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ACS PRESIDENT TO SPEAK

The President of The American College of Surgeons, Dr. Alexander Walt will be the speaker at the fall meeting of the Indiana Chapter. Dr. Walt will give the Will C. Moore lecture, participate in teaching clinics for surgical residents and Surgical Grand Rounds on Saturday morning.

The meeting will be at The Westin Hotel, 50 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis. Cocktails (Cash Bar) will be at 6:30 P.M. in the "Capitol Foyer", followed by Dinner at 7:30 P.M. in "Capitol Ballroom II".

Overnight reservations at the hotel may be made at (317) 262-8100. Reservation forms for the dinner will be mailed separately by Carolyn Downing.

There will be an Executive Council meeting prior to this.

INDIANA CHAPTER Clashes with IMRO

In April of 1994, Reid Hospital in Richmond, Indiana sent out to their surgical staff what was noted as "recently released criteria that will be utilized by non-physician personnel to screen Medicare charts". Contained in the criteria for invasive procedures was the note that symptoms of various types were required along with the presence of an inguinal hernia, otherwise the chart would be reviewed. At that time Dr. Kenneth Woodman, through the Medical Records Department at Reid Hospital wrote IMRO

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Call for Papers

Dr. William Turner has issued the FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS for the annual meeting, May 11-13, 1995. It is anticipated that the final call for papers will be in December, with a cut off date in early January. Residents and non-Fellows will need to submit an abstract. Fellows need to submit only the title of the paper, although additional information is helpful. The resident paper competition will occur in March. The Program Committee consists of William Turner, chairman, Thomas Broadie, Rose Marie Jones, Robert Inlow and Robert Pennington.

Dr. Shumacker Well

I have had the pleasure of talking with Dr. Harris B. Shumacker last week. He indicates that he feels the best he has in years, and is enjoying living in Florida. He is looking forward to joining us in South Bend in May. As you recall, he missed the Shumacker Oration for the first time last May because of illness. His voice and speech indicate the alertness and vigor to which we are accustomed.



**Community
Hospital at
Munster** has received a three year approval for their program by

the COMMISSION ON CANCER of the American College of Surgeons. Cancer Chairman Frank Lloyd and the Indiana Chapter extend our congratulations.

Meet your Chapter Officers - Pennington

Dr Robert Pennington was born January 11, 1947 in London, Kentucky. His father was a Mayo Clinic-trained general surgeon who had graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. His grandfather was a dentist who subsequently became trained in medicine at the University of Tennessee. Robert was raised in the community of London, Kentucky and went to undergraduate school and medical school at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. He did his surgical training at New York University - Bellevue Hospital Center in New York City under Dr. Frank Spencer. After completion of his training, he joined General Surgeons, Inc. in Richmond, Indiana in 1977. At that time Dr. George Johnson, one of the founders of General Surgeons, Inc. was president of the Indiana Chapter. Since that time Dr. Kenneth Woodman, also of General Surgeons, Inc., has been and Indiana Chapter President and Dr. Michael

Coming Events

Nov. 18 - Will C. Moore Lecture, Alexander Walt, President of the American College of Surgeons, guest speaker, 6:30 p.m. Capitol Foyer, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis.
Feb. 17 - Jesseph Memorial Lecture, Wallace Ritchie, guest speaker.
1995 Annual Meeting - May 11-13 Holiday Inn-Downtown, South Bend, Indiana

Hinshaw one of the other currently active partners has been a Board Member. Additionally the group is represented by Dr. Bill Toedebusch, Dr. Bill Ducey, and Dr. Brad Barrett. All are College Members or Candidates. Robert's wife, Anne, is an R.N. from Charlottesville, Virginia. Their daughter Cameron, age 19, is a sophomore at the University of Virginia, and their son, Robert III, is a sophomore at Richmond High School. Robert's outside interests include golf (handicap 8), water skiing and snow skiing. (He is also a computer hobbist - ED.)

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and suggested to them that the presence of a hernia itself was sufficient criteria for repair and review would not be necessary. It was pointed out that symptomatology is not considered a necessity for surgical indications being present. At approximately the same time the College of Surgeons, Indiana Chapter, through its president directed the Secretary of the Chapter to write IMRO also. On June 15th a letter was received by the Director of Medical Records at Reid Hospital stating that "the comments were very interesting" and further that it would be "necessary for the surgeon to establish that a consensus agrees to this proposal." If consensus was communicated to IMRO, IMRO would "gladly accept such a proposal and consider revising their criteria for this procedure

accordingly." On that same date a letter was received by the Secretary of the Indiana Chapter stating that "since these criteria were formulated nationally this much change in indications for the procedure should probably be addressed nationally." In researching whether or not national changes were required for state PRO organization criteria, the College of Surgeons' Washington Office determined that the guidelines that the PRO's use are a model adopted from national guideline, however that the states may develop their own guidelines and submit them to the Health Care Finance Administration for approval. The Chapter now faces the situation of developing a consensus paper and submitting this to IMRO to see if they will revise their set of model criteria.

"In the political process, there are two types of players - participants and victims. If surgeons do not participate in today's political environment, they will almost certainly emerge as losers." - Glen R. Markus. ACS - Chicaco