

# Chapter news

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## West Virginia secures trauma research grant

The West Virginia Chapter, in conjunction with the state's Committee on Trauma (WV COT), has received a \$250,000 grant from the Benedum Foundation to develop a statewide trauma data collection project. In cooperation with the state's emergency medical services office and additional financial support through West Virginia state sources, a four-phase data collection system is moving toward completion. The project will integrate trauma data from regional trauma centers, smaller rural hospitals, regional medical command centers, and prehospital care providers through electronic patient care records. The collected data will be integrated into regional and statewide performance improvement measures to refine the developing rural trauma system in West Virginia.

(Note: This summary was prepared by David Kappel, MD, FACS, Chair of the WV COT.)

## Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years
May	Colorado	47
	Maryland	47
June	Alberta, Canada	14
	Arkansas	29
	Connecticut	37
	Metropolitan Washington (DC)	30
	Ecuador	37
	Germany	14
	Greece	18
	Idaho	54
	Ireland	21
	Israel	7
Maine	53	
Mexico—Northeast	29	
Mexico—Nor-Occidental	33	
Minnesota	33	



Officers of the Indiana Chapter, left to right (all MD, FACS): Michael C. Dalsing, Governor; Ralph Stewart, President-Elect; Inder K. Seekri, Immediate Past Secretary-Treasurer; Robert E. Pennington, Jr., Governor; and David F. Canal, Immediate Past-President. (Not pictured: David Carlson, President, and Brad Barrett, Secretary-Treasurer.)

Month	Chapter	Years
June (contd.)	New Mexico	19
	New York	38
	Western New York	49
	North Dakota	48
	Oregon	39
	Philippines	33
	Spain	21
	Wisconsin	33

## Indiana conducts annual meeting

The Indiana Chapter conducted its 2004 annual meeting April 22-24. James Fleshman, MD, FACS, presented the Indiana Oration; the title of his talk was Laparoscopic Colectomy for Colorectal Cancer. An extensive paper competition for residents was held; awards presented and their respective recipients were as follows:

- Carol H. McCaskey Award: Avinash

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Agarwal, MD, for Non-Alpha Gal Reactive Xenoantibodies to Porcine Microvascular Endothelium in Human and New World Primate—*Saimiri Sciureus*.

- Willis D. Gatch Award: Carol Palochko, MD,\* for CXCR4 Is Expressed on Breast Cancer Stem Cells and Plays a Role in Clonal Selection and Initiation of Metastasis.

\*Denotes membership in the Candidate Group.

- Morton Bolman Award: John Sandoval, MD,\* for Risky Business: A Post-Injury Survey of Parents' Views on All-Terrain Vehicle Crashes in Children.

- Leonard Ensminger Award: Ben M. Tsai,\* for Endothelial Monocyte-Activating Polypeptide II Causes Pulmonary Artery Vasodilatation via a Nitric Oxide Synthase Dependent Mechanism.

In addition, new officers were elected during the annual business meeting (see photo, page 55).

## Next month in *JACS*

The July issue of the *Journal of the American College of Surgeons* will feature:

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### Collective Review

- Perioperative Risk Assessment in Elderly Patients

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### Original Scientific Articles

- Prognostic Significance of FDG-PET
- Use and Outcomes of Hepatic Resection
- Feeding Tube Placement in the Critically Ill

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### What's New in Surgery

- Neurological Surgery
- Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery

