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ABS Executive Director to give Jesseph Lecture

Wallace P. Ritchie, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., Executive Director of the American Board of Surgery, will present the Jesseph Memorial Lecture on February 17, 1995. Dr. Ritchie graduated from Yale, and the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. He interned at Yale and was an assistant resident there. He then went through the six year program under Dr. Wangenstein at the University of Minnesota, receiving the PhD (Surgery). He has been Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Temple University and Chief of Surgery at Temple University Hospital. Although deeply involved with surgical training in the United States, Dr. Ritchie maintains an intensive interest in basic research into the properties of the gastric mucosa, having published

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John Glover 25th Shumacker Orator

John Glover, M.D., F.A.C.S., Chief of Surgical Services at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, Michigan will give the twenty-fifth Shumacker Oration at the Annual Meeting in South Bend. A graduate of Vanderbilt, Dr. Glover received his surgical training at Indiana University under Dr. Shumacker. He stayed at Indiana becoming Professor of Surgery, and Chief of Surgery at Wishard Hospital. He took charge of the surgical program at Wm. Beaumont eight years ago. John is a Past-President of the Indiana Chapter.

Help!

Final Call for Papers

The response thus far for papers has been meager. The quality of the Annual Meeting is very dependent on your support and participation. A Fellow needs only to submit a title along with the names of the authors. Residents whose papers are competing for an award should submit a single page, letter sized abstract containing title, names of authors, and abstract text.

Send your submission to:

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Abstract deadline is Feb. 3, 1995

Border Surgeons Face New Problem

Surgeons who practice near Indiana State boundaries are alarmed by a decision by an Illinois judge. A surgeon, licensed in Indiana but living in Illinois (and not licensed in Illinois), was sued by his patient, who is an Illinois resident. The suit was filed in Illinois instead of Indiana. The judge ruled that the case properly belongs in Illinois.

In border communities we have many surgeons who practice solely in Indiana, but live in the adjacent state, and often have a large practice from the adjoining state. Judges in Kentucky and Illinois have been aggressive in attempting to assert jurisdiction over cases involving their citizens, avoiding Indiana's Malpractice Act. All Indiana surgeons,

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Meet your Chapter Officers - Inlow

Robert Pierson Inlow was born in Shelbyville, where he still lives. His father was a Mayo trained surgeon who started the Inlow Clinic and married the first Superintendent of Nurses at Major Hospital. His grandfather trained and raced horses and his great-grandfather was a horse and buggy doctor in Manilla Ind. "Dr. Bob" graduated from Indiana University and I.U. Medical School. He interned at Ohio State and had his surgical training at Mayo. While there he earned a Master of Science in Surgery from the University of Minnesota. He returned to his home town in 1963 and practiced general surgery at the Inlow Clinic. He is a Past-Chief of Staff at Major Hospital and a Past-President of the Shelby Co. Medical Society. He served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Chapter for seven years, returning to the Board of Councilors after a five year hiatus. With the closure of Inlow Clinic in 1991, he left the

Coming Events

Feb. 17 - Jesseph Memorial Lecture, Wallace P. Ritchie, Jr., guest speaker.
1995 Annual Meeting - May 11-13
 Holiday Inn-Downtown, South Bend, Indiana

active practice of surgery, but continues in occupational medicine at Methodist Occupational Health Centers. He and his wife, "Bobbie" have three children, and two grand-children.



DR. WALT VISITS

At the November 18, 1994 meeting of the chapter, Dr. Alexander Walt, President of the American College of Surgeons, talked about "What would Halsted Think of the American College of Surgeons Today?" He reviewed a number of principles which Halsted advocated: excellent training for surgeons, excellent hospitals in which surgeons could care for patients, and the keeping of records about what was done for patients. He concluded that Halsted would approve of the College's efforts in these areas. Halsted would probably be confused about present concerns about ethics and uneasiness about technology. He would be totally disinterested about our present anxiety with socio-economic problems.

The lecture was well attended as was Grand Rounds at the University.

Ritchie- from p 1, col 1 more than thirty articles on this subject in the past fifteen years. His lecture Friday evening is entitled "The Century of the Surgeon: A Personal Perspective". He will speak again at Grand Rounds on Saturday morning on "Roux-en-Y: Cure or Disease".

FOR COMPUTER JUNKIES

I visited different computer software exhibits at ACS in Chicago. Software for Surgeons out of Menlo Park, CA seemed to me to have the best product that I saw. It is a database that provides for follow-up and statistical information specifically oriented toward surgeons. It is unique in having both Mac and Windows programs that look and operate alike American Medical Software out of

Edwardsville, IL probably has the best total system for a medical office, and has had this for years.

Aires Systems Corp. is the king of CD-ROM. For \$300 they supply the last five years of surgical articles in over 160 journals, including abstracts. Retrieval uses MEDLINE MESH headings. It is updated annually for \$200. They also have the entire MEDLINE database on CD-ROM for \$1600.

Border- from p 1, col 2 living in or out of state, close to the border or not, are affected by this challenge. The closer to the border and the higher the number of out of state patients, the greater is the risk.

Physicians Insurance Company of Indiana (PIC) has drafted a release form that out of state patients should sign. Although not foolproof, it should help.