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**Daniel Balkin, M.D., Ph.D.** was born and raised in Madison, Wisconsin. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Genetics and Molecular Biology from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. Subsequently, he attended the Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut, where he completed a combined MD/PhD training program. His research focused on unraveling the molecular pathogenesis of a rare x-linked disease called Lowe Syndrome. Following residency, Danny hopes to pursue an academic career in pediatric plastic and reconstructive surgery with a research focus on deciphering the genetic basis of congenital deformities in children. Danny and his wife Emily, a pediatric resident at UCSF, hope to couple their clinical and research interests with their passion for improving health in underserved areas both domestic and abroad. Danny enjoys spending time with his family, fishing, photography, skiing and maintaining saltwater reef aquariums.

**Nicole Conkling, M.D.** was born and raised in New York. She earned her undergraduate degree in Biology and Studio Art from Washington and Lee University before attending SUNY for medical school. Dr. Conkling’s love of the visual arts is what drew her toward Plastic Surgery. She also trained in classical vocal performance, including a cappella, musicals and opera. Since moving to San Francisco, she has enjoyed attending performances at the Opera and Symphony Hall here in the city.

**Courtney Green, M.D.** was born and raised in the Twin Cities. Growing up in Minnesota she was an avid competitive figure skater. She earned her undergraduate degree at Washington University in St. Louis and studied abroad in Australia. After graduating from Wash U, she spent two years doing research in a pediatric cardiology lab before returning to MN for medical school. It was during her years at University of MN that she first became involved in surgical education. In her free time, Dr. Green still loves competitive sports and is enjoying all that San Francisco has to offer.

**Yeranui Ledesma, M.D.** was born in Mexico City and moved to Los Angeles at the age of 6. She is the only member of her family to have attended college. She earned her undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of California Los Angeles before coming to UCSF for medical school. She enjoys wine tasting and is a member of three wineries, she is an avid traveler and has visited 25 countries. She loves to spend her time outdoors or cooking a home made meal when possible. She is looking forward to learning to SCUBA dive and work in East Africa some time during her residency.

**Rachel Lentz, M.D.** was born and raised in New Jersey. She attended Yale University, majoring in History of Science, History of Medicine. She continued

medical education at Yale, earning both a medical degree and a Masters in Health Science, completing her MD thesis on the impact of radiation in breast reconstruction. As an undergraduate, she was a member of the varsity field hockey team, where she was named second team All-Ivy and led the Ivy League nationals her senior year. Since graduation, she has continued her passion for athletics through long distance running, having completed several marathons. In her spare time, she enjoys exploring the Bay Area, traveling, wine tasting, cooking new recipes, which she's always happy to test out on her colleagues.

**Bert Luu, M.D., M.S.** was born and raised in San Francisco. He earned his undergraduate degree at University of California, San Diego, where he stayed in medical school as well. He also completed a Master's in Global Health Sciences at UCSF's Department of Global Health, focusing his study on the current need for surgery in developing countries. In his free time, he enjoys playing league basketball, learning foreign languages, and eating noodles.

**Erin Mahuron, M.D.** grew up in Fremont, California with her two younger brothers. She earned her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley in Molecular and Cell Biology with an emphasis in Immunology, and she has a heavy interest in basic science research. She then attended medical school at UC San Diego. Dr. Mahuron has a strong background in athletics, having played competitive soccer, softball, and tennis. She recognizes that surgery is a team enterprise, and this is one reason why she pursued surgery as a career.

**Matt Moyer, M.D.** was born and raised in the bay area. He attended UC Berkeley for his undergraduate degree before coming to UCSF for medical school. Outside of the operating room, his hobbies include football (coaching, playing, watching) and traveling (most recent trip was to Belize). Dr. Moyer recently married in Sonoma.

**Maria Robles, M.D.** grew up in San Diego, California. She attended UC Berkeley for her undergraduate degree in Integrative Biology before coming to UCSF for medical school.

