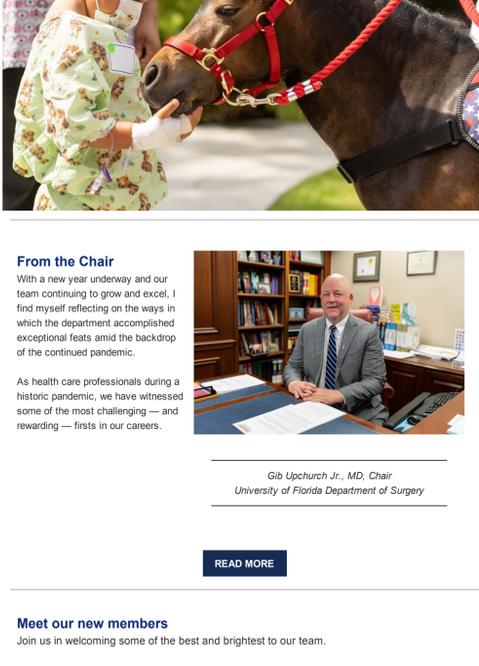


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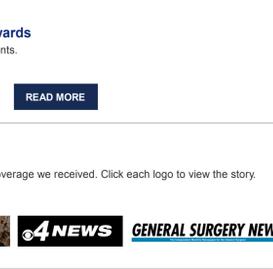
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From the Chair

With a new year underway and our team continuing to grow and excel, I find myself reflecting on the ways in which the department accomplished exceptional feats amid the backdrop of the continued pandemic.

As health care professionals during a historic pandemic, we have witnessed some of the most challenging — and rewarding — firsts in our careers.



Gib Upchurch Jr., MD, Chair
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Meet our new members

Join us in welcoming some of the best and brightest to our team.

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Honors, accolades, and awards

Celebrate our team's accomplishments.

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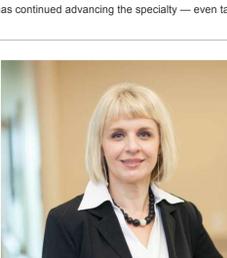
Surgery in the spotlight

Take a look at some of the media coverage we received. Click each logo to view the story.



Education

University of Florida Department of Surgery trains some of the best residents in the country. Below, Drs. Charles and Mazirka share moments and advice from their journey thus far at UF Health.



Angel Charles, MD



Pavel Mazirka, MD



UF Health liver transplant program outcomes reach No. 1 in nation

UF Health Shands Hospital is the only program in the country to reach 14 out of 15 possible bars in SRTTR's five-tier outcome system, according to the Scientific Registry of Transplant Recipients' (SRTTR) January 2022 report. [Read more>>](#)



Chair of surgery at UF College of Medicine elected to the National Academy of Medicine

Upchurch was recruited in 2017 for his international reputation as an acclaimed clinician, researcher and educator in the study and treatment of aortic and vascular disease. Since then, he has continued advancing the specialty — even taking the time to consider its future. [Read more>>](#)



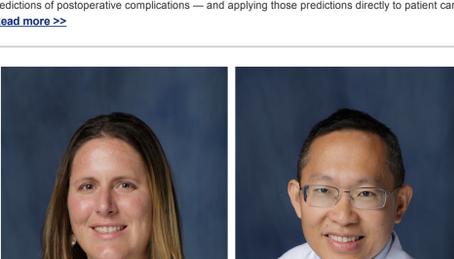
Dr. Azra Bihorac named senior associate dean for research affairs

Bihorac is the R. Glenn Davis Professor of Medicine, Surgery and Anesthesiology at UF, with multidisciplinary training in internal medicine, nephrology, critical care medicine, informatics and data science. [Read more>>](#)



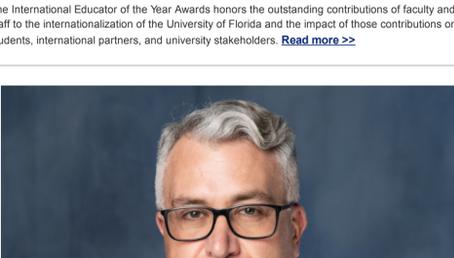
A call to action: UF surgery resident on the importance of LGBTQ+ inclusion in the field

In a new JAMA Surgery article, Jordan McKeen, MD, now a second-year resident at the UF Department of Surgery, discusses LGBTQ+ diversity in surgery as it benefits not only clinicians, but patients as well. [Read more>>](#)



