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Agenda with Rooms Locations

The Stamford Hospital designates this educational activity for a maximum of 8.0 AMA PRA Category I Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The purpose of this meeting is to provide attendees with a forum for the latest information regarding clinical practice and research in the field of surgery. Surgical Residents have a continued need to improve the research skills and a forum to present their research. Rural surgeons have a need to learn about emerging technologies. There is an on-going need to enhance patient safety and quality of patient care. Physicians MUST complete and return a meeting survey to receive CME credits.

Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association Meeting

7:30 Meeting Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits Open – Grand Ballroom and Foyer

8:00 Committee Meetings
Committee on Trauma – New Hampshire
Senior Surgeons – Grand Ballroom

Committee on Cancer – Massachusetts

9:45 Opening Remarks
Grand Ballroom
Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, Chapter President
Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS & Adrian Maung, MD, FACS, Program Committee Co-Chairs

9:00 Resident Paper Competitions

Sultan Ahamed, MD, FACS General Surgery – Massachusetts
Moderator: Denise Barajas, MD, FACS Judge: Brett Schipper, MD, FACS

John D. MacArthur, MD, FACS Trauma Competition Room 1 - Boston
John D. MacArthur, MD, FACS Trauma Competition Room 2 - Providence
Moderator: CT COT Judge: CT COT

Clinical Oncology and Bariatric Surgery – Springfield
Oncology Moderator & Judge: Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS
Bariatric Moderator: Matthew Hubbard, MD, FACS Judge: Aziz Benbrahim, MD, FACS

Quality, ERAS & NSQIP – New Hampshire
Moderator: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS Judge: Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS

Specialty Surgery – Rhode Island
Moderator: Adrian Maung, MD, FACS Judge: TBA

Case Reports – Vermont
Moderator: Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS Judge: TBA

This session will present research on new topics and developments to update participants on clinical care.

10:30 Refreshment Break with Exhibitors – Grand Ballroom

11:00 Lecture: Celebrating 50 Years of Surgery on Connecticut – Hall of States
Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, President, CTACSPA

This session will highlight the achievements and advancements in the practice of surgery that have their roots in CT.
11:30  Chapter Business Meeting – Hall of States

12:00  Fellowship Luncheon with exhibitors  Grand Ballroom

1:00  James Foster Memorial Lecture – Hall of States
    Julie Freischlag, MD, FACS, CEO, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and Dean, Wake Forest School of Medicine
    *The Need for Greater Inclusion and Diversity in Surgery*
    
    Introduced by: Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, President, CTACSPA
    
    *This session will explore issues related to fostering diversity in surgery.*

2:00  Quality Lecture: Ronnie Rosenthal, MD, FACS, Professor of Surgery, Yale School of Medicine; Surgeon-In-Chief, VA Connecticut Healthcare System
    *Utilizing NSQIP-type protocols to Improve Care in the Geriatric Population in CT* – Hall of States
    
    Introduced by: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President, CtSQC and President-elect, CTACSPA
    
    **Rollout of the Connecticut Geriatric Program for Surgery (CTGPS)**, Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President, CtSQC and President-elect, CTACSPA
    
    *This session will educate participants about protocols being introduced by the Collaborative to assist them in treating the geriatric patient population*

3:00PM Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative (CtSQC) Quarterly Workshop -Massachusetts

3:00  Resident Program: Exploring Practice Models, and Planning for 2018 – Rhode Island
    Moderator: Swathi Reddy, MD, MA, BA, Yale School of Medicine
    
    **Concurrent Medical Students Program: Psychological Skills for the OR and How to Learn and Practice These Skills in Medical School** - Vermont
    Guest Presenter: Michael Lauria, MD
    
    *In this session, surgical residents learn the ins and outs of selecting a practice model.*

4:00  11th Annual Surgical Skills Competition – Grand Ballroom
    Co-Hosted by Royd Fukomoto, MD, FACS, and Adrian Maung, MD, FACS
    
    *Participants will improve their surgical skills by participating and observing hand-on exercises designed to test skills learned in training.*

