

Members in the news

Craig S. Derkay, MD, FACS, a professor of otolaryngology and director of pediatric otolaryngology at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Norfolk, VA, received the Sylvan E. Stool Award for lifetime achievement in teaching and service from the Society for Ear, Nose and Throat Advances in Children. The award was presented to Dr. Derkay at the society's 39th annual meeting in Kansas City, MO.

Gerard M. Doherty, MD, FACS, has been appointed chief of surgery at Boston Medical Center and chair of the department of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine effective January 1. Dr. Doherty's research interests include a series of projects aiming to regenerate parathyroid cells for replacement of lost tissue in people who are permanently hypoparathyroid.

In addition to serving for the past decade as chief of general surgery at the University of Michigan Health System, he is the President of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Michel Gagner, MD, FRCSC, FACS, FASMBS, FICS, AFC(Hon), a clinical professor

of surgery, was awarded a medal from the National Assembly of France by the faculty of medicine of Montpellier, France, last summer. Dr. Gagner was presented with the honor in recognition of his efforts in the development of laparoscopic surgery and bariatric surgery.

Additionally, Dr. Gagner received the Excel Award during the annual meeting of the Society for Laparoendoscopic Surgery last fall for his pioneering work in laparoscopic surgery. Established in 1991, the Excel Award has been presented to 25 surgeons who have made outstanding contributions to laparoscopy, endoscopy, and minimally invasive surgery.

Wei-Ping Andrew Lee, MD, FACS, Baltimore, MD, professor and director of the department of plastic and reconstructive surgery at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, was elected president of the American Society for Surgery of the Hand in the fall of 2011.

Manucher Nazarian, MD, FACS, a cardiovascular surgeon from Fort Worth, TX, received the American Heart Association's

Leader with Heart Award early last year. This award recognizes physicians who have had an inspirational and influential impact on the community. During his career, Dr. Nazarian established cardiology programs at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital and at other medical facilities in Fort Worth.

Walter F. Pizzi, MD, FACS, was awarded a certificate of merit from the New York City Police Department last spring in recognition of 40 years of service as a police surgeon. Dr. Pizzi, chair emeritus of the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council NYC, Inc. was presented with the award by Raymond W. Kelly, police commissioner of the New York City Police Department.

Dr. Pizzi, of Richmond Hill, Queens, New York, NY, was a member of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (COT) from 1978 to 1988. From 1974 to 1979, Dr. Pizzi was Chair of the New York-Brooklyn State COT, and from 1989 to 1995 he was Chief, Region II, Committees on Trauma.

Luis H. Serentill, MD, FACS, clinical assistant professor of sur-

gery, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine (HWCOM), Florida International University, Miami, was presented with the medal La Orden de Carlos J. Finlay for his outstanding work and dedication to the success of the XXI International Cuban Medical Association Congress (see photo, this page). The medal—named after the Cuban physician and scientist recognized as having identified the *Aedes Aegypti* mosquito as the carrier and transmitter of yellow fever—is a revered distinction among physicians and scientists around the world. Dr. Serentill is a Fellow of the ACS and the Royal Academy of Medicine in the United Kingdom.



Dr. Serentill (second from left) with Jamie Rodriguez, MD, chair and associate professor, department of surgery, HWCOM; John A. Rock, MD, FACS, founding dean and senior vice-president for medical affairs, HWCOM; and J. Patrick O' Leary, MD, FACS, executive associate dean for clinical affairs, HWCOM.