UF College of Medicine 23rd in 2021 NIH funding for public universities

"The upward movement in the Blue Ridge rankings is a reflection of our faculty's ongoing commitment to pushing the boundaries in their research," said Colleen Koch, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., dean of the UF College of Medicine. [Read more >>](#)



UF Health surgical oncologists perform first HIPEC procedure

"I'm excited our adult patients with peritoneal surface malignancies will have access to this procedure," said Ibrahim Nassour, M.D., assistant professor in the division of surgical oncology at UF. [Read more >>](#)



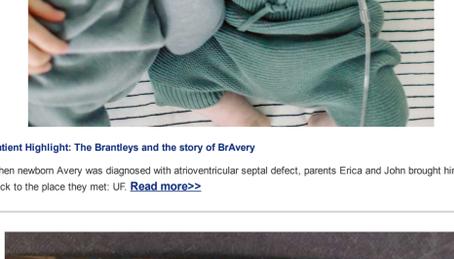
UF study uses AI to predict postoperative complications, improve patient care

Now, University of Florida researchers are leveraging artificial intelligence to make accurate predictions of postoperative complications — and applying those predictions directly to patient care. [Read more >>](#)



UF Department of Surgery tops in International Educator of the Year Awards 2021

The International Educator of the Year Awards honors the outstanding contributions of faculty and staff to the internationalization of the University of Florida and the impact of those contributions on students, international partners, and university stakeholders. [Read more >>](#)



Lonnie McDowell named UF PPHP alumnus of the year

"It not only takes a willingness to ask questions and truly listen to answers, but be an active overall observer of life." [Read more >>](#)



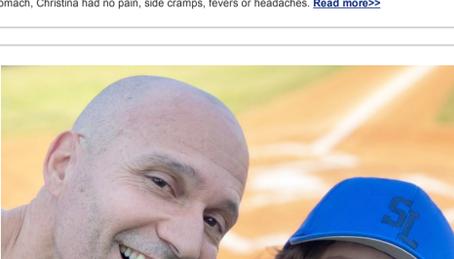
At UF Health Shands Hospital, tissue-banking system spurs increased collaboration

The tissue banking process offers a robust starting point for surgeon-scientists to explore almost any question. [Read more>>](#)



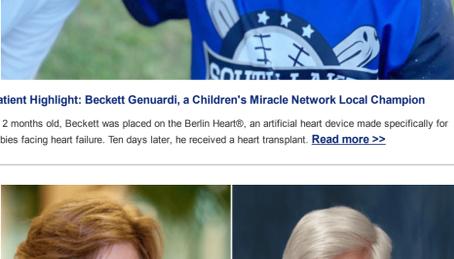
Patient Highlight: The Brantleys and the story of BrAvery

When newborn Avery was diagnosed with atrioventricular septal defect, parents Erica and John brought him back to the place they met: UF. [Read more>>](#)



Patient Highlight: UF Health Congenital Heart Center expertise aids both mother, daughter

In a twist of fate, both mother and daughter underwent open-heart surgery. Now, they share a surgeon — and a story. [Read more>>](#)



Patient Highlight: Christina's liver transplant journey

The suddenness of acute failure in someone young, healthy, with no prior existing conditions can make it difficult for health care teams to identify the signs. Other than slight discomfort in her stomach, Christina had no pain, side cramps, fevers or headaches. [Read more>>](#)



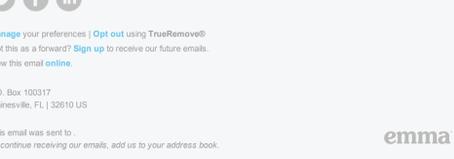
Patient Highlight: Beckett Guenardi, a Children's Miracle Network Local Champion

At 2 months old, Beckett was placed on the Berlin Heart®, an artificial heart device made specifically for babies facing heart failure. Ten days later, he received a heart transplant. [Read more >>](#)



Dr. Flynn and Limacher pledge \$1M to UF College of Medicine scholarship fund

The eminent professors hope to attract first-generation medical students to the UF College of Medicine. [Read more >>](#)



Lead one of the top lung transplant programs in the country.

The UF Division of Thoracic Surgery is looking for a chief to continue our strong growth in lung transplantation, ECMO and thoracic oncology

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