**Sammy Sharib, M.D.** grew up in Boston, MA. He attended the University of Worcester for his undergraduate degree before moving to California to attend medical school at UC Irvine. Dr. Sharib has been playing hockey competitively since childhood, and currently plays on a men's league in the bay area. He has been collecting wine for 10 years and makes Napa/Sonoma a frequent weekend destination. Dr. Sharib has traveled around the world to taste and buy wine, including trips to Burgundy, Italy, Germany, Argentina, New Zealand, and

Croatia. Outside of work, Dr. Sharib enjoys being outdoors, hiking and running.

**Evan Werlin, M.D.** grew up in Newport Beach, CA. He earned his undergraduate degree at Brown University before attending medical school at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Werlin formerly taught snowboarding, horseback riding, rock climbing and other outdoor activities to people with disabilities in Park City, UT. He is an avid runner with his biggest accomplishment being qualifying for and running the 2013 Boston Marathon. Dr. Werlin also loves live music and has travelled the country extensively for many concerts.

**re Campbell, M.D.**

Campbell is currently Professor of Surgery at the UCSF School of Medicine and an attending trauma surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital. Dr. Campbell attended Harvard University where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1980. He attended medical school at the UCSF, graduating in 1985. His formal training was at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City. He is fully trained in internal medicine, general surgery, and surgical critical care.

Joined to San Francisco General Hospital in 1993, Dr. Campbell is Director of Surgical Critical Care and Co-Director of the Trauma Intensive Care Unit at San Francisco General Hospital. His research and clinical interests have been the ICU care of trauma patients, acute lung injury after trauma, the abdominal compartment syndrome and surgical education.

In 2003, Dr. Campbell was appointed Chair of Surgical Education at UCSF. He is in charge of the third-year medical student undergraduate education program throughout the UCSF Medical School. In addition, Dr. Campbell has directed the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at UCSF and has trained many fellows who are now practicing Trauma, Acute Care Surgery and Surgical Critical Care in the United States and around the world.

**ard Carmona, M.D., M.P.H.**

Due to a poor immigrant family in New York City, Richard Carmona experienced homelessness, hunger, and health disparities during his youth. The experiences sensitized him to the relationships among culture, health, education and economic status and ultimately shaped his future.

After dropping out of high school, Dr. Carmona enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1967 where he received a GED. By the time he left active duty, he was a Special Forces, combat-decorated Vietnam veteran. He then pursued a college degree and entered medical school at the UCSF where he won the prestigious Gold Cane award as the top graduate.

Dr. Carmona became a surgeon with a sub-specialty in trauma, burns and critical care and was recruited to Tucson to establish the first trauma system in southern Arizona, which he did successfully. Later, while working full time as a hospital and health system CEO, he earned a master's degree in public health policy and administration from the University of Arizona. Dr. Carmona has also served for over 28 years with the Pima County Sheriff's Department in Tucson, including as deputy sheriff, detective, SWAT team leader and department surgeon. He is one of the most highly decorated law enforcement officers in Arizona, and his numerous awards include the National Top Cop Award, the National SWAT Officer of the Year, and the National Tactical EMS Award. Dr. Carmona is a nationally recognized SWAT expert and has published extensively on SWAT training and tactics, forensics, and tactical emergency medical support. Dr. Carmona has also served as a medical director of police and fire departments and is a qualified peace officer with expertise in special operations and emergency preparedness, including weapons of mass destruction.

In 2002 Dr. Carmona was nominated by the president and unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate to become the 17<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States. After completing his statutory four-year term as Surgeon General in 2006, Dr. Carmona joined Tucson-based Canyon Ranch as vice chairman. He is president of the nonprofit Canyon Ranch Institute, Distinguished Professor at the University of Arizona and Distinguished Professor at The Ohio State University. He also serves on several corporate boards and works with private equity and venture capital firms to identify emerging science and technology to translate to market for economic and public benefit.

