
ACS Foundation to sponsor breakfast panel at Clinical Congress

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For the past several years the American College of Surgeons Foundation has sponsored a breakfast meeting at the annual Clinical Congress to bring together for open discussion members of the medical and device industry and various segments of the College involving program directors, ACS Officers and Regents, members of the Committee on Emerging Surgical Technology and Education, the Foundation Board, and members of the Board of Regents' Committee on Ethics.

The 2009 Medical Industry Breakfast will take place Tuesday, October 13, from 7:00 to 9:00 am, in the McCormick Convention Center, Chicago, IL.

A panel of experts will consider Medical Industry Support for Continuing Medical Education. Scheduled panelists are Maureen Doyle-Scharff, director, Medical

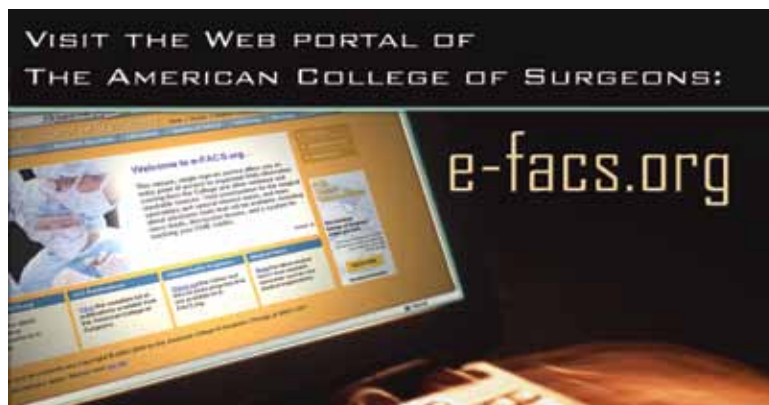
Education Group, Pfizer Inc; Andy Cron, vice-president, Cook Medical; Julie A. Freischlag, MD, FACS, ACS Regent and William Stewart Halsted Professor and surgeon-in-chief, The Johns Hopkins Hospital; and Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS, medical director, Presbyterian Cancer Center, and Vice-Chair of the ACS Foundation.

Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCSC, Director of the College's Division of Education, will serve as moderator for the panel discussion. Dr. Sachdeva will also provide follow-up to last year's panel, which addressed the role of industry representatives in the operating room. The 2008 panelists provided unique perspectives involving the interaction with the health care industry representative (HCIR) and the other medical personnel in the operating room. Issues

addressed included obstacles associated with credentialing of the HCIR and the variability presenting from one OR setting to another with the credentialing process. Currently there is action regarding credentialing and verification being undertaken—including discussion by the ACS Committee on Perioperative Care at its spring meeting held last month in Chicago, IL.

Further information about the 2009 Medical Industry Breakfast may be obtained by contacting David Korajczyk, Director of Corporate and Foundation Relations, ACS Foundation, at tel. 312/202-5506 or via e-mail at dkorajczyk@facs.org.

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