

Chapter news

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Indiana Chapter announces new programs

Earlier this year, the Indiana Chapter established an educational fund. Now, chapter members are being asked to contribute. In correspondence to the members, James Madura, MD, FACS, ACS Governor, wrote, "If we are to continue in the future as a vehicle for collaborative education and legislative efforts in Indiana, we will all need to pitch in and help." For more information on donations to the Indiana Chapter, contact Carolyn Downing, Executive Director, at 800/257-4762, or via e-mail at cdowning@ismanet.org.

The Indiana Chapter also announced a new section of its Web site for members to post information on surgical positions available within the state. Chapter members who would like to post job openings on the site should contact the chapter's Web master, Wayne Moore, MD, FACS, at infacs@attbi.com.

To post information about a position, the following information should be included: the city, the name of the practice, a brief description of the position, the name of the contact person, and contact information, such as phone number, fax number, or e-mail address.

Lebanon Chapter shows support for residents

Recently, the Lebanon Chapter distributed its new publication, *Guide for Surgical Residents*, to all surgical residents. The text was written by Michel Daher, MD, FACS, chapter President-Elect, and was supported financially by an award of \$1,000 from Chahine Abousleiman, MD, FACS, a Past-President of the Lebanon Chapter.

For more information about this new publication, please contact Dr. Daher at mndaher@inco.com.lb.

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
May	Colorado	46
	Maryland	46
June	Alberta, Canada	13
	Arkansas	28
	Connecticut	36
	Metropolitan Washington (DC)	29
	Ecuador	36
	Germany	13
	Greece	17
	Idaho	53
	Ireland	20
	Israel	6
	Maine	52
	Mexico—Northeast	28
	Mexico—Nor-Occidental	32
	Minnesota	32
	New Mexico	18
	New York	37
Western New York	48	
North Dakota	47	
Oregon	38	
Philippines	32	
Spain	20	
Wisconsin	32	

Metropolitan Washington meets, issues awards

The Metropolitan Washington (DC) Chapter conducted its 2003 annual meeting March 8. In addition to presenting a half-day education program and an early-morning session spotlighting "spectacular cases," the chapter also issued various awards.

This year, the Zehner Traveling Fellowship Award was given to Rebecca S. Evangelista,

MD.* This award, which is named for Harry B. Zehner, Jr., a founding member of the chapter, is presented annually to an outstanding local resident who has been nominated by his or her training director. The award of \$3,000 may be used to visit another residency program to exchange ideas and to observe surgical techniques in the resident's field or to attend a postgraduate training program.

Other surgical residents also were recognized for their participation in the Residents' Competitive Forum during the chapter's annual business meeting. Residents presenting winning papers included:

Clinical Award: First place: Steven Finkelstein, MD,* National Cancer Institute; Second place: Martin Makary, MD,* Georgetown University Hospital.

Basic Science Award: First place: Steven Finkelstein, MD,* National Cancer Institute; Sec-

* Denotes membership in the Candidate Group.

ond place: Michael Woll, MD,* Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Finally, the 2003-2004 officers of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter were elected. They are as follows: Mary Maniscalco-Theberge, MD, FACS, President; Douglas Schwartzentruer, MD, FACS, Vice-President; and Debra Ford, MD, FACS, Secretary-Treasurer.

CAS-ACS calls on chapters

The Council of Representatives, the governing body of the ACS Candidate and Associate Society, has requested that each chapter appoint at least three surgical residents to serve as representatives on the council. Resident representatives should include one general surgeon and two surgeons in other specialties. Chapters should appoint their representatives as soon as possible, and send their names to Peg Haar at phaar@facs.org, or via fax at 312/202-5023.

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known to have a moderately prolonged course, nutritional support should be considered essential care. Thus, individuals with severe peritonitis or pancreatitis, major injury (injury severity score > 15), or extensive burns (> 20% total body surface area) are candidates for nutritional support because of the known duration of their illness. (The duration of illness in chronically malnourished patients also would be expected to exceed 10 days.)

- The patient is malnourished (loss of > 10% of usual body weight over three months). In general, the degree of weight loss can be used as an index of nutritional deficiency. Recovery may be compromised in patients who do not have adequate body nutrient stores because of an existing nutritional deficit. The patient should receive nutritional support when the weight loss approaches or exceeds 15 percent of usual body weight: $\text{percent weight loss} = (\text{usual weight} - \text{present weight}) \times 100 / \text{usual weight}$.

Patients who do not meet one of these three gen-

eral indications should be reassessed after seven days to identify those individuals who develop complications after admission to the hospital and require nutritional support. Serum proteins with a short half-life, such as prealbumin, transferrin, or retinol-binding protein, are useful markers to assess the response to therapy. Subscribers may view the full text of "Nutritional support" at www.acssurgery.com.

Looking ahead

New and revised chapters scheduled to appear as online updates to *ACS Surgery: Principles and Practice* in the coming months include the following:

- "Cardiopulmonary monitoring," by James W. Holcroft, MD, FACS, and John T. Anderson, MD, FACS.
- "Carotid arterial procedures," by Wesley S. Moore, MD, FACS.
- "Venous thromboembolism," by John T. Owings, MD, FACS. 