

AGENDA

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Learning Objectives:

1. The learner should be aware of surgical research taking place in Connecticut.
2. The learner will be able to discuss the new surgical knowledge generated by residents, fellows and medical students in Connecticut.
3. The learner will have a basis from which they can further examine new surgical techniques
4. The learner will be able to explain the frameworks and fundamentals of surgical QI and manage its challenges,
5. The learner will recognize the role third party payers play in current healthcare environment.

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Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association Meeting

Tuesday, October 27 – Resident Research Competitions

6:00PM John MacArthur, MD, FACS Trauma Competition

Moderator: Kevin Schuster, MD, MPH, FACS, FCCM, Associate Professor of Surgery (Trauma), Yale School of Medicine, Chair, Connecticut Committee on Trauma, President, Connecticut Surgical Quality Collaborative

Judge: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, Private Practice, Surgeons of Westport, Westport, CT, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery and Director of Surgical Quality, Nuvance Health, Norwalk Hospital, Past President, CT Surgical Quality Collaborative & CTACSPA

Surgical Quality, NSQIP and ERAS

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Judge: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS

Private Practice, Surgeons of Westport, Westport, CT, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery and Director of Surgical Quality, Nuvance Health, Norwalk Hospital, Past President, CT Surgical Quality Collaborative & CTACSPA

Medical Student Research

Moderator and Judge: Philip Corvo, MD, MA, FACS, Chairman of Surgery, The Stanley J. Dudrick Department Surgery and Director of Surgical Critical Care at Saint Mary's Hospital

Wednesday, October 28 - Resident Research Competitions

6:00PM Clinical Oncology

Moderator: Christine Van Cott, MD, FACS, Hartford HealthCare Group/ St. Vincent's Medical Center Campus, Surgical Clerkship Director and Professor of Surgery, Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine, Quinnipiac University, Chair, Connecticut Commission on Cancer

Judge: Lindsay Bliss, MD, MPH, Hartford HealthCare Medical Group

Sultan Ahamed, MD, MBA, FACS General Surgery

Moderator: Jillian L. Fortier, MD, Assistant Professor of Surgery, UConn Health

Judge: Rekha Singh, MD, FACS, Chief, Surgery, The Hospital of Central Connecticut

Surgical Subspecialties

Moderator: David S. Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS, FCCM, Vice Chair of Surgery, Chief of Critical Care and Chief Quality Officer, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Associate Professor of Surgery University of Connecticut School of Medicine & Frank L. Netter Schools of Medicine

Judges:

- Gary J. Kaml, MD, FACS, Medical Director of Emergency General Surgery, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center
- Manuel Moutinho, MD, Trauma Program Assistant Medical Director, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Surgery, University of Connecticut & Frank L. Netter Schools of Medicine
- Vijay Jayaraman, MD, FACS, Director of Surgical Education & Site Director, Surgical Residency, Saint Francis Hospital & Medical Center, Assistant Professor of Surgery University of Connecticut & Frank L. Netter Schools of Medicine

Friday, October 30

9:00AM Opening Remarks

9:05AM Best Resident Papers Session One – Trauma, Quality and Medical Student

9:35AM Break

9:45AM Foster Lecture: ***CVS/Aetna Integration and Its Impact on Surgical Care in Connecticut***, Kirsten Anderson, MD, MPH, Clinical Lead, Infectious Disease Response Team, Senior Medical Director - New England, CVSHealth

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Explain how the merger of CVS and Aetna will impact the care of patients in Connecticut
- 2) Describe how CVS and Aetna are partnering with surgeons to help manage care from diagnosis through recovery

10:30AM Best Resident Papers Session Two – Clinical Oncology, General Surgery and Surgical Subspecialties

11:00AM Presidential Address, Business Meeting, Vote on By-Law Changes, SurgeonsPAC Update

12:00PM Joint CTACSPA/CtSQC Quality Lecture. ***Tackling Surgical QI Challenges: Frameworks and Fundamentals***, Joe "Pat" Patton, MD, FACS, Medical Director, Surgical Services Henry Ford Health System, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, Staff Surgeon, Acute Care Surgery, Henry Ford Hospital, Associate Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University - Detroit, MI

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Describe the science of safety and systems approach to patient safety
- 2) Compare and contrast different approaches to investigate QI challenges
- 3) Learn to use various tools to identify system factors contributing to a QI challenge
- 4) Consider a System based approach to Quality across the "House of Surgery"

1:00PM Meeting Adjourns

Thank You!

