Dr. Larry Narkiewicz (WSU/GS 2004/09) is a Southeast Michiganian who did his pre-medical training at the University of Detroit Mercy, where he got his bachelor’s degree in biology in 1998. During these years, he had many extracurricular interests, which extended for the next year or two after he obtained his bachelor’s degree. He served as a chemistry teacher at the Redford Union High School, assistant varsity wrestling coach at Redford, supervised the “suspension room” at Hilbert Junior HS, served as the JV baseball coach at Redford, and was the assistant coach at Redford in football. He also worked at the Steelcraft Tool Company where he was a Jack of all trades.

These interests extended into his medical school years until he finished at WSU in 2004. He then entered into the WSU surgical program with the altruistic objectives of becoming a surgeon who does all types of operative procedures and maintains control of managing the patient preoperatively and throughout the postoperative interval. He maintained those traits throughout his surgical residency and was highly respected by his colleagues, students, nursing personnel, and faculty. He reasons that his experience as an educator and coach led him to believe that he would always enjoy teaching and always wanted to have teaching a part of his surgical career. Larry recalls one time when he had spent a long, exhausting shift on a very difficult case when his attending asked him, “Could you see yourself never stepping foot in the operating room again?” Larry, of course, responded, “No way.”

Following the completion of his residency in 2009, Larry moved to Jackson where he has developed a very busy surgical practice at the Allegiance Health/Foote Hospital. Larry is in practice with three other general surgeons who are about the same age and have comparable levels of experience. They are actively involved in all types of general surgery including minimally invasive surgery. They are now learning robotic techniques. Larry describes how it has been wonderful to grow up as an attending surgeon with such a great group of colleagues and friends. They often discuss cases with each other and, with the more difficult cases, assist each other during operation. Dr. Narkiewicz emphasizes that the soon-to-graduate residents should be advised that it is important to find good partners who are always available to help one another in times of need. Larry’s partners often think that they took part of their training at Wayne State University, since they always hear Larry quoting his teachers such as the statement, “Take that in two because you are not good enough” often stated by Dr. Ledgerwood and “If I were you, I wouldn’t do that” often spoken by Dr. Tyburski.
Beginning July 2013, their new general surgical residency program began, and they are now interviewing for their third class of general surgical residents. Larry and his partners make sure that they always attend the Detroit Trauma Symposium, where they enjoy listening to the surgeons they have already heard so much about. Dr. Narkiewicz is currently the Trauma Medical Director, and they are working toward Level II verification from the American College of Surgeons. Putting this program into place has been very challenging but also very rewarding. During these times, he has always maintained his connection to his WSU Department of Surgery, routinely showing up at the annual trauma symposium and the annual department meeting at the American College of Surgeons. Recently, Larry and his bride, Kelly, experienced a nerve-wracking situation, and they wanted to share this with the extended family. The following represents the report from Larry and Kelly to the surgical clan.

2014 has been one hell of a ride for the Narkiewicz family and I thought my Detroit family may want to know what’s been going on. In early December, 2013, our 2 year old son, Casey, collapsed on my wife at home. I was on call and operating when she called in a panic. He was breathing but extremely lethargic. She rushed him into the ER here in Jackson. He had the flu the day before but had already seemed to have recovered. He appeared extremely dry and started to perk up a little with some IV fluids. His labs were somewhat abnormal and the ER physician here at Allegiance Health just wasn’t comfortable blaming everything on the flu and dehydration. He ordered an ultrasound and the radiologist asked me to come in and look at it. He asked me if Casey had sustained any trauma as it looked like there was a mass near the liver. We looked at the films with a second radiologist and, in true doctor form when treating a family member, we tried to think of what this could be that wasn’t that bad. The radiologist thought that maybe this was an intussusception and planned a CT to confirm. The CT again showed what looked like a mass, but I think we just all hoped it was simply an intussusception. They shipped us out to Mott Children’s Hospital for an air contrast enema. When we arrived at Mott, we were greeted by a code team and, Casey looking bad, they maintained the code cart right outside Casey’s room. They repeated his labs immediately and sent us for a second ultrasound. As soon as we came back, we were told his hemoglobin was 5.5 and that indeed this was a liver mass, upwards of 9 cm on ultrasound. We were rushed up to ICU and started on what is equivalent to 4 units of blood. They sent an AFP overnight and we found out the next morning that his AFP was in the 6000 range, meaning his mass was most likely a hepatoblastoma. We met the surgery team that morning and, to my comfort, the chief resident on the service is a dear friend and wife of one of my surgical partners in

