
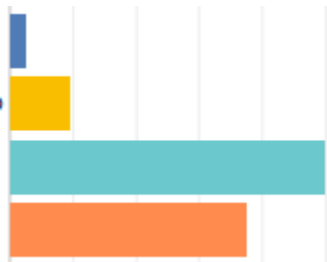



Arnold Chiari Malformation Chiari Awareness month: September	 Captain Jacob Markowitz	 ASR 2019 Meeting Results	 Photos from the 2019 meeting? Send to ASR Facebook page!
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Arnold Chiari Malformation

Submitted by: Amanda Klenoski

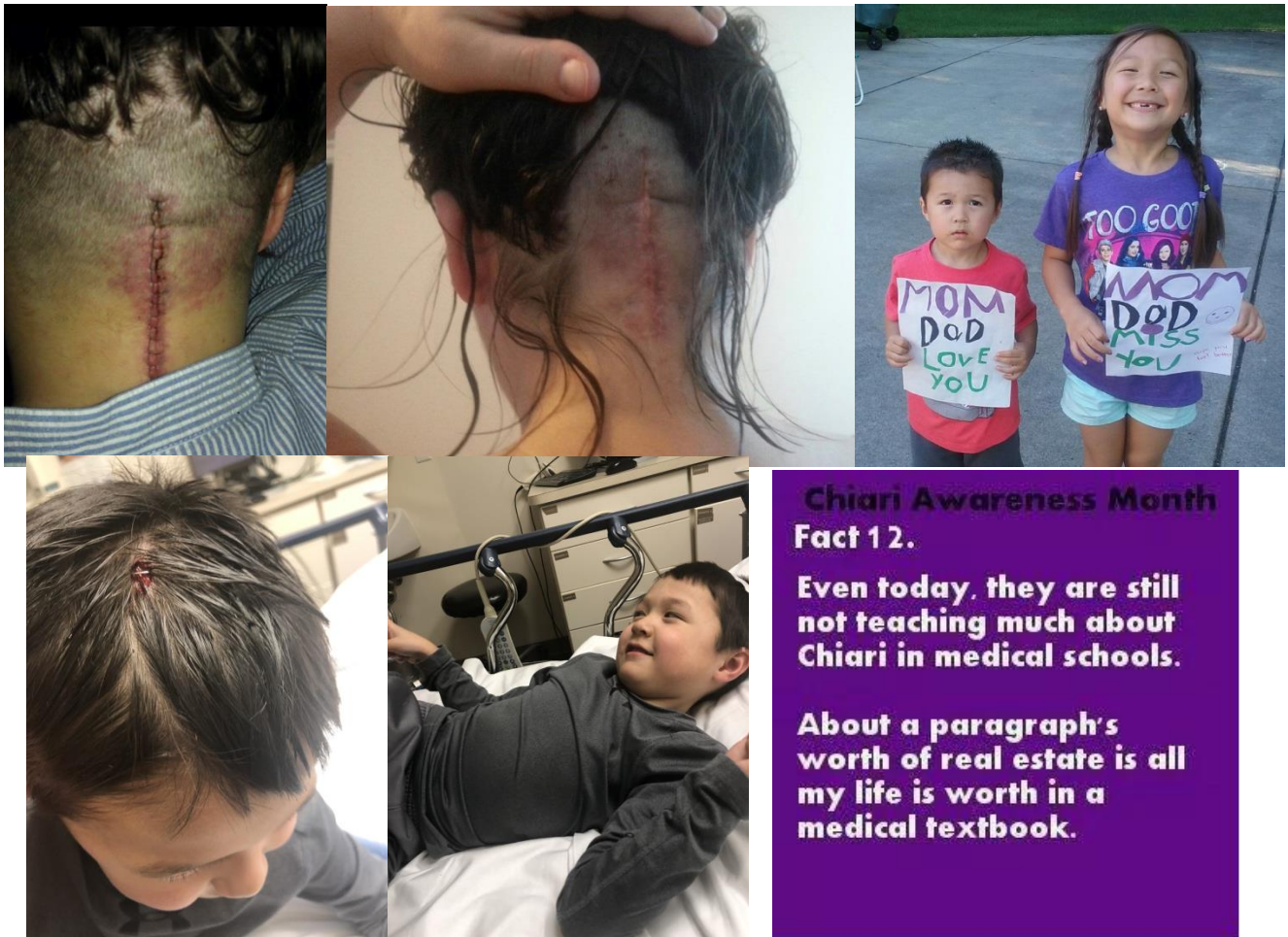
I know that no one will ever feel the way I do or care the way I do. It doesn't mean that I'm better or worse for that. I wish I could look at all of you now and you would value my opinion but maybe not. I also wish I could tell you how much people are relying on the work we are doing, hoping and praying it's gonna save their life. Research has saved my life.....twice, and odds are I won't be so lucky the third or fourth time. I wish I could say I wasn't envious or downright pissed that I drew the short straw in this life. I've been in failed drug trial after trial and watched 10+ years of work to see their drug fail, to watch your hair fall out or cause more fainting or muscle weakness so bad you fall to your knees when you step out of bed.

