

Chapter news

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New York Chapter honors Dr. Patricia Numann

In April, the New York Chapter presented its first Distinguished Service Award to Patricia Numann, MD, FACS. Dr. Numann was recognized for her many contributions to surgical education, mentoring, and surgical leadership (see photo, right). In addition to its scientific education program, which was presented at the Sagamore Resort on Lake George, NY, the annual business meeting was convened and new officers were elected (see photo, below).

Florida Chapter recognizes Dr. Phillip Andrews

At its annual meeting in late May, the Florida Chapter conducted an extensive education program, and during the two-day event, the Chapter presented its distinguished Raymond H. Alex-



Dr. Numann receives the New York Chapter's Distinguished Service Award from Saqib Chaudhry, MD, FACS, President.



New York Chapter: Standing left to right (all MD, FACS) are Saqib Chaudhry, President; Richard MacDowell, former officer and Governor; Christopher Max, Governor; David Wormuth, Treasurer; Peter D'Silva, Vice-President; John Nicholson, Governor; and Soumitra Eachempati, Secretary.

ander, MD, Award to Phillip E. Andrews, MD, FACS. The Florida Chapter presents this award to recognize outstanding dedication and service to the medical profession in the field of surgery, as exemplified by the devoted and unselfish life of Dr. Ray Alexander. Among Dr. Andrews' numerous medical association affiliations, many that he has

served on their respective boards of directors, he served as President of the Florida Chapter from 1996 to 1998, and as president of the Lee County Medical Society in 1994; he has also held the office of Secretary/Treasurer in both of these organizations. In addition, he is active on the boards of many local and civic organizations.

Chapter meetings

For a complete listing of the ACS chapter education programs and meetings, please visit the ACS Web site at <http://www.facs.org/about/chapters/index.html>.

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Date/Time	Event	Location/contact information
October 2007		
October 19–20	Wisconsin	Location: The American Club, Kohler, WI Contact: Terry Estness, 414/453-9957; wisurgical@execpc.com
October 31	Maryland (CS)	Location: Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel, Towson, MD Contact: Kim Andrews, 443/849-2393; kandrews@gbmc.org ACS representative: Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS
November 2007		
November 3	Delaware (CS)	Location: Delaware Art Museum, Wilmington, DE Contact: Dianna Garvey, 302/658-7596; dmg@medsocdel.org ACS representative: Edward M. Copeland III, MD, FACS
November 3–4	Arizona (CS)	Location: Resort Suites Scottsdale, Scottsdale, AZ Contact: Joni Bowers, 602/246-8901; jonib@azmedassn.org ACS representative: Paul Friedmann, MD, FACS
November 10	New Hampshire	Location: Mount Washington Resort Hotel, Bretton Woods, NH Contact: Donald Eberly, MD, FACS, 603/526-5260; dae@nlsurgeons.org ACS representative: Monica Morrow, MD, FACS
December 2007		
December 1	New Jersey (CS)	Location: Parsippany Hilton, Parsippany, NY Contact: Art Ellenberger, 973/239-2826; njacschapter@yahoo.com ACS representative: Gerald B. Healy, MD, FACS
December 2–5	Philippines	Location: EDSA Shagri-La Hotel, Mandaluyong City, Philippines Contact: Bienvenido S. Gaddi, MD, FACS, bsgaddi@yahoo.com
January 2008		
January 17–18	Southern California (CS)	Location: Santa Barbara Biltmore Hotel, Santa Barbara, CA Contact: C. James Dowden, 323/937-5514; cjdowden@pachell.net
January 18–20	Louisiana (CS)	Location: The Ritz Carlton–New Orleans, New Orleans, LA Contact: Janna Pecquet, 504/733-3275; pecquet@LAACS.org

Chapter anniversaries

Month	Chapter	Years	Month	Chapter	Years
July	Southwest Missouri	55	August (continued)	Hawaii	56
	New Jersey	56		Illinois	57
	Keystone (PA)	55		Brooklyn–Long Island, NY	57
	West Virginia	57		Northwest Pennsylvania	57
August	Georgia	57		Rhode Island	55

New CME training in palliative care offered by NCI

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) estimates that there are more than 10.5 million cancer survivors living in the U.S. and more than 500,000 of these individuals will die from cancer each year. To address the education needs of cancer health care providers, the NCI is releasing a new palliative and end-of-life care self-study curriculum.

The Education in Palliative and End-of-Life Care for Oncology (EPEC™-O) CD-ROM and DVD is a comprehensive multimedia program developed for health professionals, including physicians, physician assistants, nurses and nurse practitioners, therapists, and social workers. The curriculum, featuring slides and case study videos, provides the following:

- Knowledge and skills necessary to provide state-of-the-art palliative interventions for cancer patients
- Educational tools and materials to use in teaching pallia-

tive care core competencies

- An opportunity for physicians and nurses to earn continuing education (CE) credits through the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association

CME for physicians and CE for nurses

The American Society of Clinical Oncology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education (CME) for physicians. The American Society of Clinical Oncology designates this educational activity for a maximum of 32.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

The Hospice and Palliative Nurses Association is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (provider num-

ber CEP7976) as a provider for continuing education for nurses. This educational activity is approved for a maximum of 31 nursing contact hours.

To order your free copy of the EPEC-O CD-ROM and DVD, please call NCI's Cancer Information Service toll-free at 800/4-CANCER (800/422-6237) or visit www.cancer.gov/publications.

To access EPEC-O promotional materials, please visit www.ncipet.org/PromoToolsEPECO.cfm.

The EPEC-O curriculum was developed by the EPEC Project at Northwestern University with major funding from NCI and supplemental funding from the Lance Armstrong Foundation. The American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Oncology Nursing Society are among the professional organizations partnering with NCI to disseminate the EPEC-O curriculum.