2020 Program Committee

Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, Christopher Tasik, and Christine VanCott, MD, FACS

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Meeting Lectures

James Foster, MD, FACS Memorial Lecture



CVS/Aetna Integration and Its Impact on Surgical Care in Connecticut

Kirsten Anderson, MD, MPH

Clinical Lead, Infectious Disease Response Team, Senior Medical Director - New England, CVSHealth

Moderated by: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS



Quality Lecture



Tackling Surgical QI Challenges: Frameworks and Fundamentals

Joe (Pat) H. Patton, MD, FACS

Medical Director, Surgical Services Henry Ford Health System, Vice Chairman, Department of Surgery, Staff Surgeon, Acute Care Surgery, Henry Ford Hospital, Associate Professor of Surgery, Wayne State University - Detroit, MI

Moderated by: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS

James H. Foster, M.D.
(1930-2003)



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. 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.

In 1966, Hartford Hospital recruited Dr. Foster to be its first full-time Chief of Surgery. Prior to that the department of surgery had been conducting a well-regarded residency for twenty years under the leadership of voluntary practitioner chiefs. John Reed, the first graduate of the program in 1950, would be the fourth Hartford Hospital surgeon to be President of the New England Surgical Society in 1980. As with many high-volume community hospital programs of the time, the emphasis was on clinical care, surgical judgment and guidance based more on anecdotal evidence and experience than on science. Jim soon changed that emphasis by inserting a quest for

evidence-based decision making while respecting and relying upon the skills, knowledge and mentoring gifts of the surgeons to teach his residents.

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 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 recorder, four as secretary, 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 following revised stanza appeared:

After multiple tests there followed the stress of the long wait for news to return.

A whole week went by before the doctor replied with a voice now full of concern:

"Your potassium's low, which means we must know if your adrenal has a tumor inside. A scan known as CAT will help tell us that and will let us your future decide."

The most vivid profile of the multitalented James Foster was portrayed in his presidential address to the New England Surgical Society at Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, September 23, 1989. Entitled, Some Eastern Thoughts for Northeastern Surgeons, it expounded further on Jim's concern with scientific materialism and some lessons taught in the Far East. It is an appropriate primer for those embarking upon a surgical career, but must reading for those in the middle-at the peak of such a career. Pithy ideas are found there, such as:

"We must not let the amorality of the marketplace be an excuse for dispensing with the selfless ethic that Medicine has followed for millennia. It is that ethic rather than our science and technology that commands the respect of our patients and the public. That ethic and those values have no measurable price and never will."

"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

Business Meeting

Call to Order, Welcoming Remarks, Recognition of New Fellows & New Chapter Members, In Memoria, President's Remarks - **Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President**

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

Secretary's Report – **Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS**

Approval of Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting (see page 7)

Election of Officers and Councilors

Presentation of Amended By-Laws and Vote - **Felix Lui, MD, FACS**

Membership Report: **Christine Van Cott, MD, FACS**

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

Service Recognition - **Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President**

Exhibitor and Sponsor Recognition, Meeting Updates, Adjournment - **Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President**

Committee Reports – please refer to page 8

2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Trumbull, CT - 11 October 2019 – 12:00 p.m.

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

At 11:45 a.m., the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was convened by Alan Meinke, MD, FACS at the Marriott in Trumbull, CT.

Dr. Meinke 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. Meinke reflected on his first year as President and outline his ideas for the second year of his Presidency.

Drs. Corvo and LaVorgna, ACS Governor(s)-at-Large gave brief remarks on behalf of the ACS Board of Governors.

A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Dr. Lui presented the slate of officers for a one-year term (2019 – 2020) as follows:

President: Alan Meinke, MD, FACS, President-elect: Felix Lui, MD, FACS, Secretary: Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS, and Treasurer: David Shapiro, MD, FACS.

The following were nominated to serve as Council members for 2-year terms expiring at the Annual Meeting in 2021: Kevin Dwyer, MD, FACS, Shea Gregg, MD, FACS, Scott Kurtzman, MD, FACS, J. Alexander Palesty, MD, FACS, Rekha Singh, MD, FACS, Brian Shames, MD, FACS, Christine Van Cott, MD, FACS.