I wish I could tell you all what it was like when we first started running a lot of neuro studies, including the infamous hounds. These are the kind of studies that change you. I remember laying on those recovery beds with them and laying in their cages the next day. I sometimes wish I could make you see why I feel the way I do. That seeing those animals immediately takes you back and you remember every second of pain you felt for 7 days in the ICU. The nurses pushing me away from my husband when all of a sudden you are crying because you pray to god that's not the end, nurses whispering to you the next day saying I'm so glad you made it I was so worried about you. Or when you are in so much pain you can't physically open your eyes but you can hear your husband arguing with the nurses that I need more pain meds.

I wish you knew that all I can see in those moments is my 6 year old son laying on that cage floor, and I would rather cut off a limb than watch him go through that surgery. My 6 year old who was diagnosed with my disease this year. All while they tell me I likely won't make it to see my kids graduate high school. I have Arnold Chiari Malformation and Vascular Ehlers Danlos Syndrome, both of which are incurable diseases. The average life expectancy is 45-48, with a major catastrophic health event occurring before age 40.

I just wish I could make you feel that. And maybe you do, and maybe it's just a job, and neither is wrong. But I hope you understand the importance of what you do and the impact it has.

Here's a few links and pictures attached that maybe will give some perspective.



<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7073057/Woman-survives-six-brain-surgeries-stroke-studying-doctor.html>

<https://www.ehlers-danlos.com/mattsmith/>

ASR New Look in 2019

The ASR website had a major overhaul in 2019 and is worthy of a browse. Please share the link with those who may not be familiar with ASR or have not looked at the website for quite some time.

<https://surgicalresearch.org/>



Remember to also complete your member profile in the Members Only section by signing in.

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Below is an email that was kindly sent to ASR and we would like to share it with our members.

Dear Sir/Madam

The ASR may be interested to know that a biographical paper of the life of **Jacob Markowitz** has recently been published in the Journal of medical Biography at:

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0967772019855728>

Transfusion on the Burma Railway: The life of Jacob Markowitz
PE Watkins, AW Frankland First Published September 2, 2019 Research Article
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0967772019855728>
Article information
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Abstract

At the surrender of Singapore on 15 February 1942, over 100,000 men became prisoners of the Japanese. This included many medical officers who, over the ensuing years, treated men (and some women) suffering the ravaging effects of disease, worsened by the inhumane conditions of captivity. Many medical officers stand out for their work. One in particular, Jacob Markowitz, developed a blood transfusion service, under the most extreme conditions, for the sick working as slave labour on the Burma Railway. Although he qualified 20 years before the outbreak of war, little has been written of Markowitz's early life, or of the impact of this on his war-time contributions.

Keywords Jacob Markowitz, transfusion, experimental physiology, Burma Railway, anti-Semitism

I hope this might be of interest to members of the ASR, especially in light of you awarding the Jacob Markowitz award

Paul Watkins

Paul Watkins was contacted and has provided full permission to include the above information in our newsletter. He also added this to his approval email:

You might also be interested that I am talking about the life of Jacob Markowitz at an exhibition currently held in Liverpool UK, next month

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/teatime-talk-series-tickets-85637246309>

Kind regards

Paul Watkins

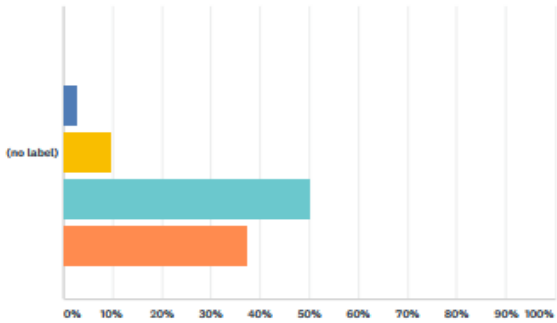
2019 ASR Meeting Survey Results

Thank you to Jim Manke for putting all of the information together from the survey responses.

