



Surgical lifestyles:

Retirees reflect

Retirement is more than work coming to a close. A person's livelihood might be more than a job, as a career can shape his or her identity and relationships. In the following articles, two surgeons consider their own retirement and how it has had an impact on the whole of their careers: James C. Neely, MD, FACS, provides a narrative of a most unexpected experience on what was supposed to be the first day of his retirement, and C. Barber Mueller, MD, FACS, discusses his knowledge and experience at the retirement stage of his career in the form of an open letter to medical students.