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John-Paul F. Ying, MD, has been named director of the Division of Burns and Plastics at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He is a 2013 graduate from the University of California, San Francisco, and was previously a plastic surgery fellow in the Division of Plastic Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital.

Dr. Ying’s appointment was announced by Susan L. Arnold, MD, FACS, chair of the Department of Surgery at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He replaces John O. Ackroyd, MD, FACS, chair of the Division of Plastic Surgery, who retired in August 2013.

Dr. Ying will continue to provide clinical care to patients with burns and other traumatic injuries and will be responsible for the training of residents and fellows in plastic surgery.

“My colleagues and I look forward to working with Dr. Ying, who brings a wealth of experience and a dedication to patient care,” Dr. Arnold said. “He is a valuable addition to the Department of Surgery.”

Dr. Ying is a native of the United States and has previously held appointments at the University of California, San Francisco, and Stanford University, where he completed his residency and fellowship in plastic surgery.

In other news from the Massachusetts General Hospital:

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Devin Cheek, 14, rang the bell marking his final treatment one-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon Foundation and MGH Home Base Program.

Some 230 runners, including 80 staff members, participated in the 2014 Boston Marathon. Their participation will raise funds for the MGH Division of Burn Surgery.

William (Jay) G. Austen, Jr., MD, is appointed chief of the Department of Pathology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He will join the hospital in January 2015.

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More than 2,000 MGHers receive a Partners in Excellence (PIE) Award honoring their outstanding efforts in support of Partners HealthCare and its affiliates.

Eight teams of highly skilled MGH employees compete in the 2014 Boston Marathon. Nine of the 15 teams raise funds for the Massachusetts General Hospital’s Run to Home Base Program to help post-9/11 veterans.

Nearly 1,000 people attend the Annual Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting to examine how the MGH is working to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

Nearly 700 physicians and guests celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. The event features speakers, panel discussions and more than 350 abstracts and poster presentations.

The MGH/MGPO presents an updated strategic plan to help guide the hospital’s future actions and decisions. More than 100 faculty and staff from across multiple disciplines banded together to develop the plan, which will serve as a roadmap to guide the hospital’s future actions and decisions.

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More than 1,500 people attend the 2014 Partners Healthcare System Annual Meeting, which features speakers, panel discussions and more than 350 abstracts and poster presentations.

The MGH becomes the first hospital in New England to successfully perform a “lung-in-a-box” transplant. In this procedure, donor lungs are transported inside a box to the patient’s hospital.

The MGH’s John D. Stoeckle Center for Primary Care Innovation is named a champion of nursing.

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Michael S. Gee, MD, PhD, is named chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Massachusetts General Hospital. He replaces Michael S. Saag, MD, who retired in June 2013.

More than 14,000 people attend the Down Syndrome Awareness Day held in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Nearly 500 people raise $1.8 million for the 2015 HUBweek festival in Boston. The event features speakers, panel discussions and more than 350 abstracts and poster presentations.

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