6:45  Resident Awards – Grand Ballroom
    Presentation of the award for best resident papers and the Skills Competition Championship!
Map of the Farmington Marriott

**Pool Level***
- Trauma 1: Boston
- Trauma 2: Providence
- Oncology/Bariatrics: Springfield

**Main Floor**
- General Surgery: Massachusetts
- Case Reports: Vermont
- Quality, ERAS & NSQIP: New Hampshire
- Specialty: Rhode Island

Continental Breakfast, the mid-morning break and lunch will be served in the Grand Ballroom

**Directions to Meeting Rooms**

**Main Floor Rooms** - Grand Ballroom, Hall of States, MA, NH, RI, and VT are in Main Building off of the Lobby.

**Pool Level Rooms** (Boston, Providence and Springfield) From Ballroom area head to Lobby and make a Right – go to the End of the Hallway and take a Left to the end where you will see an elevator – Take the elevator down 1 Level to “P”. Go straight down the Hallway to your right – Meeting Rooms are on your right.
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James Foster, MD, FACS Memorial Lecture

The Need for Greater Inclusion and Diversity in Surgery

Julie Freischlag, MD, FACS, FRCSIre, FRCS

Julie A. Freischlag, MD, is the chief executive officer of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center and dean of Wake Forest School of Medicine. Previously, Dr. Freischlag was vice chancellor for Human Health Sciences and dean of the School of Medicine at UC Davis.

Freischlag has helped to drive change in academic medicine with a deep commitment to diversity and inclusion. For more than 15 years, she has led education and training programs at top medical schools in her role as professor and chair of surgery and vascular surgery departments. Her national leadership includes serving as a former governor and secretary of the Board of Governors and a regent and past chair of the Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons.

She has mentored students, residents and young faculty and is a frequent speaker on teamwork and patient safety, leadership and work-life balance to women succeeding in health professions. Freischlag has dedicated her career to serving as a role model for her students, a respected colleague across health professions, a strong community leader and a national voice for improving health and health care. She will speak on the Need for Greater Inclusion and Diversity in Surgery.
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Internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis followed by two years in the U.S. Air Force.
Jim received his surgical training at the University of Oregon School of Medicine under the tutelage, and the admiring eye, of the revered surgeon and medical humanist, J. Englebert Dunphy. After completing his residency he remained on the faculty in Portland for five years chiefly at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

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Within a few weeks of his arrival he started a weekly Morbidity and Mortality Conference, replacing a desultory complications conference. It continues to this day essentially unchanged after nearly forty years. As his first chief resident, I can attest that this was a fearsome undertaking: presenting each case, accounting for wound infections, IV site phlebitis, urinary retentions, anastomotic failures, and, of course, every death on all services. Jim sat at the front of the room presiding, but never allowing an adversarial environment to be created. Insertions of comment were welcomed from all participants. His favorite line at the conclusion of each presentation was, “How could we have done this differently?” And when the discussion became mired in anecdotal commentary, Jim would always ask, “Does anyone have any FACTS on this subject?”

Every resident knew he had a chief who was on educational and oversight mode 24 hours a day. Every attending surgeon knew he had a chief to whom he would be accountable for his patient care and for his role in education. Medicare was just a year old. The elderly poor who had constituted much of the patient population on the resident teaching service were now in the care of private surgeons. Jim Foster would not have his residents’ training dependent upon a thinned out “ward” service. Every patient would be a teaching patient and the surgeons who adapted to this philosophy became the vital core of his teaching program, and would bring credit to him, to themselves, and to the institution throughout his twelve-year tenure as chief.

With the advent of organ transplantation, Jim encouraged one of his graduating residents, Robert Schweizer, to go and train with Dr. Belzer and return to establish the transplantation program at Hartford Hospital in 1972. With burgeoning possibilities in cardiac surgery, he supported and encouraged Henry Low and Thomas Donovan to develop that program. A semi-dormant research laboratory was expanded. Residents became engaged in basic and clinical research, presentations at regional and national meetings became commonplace, and publications appeared more frequently in the literature.

