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Surgical Health Care –
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EVENT PROGRAM

5:45 – 6:30 p.m. – Registration and Networking

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Forum

Welcome and Introduction

Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, FRCSI (Hon.)

*Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair, Department of Surgery, University of Washington
Past Chair, American College of Surgeons Board of Regents*

Presentations *(in order of appearance)*

Congressman Jim McDermott

WA-7th District

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS

Executive Director, American College of Surgeons

Bradley D. Tilden

CEO-Elect, Alaska Air Group

Keith W. Leverkusuhn

*Vice President of Engineering, General Manager, Propulsion Systems,
Boeing Commercial Airplanes*

David R. Flum, MD, MPH, FACS

*Associate Chair for Research and Surgery, and Professor, Surgery, Health Services, and
Pharmacy, University of Washington*

Thomas K. Varghese Jr., MD, MS, FACS

Director, Harborview Thoracic Surgery Program, University of Washington

Panelist Statements on Quality Improvement *(in order of appearance)*

Ellen T. Farrokhi, MD, FACS

*Medical Director, Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP); Vascular
Surgeon, Providence Regional Medical Center Everett*

Richard C. Thirlby, MD, FACS

General Surgeon, Virginia Mason Medical Center

Scott R. Steele, MD, FACS, FASCRS

*Colon and Rectal Surgeon, Madigan Healthcare System; Assistant Professor of Surgery,
Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and University of Washington*

Morris G. Johnson, MD, FACS

General Surgeon, Skagit Regional Clinics; President, ACS Washington State Chapter

Richard P. Billingham, MD, FACS

Colon and Rectal Surgeon, Swedish Medical Center

Q&A Panel Discussion

Closing Remarks

PARTICIPANTS

HOST/MODERATOR

Carlos A. Pellegrini, MD, FACS, FRCSI (Hon.): University of Washington

Dr. Pellegrini is a Professor of Surgery and the Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Washington (UW). He is a world-renowned surgeon in the area of esophageal diseases and a pioneer in the development of video endoscopy for the surgical treatment of gastroesophageal reflux disease and esophageal motility disorders, particularly achalasia. At UW he founded the Center for Videoendoscopic Surgery and the Center for Gastric and Esophageal Surgery. He also developed the UW Institute for Simulation and Interprofessional Studies (ISIS), and is currently the Chair of its board. Dr. Pellegrini is the current President of the World Organization for Specialized Studies on Diseases of the Esophagus (OESO), the immediate past Chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons, and a past President of the American Surgical Association.

PRESENTERS

Congressman Jim McDermott: WA-7th District

Congressman Jim McDermott is now serving his 12th term representing the 7th Congressional District of Washington State, which includes Seattle and parts of several neighboring communities. Prior to becoming an elected official, McDermott graduated from the Abraham Lincoln School of Medicine at the University of Illinois. He then served in the Navy, treating soldiers and sailors back from Vietnam. After returning to Seattle, McDermott established a varied psychiatry practice and was an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Washington. In 1970, he was elected to the Washington State Legislature and became an influential member for a decade in both the House and Senate. Before being elected to the U.S. Congress in 1988, McDermott served as a U.S. Foreign Service Medical Officer in Zaire. He is a senior member of the House Ways and Means Committee. His legislative priorities include aiding society's most vulnerable populations, achieving universal health care in the U.S., and addressing global health needs.

David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS: American College of Surgeons

Dr. Hoyt is the Executive Director of the American College of Surgeons (ACS). In this role, Dr. Hoyt oversees nationally and internationally recognized educational and quality programs, including education and training for surgeons and surgery residents, and quality improvement programs including the Committee on Trauma, Commission on Cancer, National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP®), National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers, and Bariatric Surgery Center Network. Dr. Hoyt is the former Medical Director of ACS' Trauma Programs and served as Executive Vice-Dean of the University of California, Irvine's School of Medicine; Chairman of the Department of Surgery; and the John E. Connolly Professor of Surgery at the University of California, Irvine. An international lecturer, Dr. Hoyt is the author of over 480 book chapters, journal articles and abstracts.

Bradley D. Tilden: Alaska Air Group

As Alaska Air Group's President and Chief Executive Officer-elect, Brad Tilden oversees Alaska Airlines' operating divisions, as well as marketing, cargo, planning and revenue management. Previously, Tilden served as Alaska Air Group's Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President of Finance, leading the finance, information technology, planning, revenue management and corporate real estate organizations. Before joining Alaska in 1991, he spent eight years with the accounting firm Price Waterhouse at its offices in Seattle and Melbourne, Australia. He also holds a private pilot's license.