**Timothy Chuter, M.D.**

Timothy Chuter is a vascular surgeon with a special interest in the use of branched fenestrated stent-grafts to treat aneurysms of the aorta. Dr. Chuter designed, developed and used the first bifurcated stent-graft for abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) repair, the first modular system for endovascular repair of an aortic arch aneurysm and the first modular system for bilateral iliac aneurysms. In addition, Dr. Chuter performed the first endovascular repair of the following: an inflammatory aneurysm, aorto-bronchial fistula and a thoracoabdominal aneurysm.

Dr. Chuter earned medical and postgraduate research degrees at Nottingham University Medical School in England. He completed a residency in surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York, followed by fellowship training at the University of Rochester, N.Y. -- first in critical care, then in vascular surgery. After coming to UCSF in 1996, Dr. Chuter was an assistant professor of surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center in New York and an associate professor of surgery at Lund University in Sweden.

Dr. Chuter is the director of the Endovascular Surgery Program and a Professor of Surgery at UCSF. His awards include the Medal for Innovation in Vascular Surgery from the Society for Vascular Surgery.

**Michael Conte, M.D.**

Michael Conte received his medical degree in 1986 from Albert Einstein College of Medicine. His surgical residency at New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, which was completed in 1993, included a two-year research fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital (BWH) and Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston. He completed his vascular surgery training in 1994 as the John Homans Fellow at BWH Harvard Medical School (HMS), in Boston. Dr. Conte was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at Yale University from 1994-1997, and a member of the Boyer Center for Vascular Medicine. He returned to BWH where he served as Assistant Professor (1997-2001) and then Associate Professor (2001-2008) of Surgery at HMS. From 2002-2008, he was the Director of Vascular Surgical Research at BWH and from 2005-2008, he was Co-Director of the Clinical Trials Group at the Center for Surgery and Public Health. In 2008, Dr. Conte assumed the role of Chief of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery at UCSF Medical Center. He is Professor of Surgery and holds the E.J. Wyllie Chair in Vascular Surgery. He also serves as Co-Director of the UCSF Heart and Vascular Center, the Director of the Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory, and the Co-Director of the JCSF Center for Limb Preservation. Dr. Conte's clinical interests include diseases of the aorta, carotid artery disease, and peripheral artery disease (PAD). He is particularly interested in diabetic vascular disease, and in complex revascularization to preserve limb function and prevent amputation in patients with critical ischemia. He led the largest multicenter clinical trial to date examining the outcomes of vein bypass surgery in patients with severe PAD, and is nationally and internationally recognized for his leadership in this area. Dr. Conte's translational research program includes basic laboratory investigations as well as human studies, focused on understanding and improving the healing response of blood vessels following angioplasty and bypass surgery. His work is funded by the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Conte is a member of many professional organizations, including the Society for Vascular Surgery, the American Surgical Association, and the Society of University Surgeons. He has been an invited lecturer for many regional, national, and international conferences. In 2006, he received the Distinguished Achievement Award from the New York Weill Cornell Medical Center Alumni Council. He has served on multiple editorial boards including *Circulation* and the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. He is currently serving as a member of the American Heart Association Council on Peripheral Vascular Disease. He serves as Chief Medical Officer of the non-profit foundation Vascular Cures.

**Garcia-Aguilar, M.D., Ph.D.**

Garcia-Aguilar joined Memorial Sloan Kettering as Chief of the Colorectal Service in 2007, after serving in leadership positions at various institutions, including as Chair of the Department of Surgery at the City of Hope in California and Chief of the Section of Colon and Rectal Surgery at UCSF.

Garcia-Aguilar left his native country of Spain in 1985, after earning his medical degree and completing his residency at the Complutense University in Madrid. He completed training in general surgery at Harvard University's Beth Israel Hospital and a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. He also did a clinical fellowship in colorectal surgery at the University of Minnesota, where he served as a lecturer on the principles of colon and rectal surgery.

Over the course of his career, he has published more than 200 peer-reviewed publications, abstracts, editorials, and reviews. He has penned chapters for a spectrum of textbooks on surgical therapy for the myriad manifestations of colorectal disease, and also wrote a book for a patient audience titled *Fast Facts – Colorectal Cancer* (Health Press, 2010).

