
Members in the news

The University of Missouri Health Care (Columbia, MO) has unveiled permanent signage on the hospital's building with the wording "Frank L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, Trauma Center." The signage was displayed at a ceremony honoring **Frank L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, FACS**, on November 7, 2009.

With more than 50 years at the facility, Dr. Mitchell has been instrumental in building the hospital's trauma program. The Frank L. Mitchell, Jr., MD, Trauma Center is one of only two Level I trauma centers in Missouri that is nationally verified by the College's Committee on Trauma.

Robert A. Milch, MD, FACS, of The Center for Hospice and Palliative Care

(Buffalo, NY), is among four American physicians whose distinctive work in palliative care has earned them the inaugural Hastings Center Cunniff-Dixon Physician Awards. Dr. Milch, who has been involved with hospice and palliative care for more than 30 years, received the established physician award of \$50,000. Dr. Milch was recognized for his commitment to clinical care for patients with advanced illness and for his regional and national leadership in palliative care and surgery. The awards were given by the Cunniff-Dixon Foundation, whose mission is to enrich the doctor-patient relationship at the end of life, in partnership with The Hastings Center, a bioethics research institute

known for its pioneering work on end-of-life decision making. The nomination and selection process was administered by the Duke Institute on Care at the End of Life.

Lewis Wetstein, MD, FACS, President of the College's New Jersey Chapter, was awarded the Legion of Merit from the New Jersey Air National Guard upon his retirement as the New Jersey State Air Surgeon. After 33 years in the active Air Force Reserve, Dr. Wetstein retired at the rank of colonel on July 11, 2009. At the time of his retirement, Dr. Wetstein was the chief flight surgeon and State Air Surgeon for the New Jersey Air National Guard.