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Jackson. We went through further CT scans as well as MRIs to look for metastatic disease as many hepatoblastomas are found with lung mets. His scans all looked good and his tumor looked favorable for resection. Three days after admission, Casey went for a Broviac placement and a right hepatectomy, probably the longest eight hours of my life. The surgeon was happy with his resection and margins, both grossly and by frozen section. It was a tough 3 or 4 days but we all made it through. It is amazing how fast kids bound back and, on day 4, Casey was up running around, playing in the toy room, and driving a fire truck down the halls of the Coach Carr Oncology Unit. Final pathology took some days to come back and, unfortunately, Casey’s tumor showed 5% undifferentiated cells which are high risk. It’s amazing how differently adults and kids are treated as Casey started chemotherapy seven days after his surgery. We really thought getting him through surgery would be tough, but we were not ready for chemo. Casey had a difficult time with chemo. He would spend day 1, 2, and sometimes 3 days of his cycle as an inpatient then, outpatient, received treatments on day 7 and 14. The cycle would then repeat on day 21. He had no appetite and was severely dehydrated. By the end of the first week we were administering IV fluids for 12 hours each night at home and by week two he was on 18 hours of TPN daily for the next four months. He had severe mucositis and very low counts with each treatment and spent 7-10 days admitted to the hospital with each cycle. Most of these days he was not allowed to leave his room and everyone had to wear masks to visit. Needless to say, Kelly spent more time living and sleeping in Ann Arbor than she did in Jackson. I, on the other hand, spent most of my time in Jackson working and taking care of our other son, Cooper, as he was in the middle of his first grade year. Our parents were wonderful and spent many days and nights split between Ann Arbor to help Kelly and in Jackson helping to keep things as normal as possible for Cooper. Our boys are strong, Cooper is a great older brother and took good care of his dad at home away from Casey and Kelly. Casey’s fourth round of chemo resulted in a two-week hospital stay and a few nights of ICU admission and intubation for a severe respiratory virus. The oncology team, consulting with other specialists across the country, decided that Casey’s fourth round would be his last as everyone felt he had been adequately treated and we all feared how sick he would be with the next cycle. Casey truly is our superhero and recovered wonderfully and quickly. Within two weeks he was eating like a horse and off his TPN. He returned to his normal self and his hair began to grow back. Casey is five months into remission and all is great! He had a huge and awesome third birthday party in August and started preschool in September. The community where we live here in Jackson has been nothing short of amazing providing help with Cooper, meals nightly, and an immense amount of support.
Larry Narkiewicz, MD, continued...

I’ve been meaning to send something like this for months and apologize that it comes late, but things have finally settled down (I’m back to being a general surgeon, trauma medical director, and vice chief of surgery). Can’t wait to see everyone at ACS and the Detroit Trauma Symposium.

Larry and Kelly should know that all of the clan extends their hopes and prayers for Casey and the whole family.

JANUARY 2015

SURGERY RESIDENT EDUCATION

Dr. Michael White (WSU/GS 1990/97) presented a paper at the Association for Surgical Education entitled “An Automated System for Video Documentation of All Instances of Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery Training: Feasibility and Potential Advantages of Extended Assessment” in the December issue of the American Journal of Surgery. This presentation demonstrated the advantages of having permanent documentation of performance, quality controlled assessment by non-medical doctor personnel, accurate quantification of practice frequency, and emergence of new observations and patterns of intermediate skill development. The completeness and accuracy of the data set support analyses of group learning rates and lay the foundation for scientific training curriculum development. Dr. White and his co-authors conclude that video documentation of the Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery training is feasible and worthwhile. Fundamentals of Laparoscopic Surgery (FLS) is a necessary training component of all surgical residency programs. Their article describes the design and operation of an automated system for the capture of digital video clips of all FLS practice trials and for the support of remote, distributed assessments. Advantages of their system include permanent documentation of performance, accurate quantification of practice frequency, and the ability to create group learning curves. Dr. White’s coauthors were Mr. Michael Drapiza, Dr. Mark Mattos, and Dr. David Edelman (WSU/GS 2002/09).
Dr. Stefan Fromm (WSUGS 1968) and his wife, Shirley, send their holiday greetings from the Southlands. As usual, they are doing much traveling and enjoying the wonderful sites of our great nation. Last New Year's Eve, they celebrated the holidays with Tiffany and Kyle while Stefan prepared paella for their New Year's Eve dinner.

Following a winter of extensive travel, they returned to Bristol, Tennessee, to welcome their third great-grandchild, who was born in February 2014. Stefan has had to give up his charity surgery because of the loss of support from his malpractice insurance carrier at the Health Department. Consequently, he is officially retired. This winter, they plan to spend time in Florida before coming back home to Dalton, Georgia in the spring. They wish everyone a joyous season and a pleasant, healthful, loving, and peaceful new year.

Dr. Gary Kline (WSU/GS/TS 1986/91/94) and his bride, Dr. Roxanna Kline, extend their best wishes and hopefulness for the holidays and new year. The Kline’s send the optimistic message that “How wonderful it is that not one person need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
REBECCA BACHUSZ, MD

Dr. Rebecca Bachusz (WSUGS 2013) sends greetings from Florida, where she is in her last year of her plastic surgery fellowship. Rebecca has been very pleased with her training in Detroit, which provided the background for her to pass all of her board examinations and to do well in her current program. Rebecca reports that Miami reminds her a bit of the trauma in Detroit but has the bonus of extra sunshine, palm trees, and a little bit of Spanish. She and her colleagues are doing a large volume of free flap reconstruction for destructive injuries to the legs and thighs. She is also becoming quite experienced with breast cancer and maxillofacial trauma. The large volumes mean that they are working long hours, which makes the editor wonder how she is dealing with the 80-hour workweek.