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Keith W. Leverkuhn: Boeing Commercial Airplanes

Keith W. Leverkuhn is Vice President of Engineering and General Manager of Propulsion Systems for Boeing Commercial Airplanes where he directs the team that provides engine and propulsion systems procurement, contracting, engineering and manufacturing integration for all commercial airplane programs, and support for more than 12,000 in-service airplanes. Leverkuhn was on the leadership team of the 777-300ER/-200LR development program as the ETOPS leader. He has also held various supervisory roles in the Propulsion Engineering organization where he spent 11 years as an engineer. Leverkuhn joined Boeing 1985.

David R. Flum, MD, MPH, FACS: University of Washington

Dr. Flum is a board-certified general surgeon whose areas of expertise include surgical management of gastrointestinal disorders; advanced laparoscopy; biliary tract disorders; complex abdominal wall hernias; and bariatric surgery for the treatment of diabetes. He is the Director of the Surgical Outcomes Research Center (SORCE), a multidisciplinary research center established by the Department of Surgery that supports the use of outcomes research to improve the quality of surgical care. He led the team that developed the Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP), a quality improvement program providing hospital-specific data feedback and best practices across the Pacific Northwest. He now leads research and development for SCOAP and has built the Comparative Effectiveness Research Translation Network (CERTAIN), partnering with a group of SCOAP hospitals to build a learning healthcare system in Washington State. He was appointed to the Methodology Committee of the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute in 2011.

Thomas K. Varghese Jr., MD, MS, FACS: University of Washington

Dr. Varghese is a member of the Cardiothoracic Division of Surgery at the University of Washington, serves as the Director of Thoracic Surgery at Harborview Medical Center, and provides care at Northwest Hospital. Dr. Varghese's clinical interests are in benign and malignant disease of the lungs, esophagus, chest wall and mediastinum; thoracic trauma; and minimally invasive applications for general thoracic surgery. He is dedicated to the education of medical students, residents and fellows and is also a core faculty member of the Institute of Simulation and Interprofessional Studies (ISIS). Dr. Varghese's research interests include thoracic surgical outcomes and quality of care research using population-based data, cost and utility analyses and patient-derived outcomes; educational interventions for patient-centered care; and clinical trials in general thoracic surgery.

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PANELISTS

Ellen T. Farrokhi, MD, FACS: Providence Regional Medical Center Everett

Dr. Farrokhi is part of the first generation of dual-trained open and endovascular surgeons. She performed the first isolated limb infusion on the West Coast in 2010 for melanoma and has pioneered VI-SCOAP, the first tri-specialty database (vascular surgery, interventional radiology, and interventional cardiology), which focuses on vascular interventional outcomes through the Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP). She also serves as the Medical Director of SCOAP and is currently working on community-based registries for quality improvement and Comparative Effectiveness through the SCOAP Comparative Effectiveness Research Translation Network (CERTAIN), an 11.7 million dollar project funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). Her main areas of clinical focus include open and endovascular approaches to carotid disease, aortic disease, and peripheral arterial disease.

Richard C. Thirlby, MD, FACS: Virginia Mason Medical Center

Dr. Thirlby has been with Virginia Mason Medical Center (VMMC) since 1987. He directs the Gastrointestinal Cancer Program and is Program Director for General Surgery Residency at VMMC. Dr. Thirlby's areas of expertise include surgery for morbid obesity, inflammatory bowel disease, gastrointestinal cancer and post-gastrectomy syndromes. He has published more than 100 papers and book chapters addressing a range of critical topics. Dr. Thirlby is an active member of numerous professional associations, including the American Surgical Association and Western Surgical Association. He is a past President of the Washington State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the Western Surgical Association and the Seattle Surgical Society, and is also on the Board of Directors of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Thirlby has been given many teaching awards, and is annually voted one of Seattle's Top Doctors by *Seattle Magazine*.

Scott R. Steele, MD, FACS, FASCRS: Madigan Healthcare System

Dr. Steele is a colon and rectal surgeon at Madigan Healthcare System and Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and the University of Washington. During his Army career, Dr. Steele spent two multiple-month tours as a staff surgeon in Iraq and one in Afghanistan. An active researcher, he has several ongoing projects including an assessment of colon and rectal injuries incurred during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Morris G. Johnson, MD, FACS: Skagit Regional Clinics

Dr. Johnson is board-certified in general surgery and internal medicine. He practices the full spectrum of general surgery, including open and advanced laparoscopic surgery. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Surgical Care and Outcomes Assessment Program (SCOAP), and is the current President of the Washington State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons.

Richard P. Billingham, MD, FACS: Swedish Medical Center

Dr. Billingham is a board-certified colon and rectal surgeon, specializing in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the colon, rectum and anus with an emphasis on the surgical management of colorectal cancer, diverticulitis and inflammatory bowel disease. His primary interests include colon cancer prevention and screening, colonoscopy, colorectal cancer and screening, colorectal surgery and inflammatory bowel disease. Dr. Billingham is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons and a member of numerous other professional societies. He is also past President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.



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