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IN THE NEWS

In 1998, [Angela Gibson, MD, PhD](#), was a 22-year-old burn nurse at the UW Health Burn Center when a horrific bus fire left a young couple severely injured. Dr. Gibson was deeply affected by her experience with her patients and inspired by the work the burn surgeons performed to save the couple. That tragic incident prompted Dr. Gibson to go back to medical school to train to become a trauma and burn surgeon and surgical scientist. Today Dr. Gibson is an assistant professor in our Division of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery. She conducts research in burn healing and new surgical treatments for burns. [“1998 bus fire lead burn nurse to career as burn surgeon”](#) aired on WISC-TV News 3 on November 23, 2016.

UW transplant surgeon [Dixon Kaufman, MD, PhD](#), worked with biomedical engineering students and the Fab Lab at Morgridge Institute for Research to develop a new “organ cooler” that could replace ice in pre-surgery organ preservation. Articles about this project appeared in several local and national news outlets, including [“UW scientists bring organ cooling practices out of the ice age,”](#) which appeared in *The Badger Herald* on November 29, 2016.

A team of doctors at Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital in Pune, India, performed the area’s first ever pancreas transplant. The Doctor who led the surgical team was Dr. Vrishali Patil, who completed her transplant fellowship with the UW Division on Transplantation in 2012-2013. Dr. Patil was an excellent trainee and her choice to move back to India to pursue a career as a transplant surgeon was bittersweet for the people in the department she worked with. But it is wonderful news to find out she is thriving and utilizing the knowledge she gained at the UW to help patients on the other side of the world. [“City docs perform first ever pancreas transplant surgery”](#) appeared in the Sakal Times on November 14, 2016.