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Get to Know Your President



A. Michael Sadove, MD, FACS was born and raised in the Chicago area. He graduated from Loyola Medical School in 1974 and then completed residencies in general surgery at Rush Presbyterian St Lukes and Plastic surgery at Univ. of Virginia. In 1982 he finished a craniofacial and microsurgery fellowships at New York Univ.

He has spent the last 18 years at Indiana University and is Professor of Surgery, Chief of Plastic Surgery at Riley Children's Hospital. Dr. Sadove performs cosmetic surgery of the face and torso at Methodist, St. Vincent, and the Women's Hospitals and the Meridian Plastic Surgery Center in Indianapolis.

Dr. Sadove's interest in the ACS began with the Chicago Surgical Society Chapter. He believes the Indiana Chapter offers many advantages and would like to see better attendance, especially with the younger surgeons. Prior to being the president for 1999, he served as a councilor for about 10 years and as Secretary Treasurer for 3 years.

He hopes that the chapter will be more accessible to the members by broadening the committee structure (Fall 1999 Newsletter). This provides opportunities for all members to be more active.

PLAN TO ATTEND

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.

The Jesseph Lecture

will feature **Mark Alan Malangoni, MD, FACS**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery at Metropolitan Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio. The meeting will be at the Columbia Club on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis on Friday, February 18.

A Council meeting will be at 5:30 PM, Social hour at 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:30 PM.

For Reservations please watch for the mailing or contact Carolyn Downing at 800/257-4762

Liability News

FINAL RULE ON FRAUD DATA BANK ISSUED

The U.S. Department of **Health and Human Services** (HHS) Office of the Inspector General published the final rule for the new Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB) on October 26th. Established under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the HIPDB will serve as a repository of information regarding certain adverse actions taken against providers, suppliers, and practitioners.

Specifically, it will contain information on: (1) civil judgments related to the delivery of health care, other than malpractice claims; (2) federal or state criminal convictions; (3) actions by federal or state agencies responsible for licensing and certification; and (4) exclusion from participation in federal or state health care programs.

The HIPDB will initially become operational on a limited basis. The rule was published with a proposal exempting the new data collection system from certain provisions in the federal Privacy Act, which is intended to protect information on law enforcement queries to the data bank.

For more detailed information regarding HIPDB, please see the upcoming February issue of the ACS Bulletin which will contain an extensive article about the newly created Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank (HIPDB).

Will C. Moore 1999 Lecture

The Chapter was honored with W. Hardy Hendren, III, M.D., FACS speaking at the fall meeting on the history of pediatric surgery. He provided many fascinating insights – many of a personal nature. Our best wishes for continued health and success for Dr. Hendren.

Legislative Update

- 1) The Indiana State Legislature is in a short session. It will probably end by third week in February.
- 2) Expect much political posturing with elections this November and with new district maps being drawn for next year.
- 3) Present make up is:
Senate – 19 Democrats, 31 Republicans
House – 53 Democrats, 47 Republicans
- 4) Some of the major bills so far:
 - * Tobacco settlement money: So far most say it should be put aside (Trust Funds) for health care. But our major concern is that they deal with the issue this year to make sure the money does not get ‘lost’ on other projects.
 - * Medicaid reimbursement rates: Presently set at 1989 levels. Need to contact legislators to give information on current reimbursement versus actual overhead costs per visit or treatment.
 - * Bill to require external grievance procedures to be in place for all payors. – Vote YES – But this will be an uphill battle because of insurance companies.
 - * Bill to allow physician assistants to prescribe legend drugs. – This would allow expanded scope of practice, but the House voted no on this.

Ralph Stewart
Legislative Chairman

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BEWARE – You may be listed on the web and not even know it!

Check out **WWW. Healthgrades.com**
This site has specific individual physician information and allegedly grades some physicians without their knowledge.

*A new feature - useful web sites.

Mark your Calendar

Quarterly meetings:

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

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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