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 \$98,310 combined in checking, savings, and accounts receivable from the annual meeting. versus \$78,665 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. Van Cott reported that membership was up by 16% over the prior year (213 vs. 184) and that the Council was continuing to offer large groups in the state a discount on membership which follows the trend at many other societies across the country.

Dr. Meinke recognized Dr. Lui for his dedicated service as Secretary from 2015 to 2019 and indicated he looked forward to him assuming the Chapter Presidency at the conclusion of the 2020 Annual Meeting.

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 12:15p.m. the annual meeting of the Connecticut Chapter of the American College of Surgeons Professional Association, Inc. was adjourned.

2020 Committee Reports

Connecticut State Medical Society: Kathy LaVorgna, MD, FACS: The Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) again 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. They also provide a forum for specialty societies to convene and strategize to work together to solve issues that impact our patients. 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 and Brendan Campbell, MD, FACS: Working in conjunction with CSMS, the Legislative Committee had an active early year reviewing and commenting on legislation that had the potential to impact our profession. We provided separate written and oral testimony on HB 5448: An Act Concerning A Risk Protection Order or Warrant, SB148 An Act Requiring the Use Of Helmets By Motorcycle Operators And Passengers Under Twenty-One Years Of Age, and SB204: An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage For Certain Surgical Procedures Performed To Treat Severe Obesity. With the onset of the coronavirus restrictions coming immediately after Physicians' Day at the Capitol none of these Bills moved forward beyond committee. We recently submitted an impact letter opposing a Scope Expansion Request by the Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association.

Program Committee : Christine VanCott, MD, FACS, Royd Fukumoto, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), Adrian Maung, MD, FACS (Co-Chair), J. Alexander Palesty, MD, FACS, Brian Shames, MD, FACS, David Shapiro, MD, MHCM, FACS (2019 Skills Chair), Rekha Singh, MD, FACS: The Program Committee enjoyed another very successful year with over 60 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 Survey.

Committee on Young Surgeons: Kristen Glasgow, MD, Resident Committee: Virginia Parker, MD, and Joel Calafell, MD and Medical Students Committee: Jeremy Fridling: The Residents Committee had a very successful year which kicked off at the annual meeting with strong attendance at their sessions. The Committee also hosted another successful ABSITE prep course which they will be repeating in the coming year. The Medical Student Committee was off and running generating several presentations for the annual Medical Student Research Paper Competition.

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 is now working on the roll out of the CT Geriatric Program for Surgery and working to secure new grant funding. CtSQC member hospitals are entitled to a discount on the annual ACS NSQIP fees..

New Fellows

Congratulations!

Ramesh Batra, MBBS, FACS

Sherard Chiu, MD, FACS

Gloria Chu, MD, FACS

Brian Coyle, MD, FACS

Andrew Dhanasopon, MD, FACS

Thomas Divinagracia, MD, FACS

Artem Dyatlov, MD, FACS

Jonathan Eldor, MD, FACS

Danielle Haakinson, MD, FACS

Stefan Kachala, MD, FACS

Sameer Kaiser, MD, FACS

Shawna Kettyle, MD, FACS

Mohamad Khaled, MBBCh, FACS

Oscar Serrano, MD, FACS

Inam Shaikh, MBBS, FACS

Christy Stanat, MD, FACS

Elena Tunitsky-Bitton, MD, FACS

New Chapter Members

Welcome!

Paul William Alberti, MD FACS

Kevin Gregg Billingsley, MD FACS

Steven Howard Brown, MD FACS

Gloria Chu, MD, FACS

Daniel Daman, MD, FACS

Andrew Dhanasopon, MD, FACS

Douglas Michael Hildrew, MD, FACS

Juan Diego Holguin, MD

Aditi Kapil, MD

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Maria Christina Antonia Mirth, MD FACS

Daniel Mullins, MD

James Michael Parker, MD, FACS

Eugenia Marie Vining, MD FACS

James Dewey Williams, MD FACS

Brad J Yoo, MD FACS

Hannah Nicole Zwibelman, MD

Medical Student Scholarships

Annually, the Connecticut Chapter of The American College of Surgeons Professional Association sponsors an award for excellence in the Surgical Sciences to a graduating senior medical student at the Frank H. Netter, MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University, the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and the Yale School of Medicine.

