

The Cutting Edge

September's surgery day had 9 patients on the schedule and 5 different surgeons performed procedures. Thank you to **Dr. Matthew Bailey, Dr. William Cavatassi, Dr. Tad Hughes, Dr. Paul Kearney, and Dr. Ross Tekulve** for donating their time and talents this month. Thanks also to **Dr. Phil Hall and Dr. David Stigers** for serving as our anesthesiologists.

We are such a unique program and I hope that all of you who volunteer and support us know that you are part of something special. In addition to the gratitude regularly expressed to us by patients and the providers who refer them to us, people across the country take note of Surgery on Sunday. In the last month alone, our office has received calls from people in Atlanta, Miami and Texas seeking care. Others that have reached out to us include a reporter from Norfolk, Virginia who heard about us from a Virginia clinic and will probably be visiting us for a health care series she is doing, and a woman from Ft. Worth, Texas who will visit us in October and hopes to create a program like ours in her area. Health care professionals from St. Louis and Charlotte have also called about assistance with starting programs in those cities. If imitation is truly the sincerest form of flattery, we are blushing with pride - and you should be too!

Gratefully,

Amanda Ferguson
Executive Director

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Patient Perspective



This month's patient perspective comes from a gentleman who underwent a laparoscopic cholecystectomy by our September Volunteer of the Month, Dr. Bill Cavatassi. He wrote:

"I don't know what I would have done without you. My pain and symptoms just continued to keep getting worse. I didn't know what I was going to do. It was beginning to affect my eating, working, thinking, and my overall life. I am so very grateful to you for your help in my time of need. You didn't have to help me but you did and I will never forget what you've done for me. My only hope is to repay you by paying forward to someone else in need. Again,

thank you very much for helping me."

Volunteer Spotlight

Our SOS Volunteer of the Month for September is **Dr. William "Bill" Cavatassi**. Dr. Cavatassi has been volunteering with Surgery on Sunday since early 2017 and has become a regular on surgery days.

Originally from a small town outside Morgantown, WV, Bill graduated from West Virginia University and the WVU School of Medicine. He then completed a General Surgery Residency at the University of Kentucky where he is currently on faculty as an assistant professor.

Bill is married to Tiffani, a nurse at UK, and is step-father to her two children. He says he is not really into sports and is much more a music person, though he doesn't play any instruments and says "you don't want to hear me sing." Calling him a fan of the American rock band Widespread Panic would be an understatement as he has seen them in concert more than 100 times!



Always kind and even-keeled, Bill has also been called "chill," "laid-back," and "cool" by patients and co-workers alike. Thank you, Dr. Cavatassi, for all your efforts on behalf of Surgery on Sunday and our patients!

National Sight Week - October 14th-20th



Surgery on Sunday is proud to be a partner with the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and their Operation Sight program as a provider of free cataract surgeries. We have 8

cataract patients on October's surgery schedule and look forward to caring for them as well as celebrating volunteerism during National Sight Week, October 14th-20th. For more information, visit [National Sight Week 2018](#).

Kroger Community Rewards Update

The **Kroger Co.** Family of Stores has recently upgraded their Community Rewards system. As a result, Surgery on Sunday has a new account number - **XK903**. New members can enroll by searching for either the new number or "Surgery on Sunday." For more information or to enroll, visit their website at [Kroger Community Rewards](#)

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