Garcia-Aguilar has lectured extensively on the advances in colorectal surgery both nationally and around the world, including grand rounds at the Johns Hopkins University and the Harvard Medical School Postgraduate Course in General Surgery.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities, Dr. Garcia-Aguilar is proud to have received numerous honorary memberships from professional societies over the years, and is a past-time member of the Research Foundation of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. He has served as President of the organization since 2010.

**David M. Jablons, M.D.**

David M. Jablons M.D., FACS is Professor and Chief of the section of General Thoracic Surgery at UCSF, and Program Leader of Thoracic Oncology. Dr. Jablons is also an Adjunct Professor in Thoracic Oncology and Nan T. McEvoy Distinguished Professor of Thoracic Surgical Oncology. Dr. Jablons is Director of the Thoracic Oncology Lab. Utilizing next generation sequencing and leveraging one of the largest lung cancer tissue banks in the world, the lab has compiled a record of scientific discovery and innovation, including a life-saving prognostic assay that informs the decision for using adjuvant therapy to early-stage lung cancer patients.

Dr. Jablons received his medical degree from Albany Medical College, where he was awarded an NCI preceptorship allowing him to train under Steven Rosenberg, a world-renowned surgeon and tumor immunologist. This experience kindled Dr. Jablons' long interest in translational and precision medicine. He completed his general surgery residency at Tufts-New England Medical Center and his thoracic surgery residency at what is now New York Presbyterian-Weill Cornell Medical Center. Dr. Jablons also served as a Navy commander while Chief of Thoracic Surgery at the Naval Hospital. In 1997, he was named Chief of General Thoracic Surgery at UCSF.

Dr. Jablons is legendary for his skills as a thoracic surgeon, widely sought out by patients, not only in the Bay Area, but world-wide. One patient, Bonnie J. Addario, after recovering from an arduous lung cancer surgery, started a foundation bearing her name. Today, the Addario Foundation is one of the leading underwriters of lung cancer research. Dr. Jablons has also been a dedicated teacher and outstanding mentor, both for clinical fellows and surgical residents.

Dr. Jablons has been a trailblazer in educational outreach, co-founding the UCSF Thoracic Oncology Conference, an annual symposium that provided expert training for thousands of community surgeons for over a decade. He also was instrumental in establishing the China Clinical Trials Consortium to find more effective treatments for lung cancer, and to ameliorate the epidemic of lung cancer in China. In 2009, he led the effort to bring World Conference on Lung Cancer, the preeminent event in the field, to San Francisco. In 2013, Dr. Jablons was inducted into the prestigious American Thoracic Society.

**min Lee, M.D.**

Ianmin Lee is UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital's Surgeon-in-Chief, Division of Pediatric Surgery Professor and Chief, Vice-Chair in the Department of Surgery, and Michael Harrison Endowed Chair in Fetal Surgery. He is the second director in the year history of the Fetal Treatment Center.

Lee was an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University and completed both medical school and general surgery residencies at New York University. He completed doctoral research at Harvard, and a pediatric surgery fellowship at Emory University before joining UCSF in a tenure-track faculty position.

Lee and his associates confine their surgical practice exclusively to children. The group has special interest in fetal surgery, repairing complex defects involving the heart, lung, abdomen, bowel, and bladder. The group provides surgical care of children from birth through adolescence, clinics for fetal anomalies, and sees patients with complex congenital anomalies that have been corrected by surgery.

Lee's clinical interests include neonatal, fetal, minimally invasive, and biliary diseases. He has published numerous clinical and basic science articles in these fields. He has been a principal investigator or co-investigator on a number of fetal surgery and minimally invasive surgical trials, and is currently a co-investigator on clinical trials including fetal surgery for myelomeningocele and is leading a multi-institutional effort to investigate the role of maternal steroid administration for fetuses with large congenital cystic adenomatoid malformations.