This award is presented to stimulate student interest in the surgical disciplines and to recognize outstanding achievements in these areas. The award is not restricted to excellence in general surgery or a specific surgical subspecialty, but is presented to the student showing the best overall performance in any of the surgical disciplines.

Congratulations to the 2020 recipients!



SEIJA MANISKAS, M.D.

Frank H. Netter, MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University



REBECCA LYNN CALAFIORE, M.D.

University of Connecticut School of Medicine



THAIS FAGGION VINHOLO, M.D.

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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:

Award Recipients

2018, 2019, 2020: Not Awarded

2017: Scheuster E. Christie, MD, FACS

2016: Scott Ellner, DO, FACS

2015: Kathleen LaVorgna, MD, FACS

2014: David Knight, MD, FACS

2013: H. David Crombie, MD, FACS

2012: Lenworth Jacobs, MD, FACS

2011: Michael Deren, MD, FACS

2010: Joseph Civetta, MD, FACS

2009: Anthony Morgan, MD, FACS

2008: Stanley J. Dudrick, MD, FACS

2007: Frank J. Scarpa, MD, FACS

2006: John D. MacArthur, MD, FACS

The Michael M Deren, MD, FACS Legislator of the Year Award



In September 2019, Council dedicated this award in memory of our colleague and friend, Michael Deren, MD, FACS, who succumbed to a rare illness on July 28, 2019. We will miss his keen insight, his encyclopedic knowledge of medical and world history, his passion for service to his patients and his fellow physicians, his kindness and generosity, his love for his wife, Anne Marie, for whom he often took home a dessert from Council meetings, and his dedication to our Chapter for over 25 years.

Dr. Deren was born in New Haven, CT, attended Seymour schools, obtained his Bachelor of Arts in English at Georgetown University, and his M.D. at Georgetown Medical School. He performed his general surgical residency at Hartford Hospital and then served as a surgical captain in the U.S. Marine Corps in Okinawa. He pursued a cardiothoracic fellowship at Yale University and later returned for a certificate in Physician Leadership from the Yale School of Management. He was in private practice for over 30 years and served as the chief of surgery at Lawrence + Memorial Hospital for 23 years.

To say he was dedicated to organized medicine is an understatement. Dr. Deren was truly an advocate for his colleagues and patients in and out of the operating room. He served the Connecticut Chapter in various capacities including Secretary and President. Dr. Deren served in numerous roles at the American Medical Association, including Chair of the Council on Constitution and Bylaws and the Chair of the Surgical Caucus, as President and later Chairman of the Council of the Connecticut State Medical Society, and in many other professional and civic organizations in Connecticut and across the country. After he left the operating room, he continued to practice at the Backus Hospital Wound Care Clinic and served as Editor of *Connecticut Medicine* or as he affectionately called it "*The Other New England Journal*".

Outside of medicine he was an accomplished chess player who contemplated pursuing the path to Grand Master, fortunately for his patients and colleagues, he chose surgery. Dr. Deren loved playing his Steinway piano and would spend hours working pieces to perfection. He volunteered as a tutor for immigrant students in the Norwich area and was honored as a Knight in the Order of Malta. He also enjoyed cars and driving – it was not uncommon for him to drive from his home in New London to a meeting in New Haven back to Lawrence + Memorial then back home multiple times each week.

In "*the land of steady habits*" there was perhaps one no steadier than Dr. Deren. We thank him for his leadership, and his service and mentorship to our Chapter, our patients, and our profession.

The Michael M Deren, MD, FACS Legislator of the Year Award has been awarded to:

- 2019 – The Honorable James Himes, United States House of Representatives
- 2016 – The Honorable Nancy Wyman, Lt. Governor, State of Connecticut
- 2015 – The Honorable Rosa DeLauro, United States House of Representatives
- 2014 – The Honorable Joseph Courtney, United States House of Representatives
- 2013 – The Honorable Prasad Srinivasan, MD, Representative, State of Connecticut
- 2012 – The Honorable Richard Blumenthal, United States Senate
- 2011 – The Honorable Christopher Murphy, United States House of Representatives
- 2010 – The Honorable Christopher Donovan, Speaker of the House, State of Connecticut
- 2009 – The Honorable James Shapiro, Representative, State of Connecticut

Officers and Council

2019-2020

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Joel Calafell, M.D. **

Virginia Parker, M.D. **

Chair, Medical Students Committee

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