Rebecca reports that she and her fiancé, who is an anesthesiologist from the Detroit area, will be getting married in April 2015. Following the completion of her residency, she hopes to work in the same area where he is working in Florida. She extends all her best wishes to the Detroit family.

The Smith Family

Dr. Daniel Smith (WSUGS 1988) and his wife, Norita (DRH SICU nurse), continue to see their family grow. The following is their Season's Greetings.

Greetings from the Smiths,

The big event this year was the marriage of Mark and Anna at the end of May. The wedding and all of the events surrounding it went perfectly, and it was wonderful to see a lot of family and old friends. We are thrilled to have Anna as a part of our family.

Mark started his third year of medical school and Anna started PA school two days after the wedding. They will finally be going on their honeymoon this March to St. Lucia.

Steve finished working in the oil fields near Williston, ND this fall and is starting at North Dakota State University in January with a major in finance. He is also an assistant coach for the Park Rapids Boys Bantam hockey team this winter.
Scott continues his studies at the University of North Dakota in criminal justice. He had an interesting job this summer selling educational books door to door in the Pittsburgh area—hard work but a good experience.

Christina started college this fall at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA, also majoring in criminal justice. She is really enjoying the DC metro area.

Julia is a sophomore and the goalie for the Girls Varsity hockey team. She went to the State High School Tennis Tournament again this year in singles, winning one match there.

Julia and Christina both earned Reserve National Championships in reining classes at the Canadian National Arabian Horse Show in August. Unfortunately, Christina’s half Arabian Pablo died of a colon volvulus (twisted bowel) in November—that was tough. On a happier note, our basset hound, Earn, has started walking again after her second back surgery. This is largely thanks to Norita’s intensive physical therapy on the treadmill!

Norita is again serving as president for the Park Rapids Youth Hockey Association. She also enjoys volunteer work with Living at Home, which enables seniors to remain independent in their own homes. Dan continues his busy practice with an emphasis on bariatric surgery.

Anna caught the biggest musky of the year again, a 49 incher. We travel all over the region musky fishing and, ironically, this fish was caught a few hundred yards from our house!

We wish you a blessed Christmas and a wonderful 2015.

The Smith Family
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9TH ANNUAL DAVID FROMM RESEARCH & WSU ALUMNI DAY
Magherio Family Conference Center, Detroit, Michigan

March 5-7, 2015
Central Surgical Association
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April 23-25, 2015
American Surgical Association
Marriott Marquis
San Diego, California

Please Update Your Information

The WSUSOM, Department of Surgery wants to stay in touch. Please contact Deborah Waring at dwaring@dmc.org to update your contact information.
Wednesday, January 7
Death & Complications Conference
“SCORE-Based Self Assessment”
Gamal Mostafa, MD
WSU Department of Surgery

Wednesday, January 14
Death & Complications Conference
“ABSITE Review”
Robert F. Wilson, MD
WSU Department of Surgery

Wednesday, January 21
Death & Complications — 7 a.m.—7:30 p.m.
Grand Rounds—7:30 a.m.—9 a.m.
Death and Complications Conference
“ABSITE Review”
John Webber, MD
WSU Department of Surgery
Missing Emails

Over the years the WSU Department of Surgery has lost touch with many of its alumni. If you know the email, address, or phone number of the following WSU Department of Surgery Residency Program graduates please email us at clucas@med.wayne.edu with their information so that we can get them on the distribution list for the WSU Department of Surgery Alumni Monthly Email Report.


WAYNE STATE SURGICAL SOCIETY

The Wayne State Surgical Society (WSSS) was established during the tenure of Dr. Walt as the chairman of the Department of Surgery. WSSS was designed to create closer contact between the current faculty and residents with the former resident members in order to create a living family of all of the WSU Department of Surgery. The WSSS also supports department activities. Charter/Life Membership in the WSSS is attained by a donation of $1,000 per year for ten years or $10,000 prior to ten years. Annual membership is attained by a donation of $200 per year. WSSS supports a visiting lecturer each fall and co-sponsors the annual reception of the department at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Mark A. Herman (WSU/GS/1994/2001) passed the baton of presidency to Dr. Randall W. Smith (WSU/GS 1981/86) at the WSSS Gathering during the American College of Surgeons meeting in October 2014. Members of the WSSS are listed on the next page. Dr. Smith hopes that all former residents will become lifetime members of the WSSS and participate in the annual sponsored lectureship and the annual reunion at the American College of Surgeons meeting.
AN OPERATION A YEAR FOR WSU
January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014

The WSU department of Surgery has instituted a new group of alumni who are remembering their training by donating the proceeds of one operation a year to the department. Those who join this new effort will be recognized herein as annual contributors. We hope that all of you will remember the department by donating one operation, regardless of difficulty or reimbursement, to the department to help train your replacements. Please send you donation to the Wayne State Surgical Society in care of Dr. Charles E. Lucas at Detroit Receiving Hospital, 4201 St. Antoine Street (Room 2V), Detroit, MI, 48201.