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Dr. Malangoni is presented with plaque of appreciation by Dr. Grosfeld.

## The Jesseph Lecture

featured **Mark Alan Malangoni, MD, FACS**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Metropolitan Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Chapter thanks Dr. Malangoni for his time and presentation.

## Annual Chapter Meeting

Planned events include:

Three panels for discussion:

- Endovascular Surgery
- Inguinal Hernia Repair
- Breast Cancer Treatment

Special Speaker:

Henry Desmaris, M.D., MPH  
Director of Socio-Economic Affairs  
with the ACS

Topic: Surgery and the Federal  
Government

Social time:

- Tennis Tournament Friday afternoon
- Golf Tournament Saturday afternoon

★ **PLAN TO ATTEND** ★

## REPORT ON PHYSICIANS AS ASSISTANTS AT SURGERY AVAILABLE

The American College of Surgeons and 15 surgical specialty organizations recently undertook a study on the need for a physician as an assistant at surgery for all procedures listed in the "Surgery" section of the American Medical Association's "Current Procedural Terminology 2000." Each organization was asked to review codes applicable to its specialty and determine whether the operation required the use of a physician as an assistant at surgery: (1) almost always, (2) almost never, or (3) some of the time.

The results of the survey are now available in the report "Physicians as Assistants at Surgery: 1999 Study." To access the report, visit the College's Web site at [http://www.facs.org/about\\_college/acsdept/socio\\_dept/se\\_pubs/sepubs.html](http://www.facs.org/about_college/acsdept/socio_dept/se_pubs/sepubs.html).

There are over 160 pages in the report, but it is fairly easy to find any particular CPT code. The Socio-economic Affairs Department of the ACS has the report. Whether this information is useful on a practical basis (e.g. convincing insurance carriers to allow an assistant) remains to be seen. Feedback to the editor will be published in future editions.

# Infoweb \*

Do your patients know which way to turn...

... on the web?

Had any patients tell you what they learned over the internet? More often patients learn volumes about their diseases and treatment options. But, not all the information is correct. If you want to see what patients see, go to the following 3 busiest health sites: [www.onhealth.com](http://www.onhealth.com), [www.drkoop.com](http://www.drkoop.com), and America Online's health channel. Ask patients to print information they find and discuss it with them. Encourage them to stay with well known sources such as universities and to always evaluate what they read. Also, get on the web personally and investigate some sites. A good start is IU's Medical library with more links at: [www.medlib.iupui.edu/intmed.html](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/intmed.html)

## Mark your Calendar

### *Indiana Chapter:*

Annual meeting:  
June 8 -10, 2000 at the Ritz-Carlton in Amelia Island, Florida.

### *National Meetings:*

Clinical Congress  
Oct 22 -27, 2000 in Chicago, IL

Spring Meeting  
April 22 -25, 2001 in Toronto

### \* Help the editor...

If there are any news items or **websites** that other fellows need to know, please contact me. All suggestions and input will be greatly appreciated!

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