Then in 1974 Dr. Foster set for himself the task of enhancing the knowledge about solid liver tumors with the goals of guiding better surgical treatment and improving patient care. Since the numbers of patients with these lesions in any one institution were small, he decided to gather material from the support of his hospital and the cooperation of his many friends throughout the country. Jim personally visited 98 hospitals in 48 cities in 28 states collecting 650 abstracts of liver tumor patients. Pathological material on each case was reviewed by his pathologist-collaborator at Hartford Hospital, Dr. Martin Berman. The product of this tour de force was monograph #22 in the W.B Saunders series Major Problems in Clinical Surgery entitled Solid Liver Tumors by Foster and Berman published in 1977. Jim’s half of the dedication was to Dr. Dunphy. Even after 25 years, the monograph continues to be referenced in papers and discussions on the subject. Jim Foster became an international authority on the management of liver tumors, lending his expertise to the care of patients in Connecticut, and appearing on panels and in the literature until his retirement from surgery in 1993.

As Chief of Surgery during the seventies, Dr. Foster was a strong proponent of close ties between Hartford Hospital and the fledgling University of Connecticut School of Medicine in nearby Farmington. To encourage the process, Jim decided to relinquish his position at Hartford Hospital in 1978 to become Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the medical school. He brought strength, integrity and energy to the surgical program and to the institution. At the state level he was a leader of the Connecticut Society of American Board Surgeons. At its yearly joint meetings with the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the highlight of the proceedings was the panel moderated by Jim Foster. Ever-vigilant in recognizing pseudo-science and self-serving hyperbole, and with his typical command of the English language (and his audience), he led discussions of peptic ulcer surgery, pancreatitis, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer and other surgical subjects with memorable skill and common sense.

On June 17, 2003, Dr. James H. Foster, Professor of Surgery Emeritus at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine died at his home in Avon, Connecticut after a one-year struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Jim Foster was born in Hamden, CT on June 24, 1930. His father was Lewis C. Foster, M.D., a respected surgeon in New Haven and Clinical Professor on the Yale Faculty, his mother, Alice, a former operating room nurse. As a youth Jim attended Hopkins Grammar School and was a ranked junior tennis player in the state. He continued his love for tennis throughout his life and was a fierce competitor still at the game in the year before his death. He graduated from Haverford College in 1950 and from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1954. He served a surgical internship at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis followed by two years in the U.S. Air Force.

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On the national scene, Dr. Foster was a member of the American Surgical Association. During his tenure on the American Board of Surgery a number of his Connecticut surgical colleagues were given the honor of serving as guest examiners of candidates for the certifying exam.

Jim Foster’s talents, wisdom and work ethic were recognized at the regional level where he served on the executive council of the New England Surgical Society for over fifteen years, first as the Connecticut representative, then five years as secretary, four as president elect, and president in 1989.

During those years Jim and his wife “Sally” set aside time for travel. One of his favorites was trekking in Nepal in the “foothills” of the Himalayas. It was there that he became somewhat taken by the Eastern philosophies and simpler way of life. It was counterpoint to what he observed as a data-driven, computer-oriented emphasis on technology and materialism in western thought and in western medicine. He felt that in the rush to embrace technology the human element of medicine was being pushed aside. He campaigned in his public pronouncements to encourage a correction in the course medicine was taking, advocating meaningful time spent with the patient and a return to a thorough history and physical examination before the fancy tests. As a man well-grounded in poetry and literature, Jim later became a medical parodist rewording some classic poems to express his concerns. An example was his parody of The Shooting of Dan McGrew by Robert W. Service refashioned to depict a man presenting with a simple sebaceous cyst in which the fundamental difference between East and West that I would like to stress is that the Easterner believes that values and attitudes are more important than measurements and prices. Quality is more important than quantity, and principles are more important than facts and data.

