

# David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, becomes ACS Executive Director

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, former chairman, department of surgery; executive vice-dean, school of medicine; and John E. Connolly Professor of Surgery, University of California, Irvine (UCI), Medical Center, has become the new Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons. The appointment of Dr. Hoyt, who is a former Medical Director of the College's Trauma Programs, was approved and announced by the ACS Board of Regents at their October 15, 2009, meeting.

Dr. Hoyt succeeds Thomas R. Russell, MD, FACS, who has completed his second term and a full decade of service as Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons.

An ACS Fellow since 1987, Dr. Hoyt has been an active leader in a number of College activities. He has been involved with the work of the ACS Committee on Trauma (COT) since 1980, and was Chair of the COT 1998–2002. He is a member of the national faculty for the College's Advanced Trauma Life Support® (ATLS®) course, and is a coordinator, instructor, and director of training for ATLS.

Dr. Hoyt was awarded the College's highest honor, its Distinguished Service Award, in 2007. He was a member of the ACS Board of Governors' Committee on Blood-Borne Infection and Environmental Risk, the Program Committee, and the Regents' Committee



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on Informatics. He was also actively involved with the San Diego/Imperial County Credentials Committee for 12 years.

Prior to his position at UCI, Dr. Hoyt was The Monroe E. Trout Professor of Surgery and vice-chairman of the department of surgery at the University of California (UC), San Diego, CA; he was also on the staff at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in San Diego and at Thornton Hospital in La Jolla, CA.

Dr. Hoyt obtained his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, in 1976. He was intern (1976–1977), resident

(1977–1979), research fellow (1979–1980), and senior and chief resident (1982–1984) at the UC San Diego School of Medicine. He served as director of the division of trauma, burns, and critical care at the UC San Diego Medical Center from 1989 to 2006. Dr. Hoyt also served as assistant professor of surgery (1984–1989), associate professor of surgery (1989–1995), and professor of surgery (1995–2006) at UC San Diego School of Medicine.

A nationally recognized trauma surgeon, Dr. Hoyt has been president of the Pan American Trauma Society, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Shock Society, and the San Diego Society of General Surgeons. He has served as chairman of the Trauma Advisory Committee for the state of California's Emergency Services Authority. Dr. Hoyt has received numerous recognition awards throughout his distinguished career, including the Trauma Service Award from the Society of Trauma Nurses and the Robert Danis Lifetime Research Award from the International Society of Surgery.

Dr. Hoyt's research interests and past research experience have involved basic and clinical work in a variety of important areas related to trauma patients and trauma care systems, including cytokine regulation, the isolation of

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trauma active peptides, trauma registries, violence prevention, crash investigation, and long-term outcomes research. He has been awarded several research grants from the National Institutes of Health as

the principal or co-investigator for trauma-related research throughout his career, and has been the author or co-author of more than 480 publications. In addition, Dr. Hoyt holds membership on the editorial

boards of the *World Journal of Emergency Surgery*, *Surgery*, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons*, *Journal of Trauma*, *Shock*, and *Open Access Emergency Medicine*.

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