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59TH ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING

SATURDAY

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7:45 A.M.—5:30 P.M.

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Route One South, Iselin

**59TH ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2010**

Morning Session:	9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
General Surgery.....	Raffaele Attiya, M.D.
Otolaryngology.....	Gabriel Wong, M.D.
Plastic Surgery.....	Christopher Godek, M.D.
Resident Papers/Surgical Jeopardy.....	Harry Agis, M.D. & Ronald Chamberlain, M.D.
Surgical Oncology.....	Lawrence Harrison, M.D.
Urology.....	Louis Galdieri, M.D.
Vascular Surgery.....	Zafar Jamil, M.D.
 Lunch Session:	 12:00 p.m.—2:00 p.m.
Business Meeting.....	Paul Carniol, M.D.
Sheen Award.....	James Alexander, M.D.
 Afternoon Session:	 2:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.
Cancer Commission.....	Jarrod Kaufman, M.D.
Cardio Thoracic.....	Justin Sambol, M.D.
Bariatric Surgery.....	Michael Nussbaum, M.D.
Colorectal Surgery.....	Michael Arvanitis, M.D.
Ophthalmology.....	Michael Spedick, M.D.
Trauma Surgery.....	Devashish Anjaria, M.D.

MEDAC

MedAC is the political arm of the Medical Society of New Jersey. MedAC advocates on behalf of physicians on issues that directly effect them. It is important to keep MedAC strong. MedAC’s purpose is to help elect legislators, regardless of party affiliation, who are concerned about physicians and their patients. We need your help to maintain medicine’s power at the healthcare bargaining table. Monies donated to MedAC are used for state legislators.

Please consider making a contribution to MedAC and be part of the solution. MedAC contributions (\$150) can be written on either a corporate or personal check. A donation in the amount of \$1,000 is required to be included in the Capital Club. Please mail your checks to the Chapter office, 52 Elm Street, Morristown, NJ 07960 or use the form found on page 6.

2010-2011 DUES

Dues notices have been mailed to all active members. The dues assessment for the New Jersey Chapter remain at \$150 for active members. Have you paid your dues yet? If not, please mail your check to the Chapter office as soon as possible. Credit cards are also accepted.



2011 Chapter Pilgrimage

Plans are currently being discussed for the 2011 Chapter Pilgrimage. Locations being considered include Lisbon, Portugal; Buenos Aires, Argentina and London, England. The trip will include a full day scientific session and sight seeing. The more participants, the lesser the cost. Why not consider joining your colleagues in 2011? As the details are confirmed information will be disseminated.

NEW JERSEY GENERAL SURGEON STUDENT LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Michael Goldfarb, the Chapter is in the process of formalizing an agreement with SallieMae establishing "The New Jersey General Surgeon Student Loan Repayment Program." The goal of this program is to enable the recruitment and or retention of up to three (3) qualified general surgeons at underserved community hospitals. Each surgeon will sign a two-year commitment to serve as a general surgeon at a community hospital approved by the NJ,ACS would be eligible to receive the lesser of \$50,000 per year toward their total student loan indebtedness. Please call the Chapter office for additional information.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Since the Assembly Health Committee held hearings for A1892, the Tort Reform Bill, on June 10, 2010, we have continued to work for meaningful tort reform.

As we discussed at the Assembly Health Committee hearing there is a shortage of physicians in New Jersey and in the current medical legal environment it is very difficult to recruit physicians to practice in New Jersey. Furthermore beyond increasing the number of physicians to New Jersey, it is important to be able to recruit the best and the brightest physicians so we can maintain a high quality healthcare for New Jersey's residents. Recruiting this group of physicians is even more difficult as they usually have multiple options when deciding where to practice.

Since the Committee meeting we have continued to have discussions with legislators about making New Jersey a more physician friendly state, including this tort reform bill.

It is our understanding that the trial lawyers are opposed to the current bill. They have raised several points related to this bill. As we see this bill, it will not deter merit based malpractice suits. Rather it is our hope that it will decrease frivolous lawsuits. It sets important scientific standards for malpractice litigation rather than just the plaintiffs' expert opinion. Optimistically, we would like to be able to work together with the trial lawyers to effectively diminish the frivolous lawsuits with this legislation.

