

Accreditation of Surgery Centers to Optimize Patient Care

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Development of Surgical Specialties

New knowledge

New technology

**Evolution from technique base to disease
focus**

Multidisciplinary collaborations

Public demand fed by internet



new paradigms for healthcare

“More than 70% of surgeons completing general surgical residency opt for subspecialty training immediately after residency, and an even greater majority self differentiate by the time of first recertification...The generalist is in part damned because he or she is judged against the outcome results of the specialist.”

Brennan + Debas, Ann Surg '04

Surgical Subspecialization: Who cares?

The constituency

Patients

Regulators

Payors

Lawyers

Liability insurers

Academic centers

Trainees

Surgeons

The goal

expertise, access

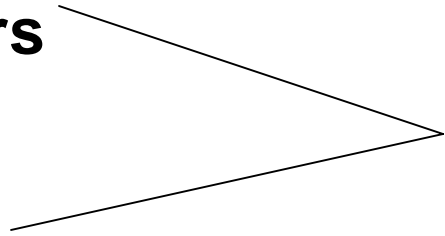
volume/outcomes

lower risk

innovation, marketing

teachers

career, lifestyle



The General Surgeon in a Healthcare System

- **A broadly competent first responder, meeting the needs of the patient and the system, big and small, elective and urgent, with temporal and economic efficiency**
- **When appropriate for the best outcome, may triage care to a subspecialist**
- **Community, rural, academic subtypes**