“Eastern culture is also noted for its reverence-reverence for all forms of life, for quiet, for nature, for the mountains, for old age, even for death. You may not have noticed, but reverence is gone from our contemporary American culture.”

A few years later, in 1993, Jim Foster retired to Emeritus Professor status but remained involved in medical student education, curriculum development and in a senior advisory role helping the New England Surgical Society adapt its annual meetings to the 21st century. An accomplished artist himself, he encouraged Sally in their travels to take up watercolors and capture the landscapes at home and away. She became so skilled in her own right that one-person shows of her work were held with Jim as proud behind the scenes supporter, framer, transporter and friendly official greeter. Not surprisingly, for those who know Sally, proceeds from the sale of her work went to a Save the Children Fund in Afghanistan.

Never idle in retirement, Jim Foster nurtured his innate humanism by reading the works of Shakespeare, seeking out medical references in the plays and sonnets. From this pursuit came a book, A Doctor’s Shakespeare, fully illustrated with drawings by the author with quotes pertaining to physicians, health, and medicine from Elizabethan times. In the final section we find again Jim the poet-parodist rewording Shakespeare to deliver his message of never forgetting the basics in the care of patients under the pen name Rattlesword. Dedicated to “those several hundreds of patients who taught me something of the human side of medicine”, it was published in 2001, a year before he learned of the dread malignancy that would take his life.

Viewing his life in its entirety one sees an individual whose multi-talents were extraordinary in variety and depth: an accomplished athlete, surgeon, physician, editor, writer, poet, artist, traveler, philosopher, leader, friend and sponsor of the efforts of so many others, yet habitually embarrassed when any accolades came his way. He made an indelible mark on family, friends and colleagues and he will be missed. The sincere condolences of this society are warmly extended to Sally, his three children, and five stepsons. I think he would approve of a conclusion to this memorial statement drawn from the final lines of his presidential address. He said, “When you walk in the quiet of the Himalayas, each person you pass on the trail nods his head, clasps his hands, and says, Namaste. The word is both a hello and goodbye, have a nice day and God be with you.” Namaste, Jim, and thanks for the honor.

—H. David Crombie
Surgical Quality Lecture

**Using NSQIP-style protocols to Improve Care in the Geriatric Population**

Ronnie Rosenthal, MD, FACS

We are equally honored to have Ronnie Rosenthal, MD, FACS, Yale School of Medicine, Professor of Surgery; Surgeon-In-Chief, VA Connecticut Healthcare System introduce the Collaboratives Geriatric Surgical Protocols.

Dr. Rosenthal was our partner in developing these protocols which we are confident will lead to better quality care for our geriatric surgical patients.

She is Co-Director of the American College of Surgeons NSQIP Geriatric Surgery Pilot program; Co-Principal Investigator, CQGS Project; and Chair, ACS Geriatric Surgery Task Force.

Dr. Rosenthal and Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President of the CtSQC will be premiering the newly produced video highlighting the new protocols.
New Fellows

*Congratulations!*

Justin David Blasberg, MD  
Kimberly Caprio, MD  
Christopher Comey, MD  
Vladimir Daoud, MD  
Ryan Dorin, MD  
Hulda M. Einarsdottir, MD  
James Joseph Gallagher III, MD  
Emilia Genova, MD  
Courtney E. Gibson, MD  
David Greenman, DDS  
Matthew Owen Hubbard, MD  
Kristine Kelliher, MD  
Noubar Movses Kevorkian, MD  
Clinton Akira Kuwada, MD  
Kelly Lynn Olino, MD  
Kristin Oliveira, MD  
Jorge Luis Reguero Hernandez, MD  
Shohan Shetty, MBBS  
Imran Siddiqui, MD  
David Stitelman, MD  
Julia Marie Toto, MD  
Matthew S Wosnitzer, MD  
Brad J Yoo, MD

New Chapter Members

*Welcome!*

Full Name  
Howard Patrick Boey, MD FACS  
Paul Michael Ciucci, DMD, MD  
Christina Czyrko, MD FACS  
Andrea Douglas, MD  
Flora Levin, MD, FACS  
Peter A. Marks, MD, FACS  
Andrew Patrick Swan, MD, FACS  
Christine Elizabeth Van Cott, MD, FACS  
Sharon Lynn Weintraub, MD FACS  
Matthew S Wosnitzer, MD
The CTACSPA Distinguished Service Award

In 2006, the Chapter formed an Awards Committee which was charged with the task of selecting a candidate for the newly conceived Distinguished Service Award.