Paul J. Carniol, M.D., F.A.C.S
President

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REPORTING CME CREDITS

Recertifying members of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) can now submit their ACS continuing medical education (CME) credits online to the American Board of Surgery (ABS) by using the College’s members-only Web portal. From the “My CME” page on page on e-FACS.org click on the “Send CME to ABS” option at the top of the page.

Submission is quick and easy:

- Review your transcript for accuracy; any edits or change can be made by contacting mycme@facs.org or by calling (866) 918-4799.
- Have your ABS 13-digit authorization number ready.

Log onto the “MY CME” page on the members-only Web portal now to get started and use your ACS membership ID and password. Once logged in, you can change your username and password at any time in the portal’s “My profile” area.

Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Program Verification of Surgical Knowledge and Skills at mycme@facs.org or call (866) 918-4799.



March 13, 2010 Socio-Economic Meeting participants : Drs. Paul J. Carniol (President), Lewis Wetstein (Immediate Past President), Steven Shikiar (Fellow), John Poole (Legislative Chairman MedAC, Board Member AMPAC), David Hoyt (Executive Director, American College of Surgeons) Mark Moritz (Past President) and Frank Padberg, Jr. (President-Elect)



March 13, 2010 Socio-Economic Meeting
Drs. Paul Carniol, Lewis Wetstein, Senator Jennifer Beck (R-12), Drs. Michael Goldfarb and Frank Padberg



March 13, 2010 Socio-Economic Meeting
Drs. Michael Goldfarb, Charles Moss, Mark Moritz, Lewis Wetstein, Senator Loretta Weinberg (D-37), Drs. Paul Carniol, Frank Padberg and John Poole.

ANNUAL MEETING RSVP DECEMBER 4, 2010

_____ Yes, I am attending the **59th Annual Clinical Meeting**. Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$70.

_____ I will attend the morning and afternoon sessions and the Sheen Award Luncheon.

_____ I will attend the morning session.

_____ I will attend the afternoon Session

_____ I will attend the Sheen Award Luncheon

**Mail with check to
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CHAPERONS IN THE MEDICAL OFFICE

NJAC 13:35-6.23 requires that in all office settings, physicians must provide notice to their patients of the right to have a chaperone present under the following circumstances: 1) during breast and pelvic examinations of women; and 2) during genitalia and rectal examinations of both men and women.

The notice should be either provided in written form to the patient or by conspicuously posting a notice in a manner in which patients who are to be examined are made aware of the right to request a chaperone and to decline care if a chaperone acceptable to the patient is not available. A physician is not obligated to provide further care for the immediate medical problem presented if the patient does not find the chaperone acceptable. A physician is not obligated to provide further care for the immediate medical problem if the patient refuses to have a chaperone present and the physician wants to have a chaperone present during the examination.



RED FLAG RULES EXTENDED AGAIN

In 2003, Congress enacted the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA). Pursuant to FACTA the FTC issued what have become known as the "Red Flag Rules."

The Red Flag rules take effect December 31, 2010 and physicians who extend credit to their patients are required to comply. Does that include your practice? It does if your practice **DOES NOT** require payment in full from all patients at the time of service.

Chapter members can obtain a "Red Flag" model template from the Chapter office.

MEETING SCHEDULE

The Executive Committee meetings are as follows:

Tuesday, September 14, 3:00 p.m. at The Prospect House, Princeton University, Nassau Street, Princeton. Dinner to follow at 6:00 p.m., spouses and guests are invited. Cost for spouses/guests is \$75. Should you have any questions, please call the Chapter office.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS?

Are we sending your mail to the correct address? Have you moved recently? Please notify the Chapter office of any changes in your address, telephone number, fax number or e-mail address.

CHAPTER ADDRESS CHANGE

The Chapter office moved on June 1, 2010. Our new address is:
52 Elm Street
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(973) 539-4000
FAX: (973) 539-9493
E-mail: njsurgeons@aol.com.

