrave; and William L. White, MD, would each serve as president of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons; and, Dupertuis; Musgrave; and Dwight C. Hanna III, MD, all served as directors of the American Board of Plastic Surgery.

To date, there have been approximately 310 plastic surgery residents and fellows trained at Pitt, accounting for generations of leaders in our field. At last count, 22 alumni of Pitt’s plastic surgery residency program have served at one time as division chiefs at nearly a quarter of the nation’s 90 plastic surgery programs.

In 2008, we were given approval by the American Board of Plastic Surgery to establish one of the first “categorical plastic surgery training programs” in the United States. This innovative program is similar to other core surgical residencies and is uniquely designed to train and prepare plastic surgeons. As our goal is to produce surgeon-scientists, the curriculum includes a required year of basic science research in one of our three independently funded laboratories. Our mission remains one of cultivating and nurturing future leaders; surgeon-scientists; and academic plastic surgeons who will become the next generation of program directors, chairs, and presidents of national societies.

Today, our residency program consists of both an integrated and independent training pathway that is accredited for 27 full-time residents. Our citywide program benefits from a strong and positive “town and gown” participation and consists of seven hospital sites with 26 full-time faculty members and 29 volunteer, adjunct, and affiliated faculty members. We offer fellowship training in hand surgery, pediatric plastic/craniofacial surgery, body contouring surgery, and reconstructive microsurgery.

Congratulations, Pitt Plastic Surgery on departmental status and nearly 65 years of training leaders in American plastic surgery.
1940–1952
Plastic surgery at the University of Pittsburgh began in the early 1940s with the arrival of S. Milton Dupertuis. Having just completed his training as Jerome Webster’s first resident at Columbia University in New York City, Dupertuis was invited by Dr. Hamilton Shaw to both work and teach at the University of Pittsburgh (UP). He established a plastic surgery division and recruited the first plastic surgery resident, starting July 1, 1948, at a salary of $34 a month.

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William L. White, a hand surgeon from Philadelphia Naval Hospital, was recruited to Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh (CHP) and Presbyterian University Hospital (PUH) to serve as their sole plastic surgeon. John C. Gaisford, assistant chief surgery resident at CHP and PUH, was assigned to assist Dupertuis. After several months of operating with Dupertuis and admiring his work, Gaisford asked Dupertuis if he would consider starting a plastic surgery program at the University of Pittsburgh. Dupertuis replied, “No doubt! I am interested in that, too.”

1952–1962
Dupertuis became the second chair of the division, a position he would hold for 20 years. He recruited Ross H. Musgrave as the second plastic surgery resident. With Dupertuis, who he had met in Valley Forge during World War II, Gaisford became Pitt’s first plastic surgery chief surgery resident at CHP and PUH, was assigned to assist Dupertuis. After two years of training, Musgrave came on board as staff and continued to recruit the very best from Pitt. In 1956, Musgrave left Pittsburgh to join the Mayo Clinic and established the plastic surgery residency.

William L. White came to the University from Philadelphia Naval Hospital to work with Dupertuis, who had in turn worked in Valley Forge during World War II. White and hand surgery. Dupertuis died in 1959 at the age of 53 and at the pinnacle of his career. Gaisford and Musgrave continued to develop the program’s reputation and reputation.

1962–1972
White became chair of the Plastic Surgery Research Council (PSRC) and hosted the PSRC annual meeting in Pittsburgh in 1962. The program continued to flourish, attracting excellent surgeons such as Barry Brody, George Richardson, Timothy Futrell, and Charles White, to name a few. Gaisford and Musgrave left PUH for Allegheny General Hospital (AGH), where they practiced for two years before moving to West Penn Hospital to establish a second plastic surgery residency program in 1967.

1972–1982
J. William Futrell became the division’s third chief and first full-time professor. He recruited Williams L. Swartz, who brought his experience in hand and microvascular surgery from Brown University. This program led to reconstructive surgery from West Penn’s office at 3500 Fifth Avenue to Scarsdale Hall. Skin grafting and random flaps evolved into the use of muscle transfers. Flap transplantation programs were created. Gaisford established the burn unit at West Penn.

1982–1992
In 1982, Frederick R. Heckler came to AGH from Mississippi to start a private practice. With the trauma service, later joined by Michael White, upon his graduation from the Pitt Plastic Surgery Residency. In 1984, Hanna and Futrell consolidated the West Penn and Pitt plastic surgery training programs. At that time, Hanna was chair of ABPS and was determined to take the total number of residents from six to five to reduce the competition in the market.

1992–2002
James M. Rusnak joined the faculty after completing his training at Pitt in 1991. In 1997, Ernest K. Manders came to Pitt from the Hershey Medical Center, bringing his expertise in orthopaedic surgery. Under Musgrave’s leadership, the program continued to grow. The program’s emphasis on skin, muscle, and bone cell biology was championed by Futrell. In the new millennium, Futrell brought his expertise in the area of immunosuppression and transplantation.

2002–2012
Under Lau, research became a major focus. Research on immunosuppression and CTA was established. The faculty expanded with the arrival of Carolyn De La Cruz, Michael L. Gimbel, and program director. Pitt Plastic Surgery Current Faculty

The University of Pittsburgh Division of Plastic Surgery earns departmental status under the leadership of Rubinstein as chair and Lau as executive vice chair and program director.
“This important milestone recognizes a longstanding tradition of excellence in clinical care, innovative research, service, and education. We welcome our alumni, colleagues, and friends to celebrate with us as Pitt Plastic Surgery moves into this exciting new stage of growth.”

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DEPARTMENT OF PLASTIC SURGERY
Philip S. Hinch Distinguished Alumni Award from the Pitt Medical Alumni Association, given to him in 1979. He has served as a visiting professor at many universities and has been honored numerous times. In 1990, Musgrave was elected as the first director of orthodontics and assistant clinical professor of surgery (plastic surgery) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine. In 2004, following a fellowship in craniofacial orthodontics at New York University, she was recruited to the Division of Pediatric Plastic Surgery and the Cleft-Craniofacial Center at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. Vecchione served as the first director of orthodontics and assistant clinical professor of surgery (plastic surgery) at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

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On August 7, 2011, at 64 years old, Vecchione was prematurely taken from us in a tragic motor vehicle accident, leaving hundreds of patients, colleagues, and friends with an unfillable void. In addition to Vecchione's passion for children, her life was full of love for animals, and she found companionship in riding horses. Her passion for animals was most evident by her love for Diesel, her Saint Bernard, who died with her.

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