**o Leon, M.D.**

o León is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Surgery and holds the position of Chief Plastic Surgery Section, San Francisco V.A. Medical Center. He runs clinics both for the plastic surgery and general surgery residents (hand clinic) and serves as the attending surgeon on most of the operative procedures.

o León completed his General Surgery residency at the University of Chicago and Plastic Surgery residency here at UCSF. Dr. León also completed a Surgical Oncology fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. He is boarded in both General Surgery and Plastic Surgery. After completing his plastic surgery residency, Dr. León took charge of the UCSF microvascular service. He has provided reconstructive surgery including wing head and neck extirpative surgery by the faculty in Plastic Surgery and Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery. Dr. León is nationally recognized as an expert in microsurgery and is active in the Society of Reconstructive Microsurgery and has served as a speaker and panelist for their annual meetings.

In addition to his clinical work and basic science research, Dr. León has received the Northern California Institute for Research and Education's Young Investigator Award.

***Dr. F. Massey, M.D.***

Dr. F. Massey, M.D., CLT, FACS is a native of coastal North Carolina. She completed undergraduate studies in Zoology in 1988, and obtained her Medical Degree in 1993 at Duke University. During that time she served as a Howard Hughes Research Institute Fellow. Dr. Massey completed her post-graduate training in General Surgery at Duke Medical Center before coming to UCSF to complete her Plastic Surgical Fellowship Training Program with Drs. Stephen J. Mathes and William Hoffman, followed by a Microsurgical Breast Reconstruction Fellowship with Dr. Robert Allen.

Dr. Massey has served as a Faculty Member at the Universities of Utah and South Carolina. She currently is in private practice with a focus on microsurgical breast and lymphatic reconstruction. She has founded the National Institute of Lymphology and is the Principal Investigator for the first clinical trial in the US with a focus on objective and subjective outcomes after lymphatic reconstruction.

Dr. Massey sees patients in 4 American Cities - Chicago, Charleston SC, New Orleans and Salt Lake City. She is excited to announce the opening of her fifth office at Duke University Medical Center later this year with a focus on lower extremity lymphatic reconstruction in massive weight loss patients.

***Dr. S. Melzer, M.D.***

Dr. Julie Melzer graduated from medical school at Northwestern University in 1974. She learned the Kidney/Pancreas technique [for doing what?] from Dr. Hans Sollinger.

***Dr. Moloney, M.D.***

Dr. Moloney was born in California and grew up in the Bay Area. After finishing high school at Saint Ignatius in 1969 and obtaining his undergraduate degree from the University of San Francisco in 1973, Dr. Moloney went to Saint Louis University for medical school. Upon obtaining his medical degree, Dr. Moloney returned to California for 3 years of residency training in General Surgery at UC Irvine from 1980-1983. He then continued his Plastic Surgery training program at Saint Louis University.

In 1985, after finishing his residency training, Dr. Moloney decided to return to the Bay Area to join his father, who was in practice in plastic surgery at Seton Medical Center. Realizing that he needed a place to present his cases and get advice on problem cases, as a new practicing surgeon, Dr. Moloney decided to contact the Plastic Surgery Department at UCSF and introduce himself. He was invited to join in on the plastic surgery meetings and rounds by Dr. Vasconez, who was Chief at that time. Dr. Moloney continued to enjoy the hospitality of the Department while staying on the cutting edge of reconstructive plastic surgery when Dr. Mathes took over as Chief.

Dr. Moloney has participated as clinical faculty in surgeries at the VA, SFGH, Mt. Zion, and currently at the cosmetic surgery clinic on Parnassus. He has participated with "Hospital de la Familia" in medical missions to Guatemala, as a direct result of his appointments to the faculty at UCSF, and continues to participate, every other year, as a team leader in missions to other countries such as Honduras, the Philippines, and Cuba. When he is not out of the country, Dr. Moloney enjoys working with residents in the clinic and in surgery, where he relishes their enthusiasm and curiosity. He greatly values the one on one teaching-learning experience of the operating room, which he considers essential for learning surgery.

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