Below is a sample of the answers that were received. For the full compilation please peruse the file sent along with this newsletter or contact Norleen Caddy for a copy.

Q1 Overall, please tell us how productive the meeting was using a 1 to 5 scale where 1 means not at all productive and 5 means extremely productive.

Answered: 72 Skipped: 0



Not at all productive Not that productive Somewhat productive
Very productive Extremely productive

	NOT AT ALL PRODUCTIVE	NOT THAT PRODUCTIVE	SOMEWHAT PRODUCTIVE	VERY PRODUCTIVE	EXTREMELY PRODUCTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
(no label)	0.00%	2.78%	9.72%	50.00%	37.50%	72	4.22
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ASR Current President Heather Bogie



This is a brief photo introduction of Heather Bogie for those of you who may not have met her. This also provides a casual way to familiarize you with her.

What would you like to share?

The ASR newsletter needs you!

Send us a tech tip or article to share your knowledge with other members.

Tell us about yourself and/or where you work, what you do, an amazing story from work.

CEU's are Awarded

2 CE credits are awarded for a tech tip

CE credits have increased from 2 to 4 for articles

4 CE credits are awarded for the submission of an article that is accepted by the Certifications Committee and published in Surgical Savvy.

Submission of articles is accepted anytime.

Please submit electronically to Norleen Caddy

norleen.caddy@drdc-rddc.gc.ca

Attach any pictures in jpg format and documents in Microsoft Word format.

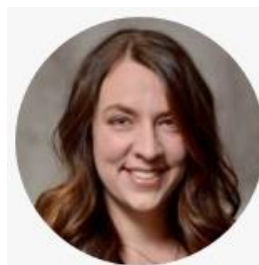
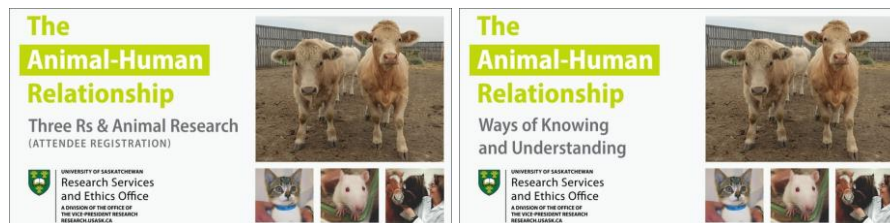
ASR 2020 Meeting
September 16-18
La Jolla, California



Member Highlight (Yes, this is new!)

Melanie Graham was a guest speaker at a symposium in my home location of Saskatoon Saskatchewan. It was very much a big surprise when I saw her there. Melanie gave more than one great presentation – no surprise there!

Please feel free to share with ASR if you are attending and or presenting at other venues. There may be interest for members and colleagues as budgets allow for local attendance more easily. This may also be another way to earn CE.



35th Annual ASR Meeting

September 25-27, 2019 – Clearwater Beach, FL

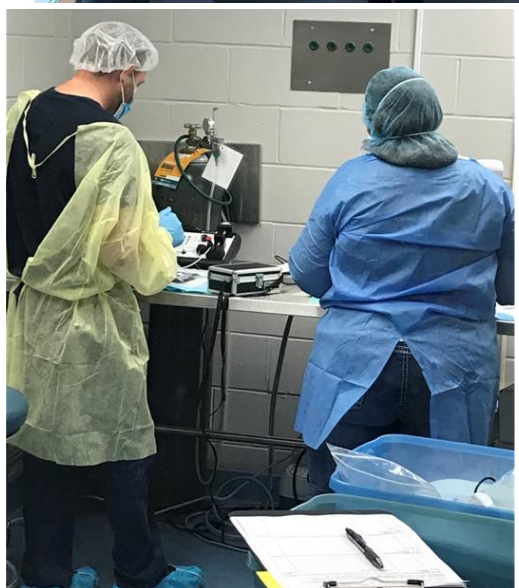


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