TERMINATION OF THE PHYSICIAN/PATIENT RELATIONSHIP

NJAC 13:35-6.22 requires that physicians notify patients in writing of termination of care no less than thirty days prior to the date of termination. The notification is to be mailed certified mail, return receipt to the last known address of the patient. Physicians are required to provide all necessary emergency care and services including prescriptions.

Physicians are not required to comply with the requirements if the physician/patient relationship has been terminated by the patient or if the physician has discontinued providing services to a particular managed care carrier or HMO in which the patient is enrolled.

Copies of the regulations can be obtained by calling the Chapter office, **(973) 539-4000**.



REMINDER

The following certificates are required to practice medicine in New Jersey.

NJ State BME
Mr. William Roeder
Executive Director
P.O.Box 183
Trenton, NJ 08625-0183
(609) 826-7100

CDS Registration
Susan Gartland, Chief Drug Control
Department of L& P Safety
P.O. Box 45022, 124 Halsey Street, 7th Floor
Newark, NJ 07101
(973) 504-6545

County Clerk Registration Certificate
NJ SBME regulation 45:9.17 requires that you register your license with the County Clerk in the County in which you reside.

Drug Enforcement Administration
80 Mulberry Street
Newark, NJ 07102
(800) 882-9539
www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov



2 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648
PHONE: 609.896.1766 ext. 262; E-MAIL: aclarke@msnj.org
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2010 MEMBERSHIP FORM

Participation Levels: (Please check one)	<input type="checkbox"/>	President's Club	\$5,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Capitol Club Elite	\$2,500.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Capitol Club Executive	\$1,750.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Capitol Club	\$1,000.00
	<input type="checkbox"/>	500 Club	\$500.00
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I'd like to contribute to MedAC with a personal or corporate check (circle one):

Please make your **CORPORATE OR PERSONAL CHECK** payable to MedAC and send to MedAC, 2 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

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I'd like to pay my membership dues by credit card (please circle corporate or personal):

Please fill in the amount paid: _____

Name (Please Print): _____

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(initial here)

The New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission requires us to collect and report the name, mailing address, occupation, and name of employer of contributors whose contributions exceed \$300 in a calendar year.

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Contributions to MedAC/AMPAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Funds from corporations given to AMPAC will be used for political education activities where allowed. Contributions are not limited to suggested amounts. Neither the MSNJ nor the AMA will favor or disadvantage anyone based upon the amounts of or failure to make PAC contributions. Voluntary political contributions are subject to limitations of FEC regulations Section 110.1, 110.2 and 110.5 (Federal regulations require this notice.)

SPONSORSHIP FOR ANNUAL CLINICAL MEETING

The Chapter is seeking sponsorship for the annual clinical meeting. Do you know a drug representative or a supplier who might be interested in having a sponsorship booth at the Annual Clinical Meeting? We hosted over 20 sponsors last year and each company was pleased with the attendance of over 300 surgeons from throughout New Jersey. The sponsors help defray the cost of the meeting to our membership. Copy the following form and please ask your pharmaceutical and other suppliers to sponsor a table at the annual meeting. There are several sponsorship options available.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Gold Sponsor – Contribution of \$3,500

Credit for sponsoring all meal functions and AV support. Gold sponsors will be given NJ-ACS website home page recognition and a link to their own website for one year. Acknowledgement of this level will appear in promotional materials, on site signage, and post-meeting communications. Gold sponsors also enjoy all the benefits of Bronze Sponsors (see below) and 4 representatives.

Silver Sponsor – Contribution of \$2,500

Credit for sponsoring the membership luncheon. Silver sponsors will be given NJ-ACS website home page recognition and a link to their own website for one year. Acknowledgement of this level will appear in promotional materials, on site signage, and post-meeting communications. Silver sponsors also enjoy all the benefits of Bronze Sponsors (see below) and 3 representatives.

Bronze Sponsor – Contribution of \$1,500

- Bronze sponsors will enjoy the following benefits and privileges for 2 representatives:
- One 6' draped table display area and chairs
- Access to an electrical outlet
- Continental breakfast, morning break and luncheon
- Badges for company representatives
- Registration list of conference attendees

The exhibit hall will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

FEDERAL TAX ID #22-6064585

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