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President Turner  
(center) with  
immediate past  
president Mell  
Welborn (right) and  
president-elect  
Gordon Gutmann  
(left)

## **Gutmann Named President Elect**

At the annual meeting in Nashville, Gordon L. Gutmann, M.D., F.A.C.S., of Jeffersonville, was elected president of the Indiana Chapter for the year 1997-98. Dr. Gutmann has been a member of the Board of Councilors for two terms and has been a member of the credentials committee. He served on the nominating committee in 1994 and 1995. He will succeed William W. Turner, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S. who was installed as president for 1996-97.

Ben Eiseman, M.D., F.A.C.S. gave the twenty-sixth Shumacker Oration at the Annual Meeting in Opryland. His subject was **Surgery in the Elderly**. Dr. Eiseman is Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the University of Colorado. He is a past governor and a past vice-president of the American College of Surgeons. He remains an avid mountain climber. Dr. Eiseman appears in this photograph with Dr. H. B Shumacker, Jr.



## **AdminaStar follow-up:**

There has been a continuing inquiry relating to radical breast surgery utilization and AdminaStar surveillance. It seems that AdminaStar in Indiana is incorrect as to the source of the data used. James Cuca of Region V, Health Care Financing Administration says, "Please be advised that HCFA does not maintain provider specific claims utilization data; such information is compiled by the carrier. HCFA's BESS system maintains national and regional data, which serves as a general baseline with which the carrier can compare the claims utilization of individual providers."

A statement indicated that those persons who received "aberrancy" letters were subjected to "focused monitoring" of their Medicare billing, and could be subject to action against them.

### Michael Sadove becomes Secretary - Treasurer

A. Michael Sadove, M.D., F.A.C.S. was elected secretary-treasurer of the Indiana Chapter to replace Robert Pennington, M.D., F.A.C.S. who had served two terms. Dr. Sadove is a plastic surgeon at Indiana University. He has been a councilor and a member of the credentials committee.



### Coming Events

**Oct. 8** (Tuesday) Chapter breakfast, A.C.S. San Francisco. 7-9 a.m. Franciscan B room at San Francisco Hilton and Towers.

**Nov. 15** - Will C. Moore Lecture, Dr. LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., President A.C.S., Professor and Chairman at Howard University. Embassy Suites Indianapolis North, 3912 Vincennes Road (off N. Michigan Rd. - U.S.421). Cocktails 6:30 p.m., Dinner 7:30 p.m.

**Feb. 21, 1997** - John E. Jeseph Lecture, Dr. Josef E. Fischer, Professor and Chairman at the University of Cincinnati.

**April 30, 1997** - Annual Meeting, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis

### A Website for the Indiana Chapter?

The internet is a "hot" item presently, with large numbers of people gaining access. Many companies have inaugurated a "home page" where they display what they do.

The American College of Surgeons felt the internet was an important and inexpensive way to demonstrate what we are and what we do. The A.C.S. Cybersite was established at >www.facs.org<. At present, the Ohio Chapter is the only chapter to have a website. The College is now inviting other chapters to create home pages.

Producing a web page for the Indiana Chapter needs to be a joint project. How much information, and what type of information to include should be decided by the Council. Someone with familiarity with HTML (HyperText Markup Language) is needed to compose the pages. The College will not do this, but will provide the server to put the page on the world wide web. Our task is to provide the information and make certain it is accurate.

### Coding Course

"Bridging the Gap Between Surgical Terminology & Practice Profitability" is a coding course with emphasis on anatomic and surgical terminology. It is being offered by the American College of Surgeons on October 18, 1996 at Oakbrook Hills Hotel, Oakbrook, IL. This is designed for **nonclinical staff**. Contact Ms. Lucille Clark at ACS headquarters, 312/664-4050, ext 213.

### American College of Surgeons Distinguished Lecturer



David G. Murray, M.D., F.A.C.S. spoke to the Indiana Chapter about "Socioeconomic Issues and the Response of the American College of Surgeons" at the Annual Meeting. Dr. Murray will be installed as president of the College at the October Clinical Congress. He is past-chairman of the Board of Regents and is professor and chairman, department of orthopedic surgery, State University of New York Health Science Center in Syracuse, NY.

The photograph shows him with president Mell Welborn.

### Managed Care Update: One-Day Workshop

The American College of Surgeons is putting on a series of one-day workshops "Advanced Strategies For Your Surgical Practice". Subjects include capitation, productivity, mergers, IPA's, improving revenue, keeping people happy, computers, physician's and manager's and staff's rolls, reducing overhead and managed care negotiation strategies. It is directed at **physicians and their office managers**. Dates are in Sept., Oct., and Nov. The closest ones are in Chicago, Columbus, OH and Knoxville, TN. Contact Ms. Lucille Clark at ACS headquarters, 312/664-4050, ext 213.