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- You are needed -

Have you wondered how you might get involved to help the chapter plan or progress? Now there is a specific way for every fellow to participate. The executive council has created a new format with various committees. These changes are not only designed to enhance function, but also to get more input from all fellows. Please contact at least one of the following chairmen and get involved. Your personal involvement is desired to help the chapter improve and grow into the next century. (Get the hint? – Get involved!)

<u>Committee</u>	<u>Chairman/Co-Chairman</u>
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Trauma	Gerardo Gomez, M.D.
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* * * PLAN TO ATTEND * * *

The annual Chapter Meeting

When: June 7 – 10, 2000

Where: Ritz-Carlton
Amelia Island, Florida

Planned activities include golf lessons with a professional golfer being arranged for Saturday, June 10! More info to come...

Liability News – Martin vs. Richey

On July 8, 1999 the Indiana Supreme Court decided 4 to 1 that the medical malpractice statute of limitations was unconstitutional under both the Privileges and Immunities clause (article I.323) and the Open Courts clause (article I.312) of the Indiana Constitution as it applies to this plaintiff in the case.

The ISMA reports that Justice Selby's opinion states that the plaintiff could not be prevented from bringing suit since "she could not reasonably be expected to discover the asserted malpractice and resulting injury within the two-year period **given the nature of the asserted malpractice and of her medical contition.**" (emphasis added), p. 19.

Selby is referring to cases where "a disease which has a long latency period and which may not manifest significant pain or symptoms until several years after the asserted malpractice" (p. 13) Selby is implying that the two year medical malpractice statute of limitations is unconstitutional if these two conditions exist.

It is unclear exactly what changes will be seen as a result of this ruling. At a minimum it raises many more questions and uncertainty about future liability exposure. Although the current ruling has theoretical limited application, there is vague enough wording that attempts can be made to apply it in many malpractice cases.

The Will C. Moore Lecture

will be held on Friday November 19, 1999 at the Sheraton Indianapolis North, 8787 Keystone Crossing Boulevard (previously the Raddison).

"Some Reflections on Development of Pediatric Surgery"

Guest Speaker:

W. Hardy Hendren III, MD, FACS
Professor of Surgery at Harvard and
Chief of Surgery at Children's Hospital
Boston, Massachusetts

Council meeting is scheduled for 5:00 PM, the social hour at 6:30 PM and dinner at 7:30 PM.

Candidates and Associates Society

The Board of Regents recently approved the organizational structure and initial program of the Candidates and Associates Society of the American College of Surgeons (CAS-ACS). This new organization is for residents and Associate Fellows in all of the surgical specialties. The mission of this new organization is to familiarize residents and young surgeons in all specialties with the College and its programs and leadership, provide an avenue for participation in College affairs, develop and use leadership skills in organized surgery, and give opportunities for the opinions and concerns of residents and young surgeons to be heard by the College leadership. Many medical societies have developed resident organizations, but a forum dedicated to the concerns and issues of surgical residents in all specialties has not been available. The CAS-ACS will be this organization. Membership will be offered to residents in good standing in an accredited surgical residency program or established research or clinical fellowship, and young surgeons within five years of graduation from formal surgical training. The College leadership is very excited about the formation of this new Society and asks that all fellows encourage eligible surgeons to actively participate and receive its many benefits. One such benefit available to members is a no-cost job and resume databank. Fellows can post job opportunities and

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CAS-ACS members can search for positions and post their resumes.

The Society will be organized with elected leadership, an executive committee representing all specialties, and a Council of Representatives, modeled after the College's Board of Governors. The inaugural meeting of CAS-ACS was held Sunday, October 10, 1999 preceding the Annual Clinical Congress.

Website News:

The Indiana Chapter website has undergone forty-nine updates since January 1, 1999. Many of these changes have been minor but some have been major, including a complete revision of the "Home Page". A new page concerning next years annual meeting contains the brochure of the Ritz Carlton at Amelia Island. Viewership, as measured by page hits, remains respectable at approximately five-hundred hits per month.

The Indiana website is the first in the American College of Surgeons Chapters (ACSC) WebRing, whereby the links can be followed from chapter site to chapter site. It is hoped all chapter web sites will join this ring.

Indiana Chapter is the first to have an electronic newsletter. Three issues of the Indiana ACS CyberNews have been sent out to the 20% of the Fellows who have E-mail. Governor's reports were sent electronically as Adobe Acrobat documents.

The Council has proposed that the "New Surgeons Survival Manual" be made available on the web site. Originated as a publication by the Ohio Chapter for new surgeons in that state, the document is a good reference source for all surgeons. Drs. Stewart, Scherer and West are assisting in this project.

Robert Inlow, M.D. FACS

Mark your Calendar

Quarterly meetings:

Nov 19, 1999 at Indianapolis: Moore Lecture by W.

Hardy Hendren, M.D., FACS

Feb 18, 2000 at Indianapolis: Jesseph Lecture by Mark

Malangoni, M.D., FACS

Annual meeting to be held June 7 – 10, 2000 at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida.

National Meetings:

Apr 30 – May 3, 2000 Spring Mtg in Wash D.C

Oct 22 – 27, 2000 Clinical Congress, Chicago, IL

Call for Abstracts

Program co-chairmen, Rajiv Sood, M.D., FACS and Jeff Wagner, M.D., FACS are issuing a call for abstracts of papers to be presented at the annual chapter meeting June 7 – 10, 2000. More information will be sent to members in the near future. Please plan to attend and present interesting cases and papers.

Many Thanks!

We want to thank **Robert Inlow, M.D.** for all his time and efforts to start and run this chapter's newsletter for the last six years. He also started and still maintains the chapter's web site at www.INfacs.org and sends out the first email updates of all the state chapters. The whole Indiana Chapter wishes to honor Dr. Inlow for his leadership in this newsletter as well as being one of the first webmasters of the ACS. Congratulations and Many Thanks Dr. Inlow!!