This award was created to honor an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to surgical patient care and the art and science of medicine in Connecticut.

We proudly list those upon whom the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association’s Distinguished Service Award has been bestowed:

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Business Meeting

Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, Recognition of New Fellows & New Chapter Members, Dedication of the Sultan Ahamed, MD, FACS General Surgery Paper Competition

*Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, CTACSPA President*

Governor-at-Large Report—*Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS and Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS*

Secretary’s Report – *Felix Lui, MD, FACS*
  - Approval of Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting (see page 14)
  - Election of Officers and Councilors

Financial Report – *David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS*

Outgoing President’s Remarks - *Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS*

Exhibitor and Sponsor Recognition, Meeting Updates – *Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS & Adrian Maung, MD, FACS*

Income President’s Remarks – *Alan Meinke, MD, FACS*

Adjournment – *Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS*

*Committee Reports – please refer to page 15*
2017 Annual Meeting Minutes
20 October 2017 – 11:45 a.m.

The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc.

At 11:45 a.m., the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was convened by Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS at the Marriott in Farmington, CT.

Dr. Davis presented opening remarks and acknowledged our Council members for their hard work during the year. New Chapter members and new Fellows were also acknowledged, welcomed, and congratulated.

Dr. Corvo, the ACS Governor-at-Large gave brief remarks followed by an update on the ACSPA SurgeonsPAC from Dr. Kurtzman.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Lui presented the slate of officers for a one year term as follows: Kimberly Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, President, Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President-elect, Felix Lui, MD, FACS, Secretary, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, Treasurer, and Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS & Adrian Maung, MD, FACS, Co-VPs Annual Meeting. In addition, Jonathan Blancaflor, MD, FACS, Kevin Dwyer, MD, FACS, Shea Gregg, MD, FACS, J.. Alexander Palesty, MD, FACS, Rekha Singh, MD, FACS, and Brian Shames, MD, FACS, were nominated for 2 year Councilor terms. After hearing no nominations from the floor, a vote was held and all were approved by unanimous consent.

Dr. Shapiro reported that the Chapter had $90,575 combined in checking, savings, and accounts receivable from the annual meeting. versus $80,400 in the prior year. It was duly noted that the majority of the expenses from the Annual Meeting were not included in this figure.

Dr. Meinke also reported that membership was up significantly over the prior year (192 vs. 163) and the Council was working on offering large groups in the state a discount on membership which follows the trend at many other societies across the country.

Members were directed to the meeting proceedings book to read Committee reports.

Drs. Fukumoto and Maung acknowledged the meeting supporters and exhibitors, the College and the meeting staff. Several other meeting housekeeping matters were addressed.

At 12:00 p.m. the annual meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was adjourned.
2018 Committee Reports

Connecticut State Medical Society: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS: The Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) tracked dozens of pieces of health care legislation this past year, on behalf of patients and physicians in the state. The CTACSPA, working with CSMS, reviewed and signed on to testimony for many of those bills.

CSMS continues with its efforts to represent all the physicians in the state, recognizing that various groups (ie, private practice, hospital employed, large groups, etc.) have similar AND different issues as physicians. The county medical societies, specialty societies, and the state are moving forward together, as a coalition, to protect the health and well-being of the people of Connecticut, and the physicians who care for them. Don’t complain about problems as an outsider; be part of the solution. BE A MEMBER!

Legislative: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS: Working in conjunction with CSMS, the Legislative Committee had a very active year reviewing and commenting on many pieces of legislation that had the potential to impact our profession. The Chapter once again participated in the Joint Surgical Advocacy Conference in Washington, DC. Chapter members and several residents met with each of our Federal elected officials to discuss various issues including funding for Trauma care, the looming shortage of general surgeons, concerns regarding the potential elimination of the public service loan forgiveness program and resident medical education.

On Wednesday, April 25th, with the generous support of Z-Medica of Wallingford, CT, The Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, the Connecticut ACS Committee on Trauma, the Connecticut State Medical Society, and The Connecticut Orthopaedic Society donated two wall mounted Bleeding Control Stations and a Stop the Bleed training kit to CT Department of Public Health on April 25th. The kits contain tourniquets, QuikClot® Bleeding Control Dressing™, protective gloves, and compression bandages and will be installed at DPHs office in Hartford. The training kit will allow DPH staff to conduct their own training classes.

At the same time the group partnered with Connecticut Children's Medical Center, St. Francis Hospital & Medical Center, St. Mary's Hospital, and Yale New Haven Hospital to provide a special day of Bleeding Control training to over 50 nurses as part of a Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) sponsored in-service training program. These nurses are now eligible to be certified as instructors by Stop the Bleed (www.BleedingControl.org) allowing them to provide training in the communities where they live and work across the state.

Program Committee: Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), Adrian Maung, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), J. Alexander Palesty, MD, FACS, Kevin Dwyer, MD, FACS, Brian Shames, MD, FACS, David Shapiro, MD, FACS, Rekha Singh, MD, FACS: The Program Committee enjoyed another very successful year with close to 70 abstracts submitted for the Annual Meeting. The Committee again worked with Stamford Hospital, a CSMS certified CME Provider, to provide our credits for the Annual Meeting. On the vendor support side, we were pleased to have meaningful support from our industry partners for both the exhibits and our Surgical Skills Competition. The Committee welcomes your active participation and looks forward to your feedback on the Annual Meeting.

Committee on Young Surgeons: Christine VanCott, MD, FACS & Resident Committee: Swathi Reddy, MD: The Residents Committee had a very successful year which kicked off at the annual meeting with strong attendance at their sessions. In the spring, several residents were able to attend the American College of Surgeons day of advocacy in Washington. The Committee also hosted a very well received ABSITE prep course which they will be repeating in the coming year.

Dr. VanCott led successful outreach programs to the medical schools in the state to encourage students to consider surgery as a career. She is also working to more actively engage Young Surgeons in the Chapter.

Patient Safety and Quality Committee: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS—The CtSQC continues to hold quarterly meetings featuring local and national speakers on many important topics relating to surgical quality and patient care. As the CtSQC continues to grow, its focus remains the same, to provide a forum to share knowledge and best practices, offer education and outreach & conduct itself with the highest levels of integrity and collegiality. Having successfully rolled out the ERAS protocols, the Collaborative worked most of the year developing the CT Geriatric Program for Surgery which will be released at the Annual Meeting. As a member of the CtSQC, hospitals are entitled to a discount on the annual ACS NSQIP fees.

Senior Surgeons Committee: Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS
The Senior Section of the Chapter met at the 2017 Chapter Meeting under the leadership of Dr. Scott Kurtzman and is seeking to re-energize..
Officers and Council

2017-2018
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Philip Corvo, M.D., M.A., F.A.C.S**
Kathleen LaVorgna, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

VP, Annual Meeting Program Cmte.
Royd Fukumoto, M.D., F.A.C.S.*
Adrian Maung, M.D., F.A.C.S.*

VP, Membership
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VP, Legislative Committee
Kathleen LaVorgna, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

Chair, Residents Committee
Swathi Reddy, M.D., M.A., B.A.**

Chair, Medical Students Committee
Jeremy Fridling

Chair, Senior Surgeons Committee
Scott Kurtzman, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

Chair, Young Surgeons Committee
Mentor, Residents Committee
Christine VanCott, M.D., F.A.C.S.*

Council Members

Kevin Dwyer, M.D., F.A.C.S. ***
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