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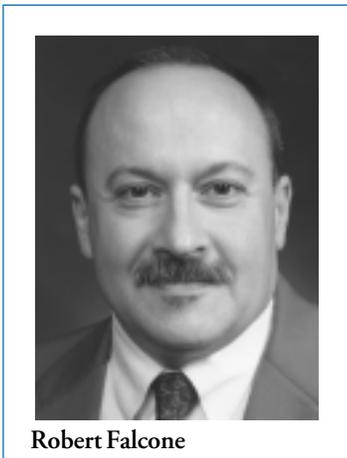
Newsletter

OHIO CHAPTER

President's Message

by Robert Falcone, MD, FACS, President

Keeping Political Slam Dunks—and Other Issues—in Perspective



Robert Falcone

As members of the Ohio Chapter, we made a conscious decision to focus on socioeconomic issues for the 2002 calendar year. Coming out of the November 2002 election, we have much to celebrate. Locally, tort reform was passed and signed into law; and while it does not provide all of the solutions to a complicated issue, it is a good start. Additionally and probably more importantly, we worked to elect two new Supreme Court justices who should help to balance the Supreme Court's approach on critical issues such as tort reform. On a national level, we helped to generate the ground swell of grassroots support for physicians and their plight. The President has officially declared tort reform as a priority, and the legislature has finally rolled back the

Medicare price cuts that were set to occur this year. We still have a great deal of work to do. The tort reform legislation must be tested through the courts. Additionally, the composition of the court, while favorable at present, could change in the future. We must work diligently to support the right people for these positions.

Other members of council are providing more detail on these issues in this newsletter, but it is important that the chapter now consider a Political Action Committee (PAC). At the November 2002 council meeting, council passed on the concept of forming a PAC, and our lobbyist, Dan Jones, is working on the mechanics of such an endeavor to present at our annual meeting in May.

The American College of Surgeons, as our national organization, also found it necessary to form a PAC this year. We are all suffering from declining reimbursements, a complicated regulatory environment, and escalating costs. However, access to our legislators is a process too important to ignore. One important form of access is to provide financial support to those legislators (through a PAC) who we believe can advance our agenda. Forming the PAC is only the first step. Our PAC not only needs to be funded, but supported with our time and effort. I cannot

stress enough that the chapter would like to hear your thoughts and suggestions on this and any other issue affecting your ability to provide patient care.

We welcome all the new Fellows of the College who were initiated at the 2002 Clinical Congress in San Francisco and encourage them to become involved in chapter activities. The efficacy of the chapter is directly related to the personal input of its members. The efforts of dedicated Fellows of the chapter have led to many changes over the years, which have benefited the surgeon and the surgical patient. Again, we appreciate the efforts and support of the entire chapter, and encourage you to attend the annual meeting in Cincinnati this year.

Finally, the chapter would like to thank Jane Treiber for her years of devoted service and wish her well in her new endeavors. Mr. Doug Conrad is now handling administrative tasks for the chapter and is ready to help in any way he can. Dr. Richard Reiling has accepted a position at the Presbyterian Cancer Center in Charlotte, NC, and this will be his last newsletter. Dr. Reiling's time spent with the chapter has been much appreciated, and he will be missed. Thanks!

Cancer Groups Keep the Information Coming

by Michael E. Stark, MD, FACS, Cancer Committee Chair



It seems that the issues with cancer never take a break. The same is true for the Commission on Cancer and the Cancer Committee of the Ohio Chapter. Great progress is being made nationally, statewide, and locally.

The Commission on Cancer had excellent attendance at its annual meeting in San Francisco just prior to the Clinical Congress. Drs. Alfred Cohen and David Winchester led the meeting and provided an update on the Commission's activities. Included in their slide presentation was information about membership (both new and outgoing); executive committee actions; disease site teams (their role, membership, and activity); NCDB Benchmark Reports;

and proposed changes to approvals standards, *FORDS, AJCC 6th Edition*, and the Facility Information Profile System (FIPS). All of this information is on the College's Web site, as well as in reports sent directly to cancer liaison physicians. Please share this information with your local hospital cancer committees.

Also, the National Cancer Data Base Benchmark Reports now have a link on the College's Web page. This is a very exciting database that is open to the public and well worth reviewing. The information can also be shared with the hospital cancer committees. Another useful link at the College's Web site is the Facility Information Profile System.

On the Ohio front, the Ohio Partners for Cancer Control (OPCC) continues to be very active. The structure, governance, and mission are now complete and under the leadership of the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Division of the American Cancer Society. Valeriy Moysaenko, MD, FACS, is the lead representative from the Ohio Chapter, and I will continue to serve as a back-up representative. Dr. Moysaenko is also on the executive committee. Our skills were honed when we attended a leadership institute in June 2002. OPCC's plan will be ready for publication late in 2003.

I continue to hear great reports from local programs. In northwest Ohio, the Lucas County Partnership for Cancer Control (LCPCC) has worked on a smoking ban issue, continues to encourage participation in clinical trials, and is requesting prominent local businesses to hyperlink to a list of smoke-free restaurants.

The next Chapter Cancer Committee meeting, scheduled for May 8 in Cincinnati, will be my last meeting as chair. I have recommended Dr. Moysaenko to be the next chair of this committee and the next state chair of the Cancer Liaison Program. I encourage all cancer liaison physicians, surgeons, and nonsurgeons to attend our committee meeting.

Best Wishes, Jane

It is with regret that we announce the resignation of our executive director, Jane Treiber. Jane left her position with the Ohio Chapter and Management Excellence, Inc., in October 2002 in order to accept another position in the Dayton area. Doug Conrad has been appointed as interim director.

Jane served as executive director for the last seven years and was a great asset and friend to us throughout her tenure. We appreciate all of her hard work on our behalf. We will miss working with her, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Making Our Voices Heard

by Michael J. Walker, MD, FACS, Health Policy & Advocacy Committee Chair

As all members know, the medical community was instrumental in the election of Supreme Court Justices Maureen O'Connor and Evelyn Stratton. The significance of the medical community, including the Ohio Chapter, in this election was recognized on the editorial pages of many of the leading papers across the state. The ability of the Senate and House to forge ahead on the tort reform bills during a "lame duck" session shows that legislators realize that this is an issue of importance to the citizens of Ohio. Nonetheless, significant opposition to tort reform continues. The compromise bill that has passed is different from the originally proposed SB 281. We believe, along with the OSMA, that the bill is not going to lower insurance premiums in the near future, but at least, it is a good start. No doubt, the bill will be contested in the court system. Even though the character of the Supreme Court of Ohio has changed, there is no guarantee that it will survive various challenges.

It is essential that the Ohio Chapter not sit back on its laurels, but continue to be proactive for our patients through the legislative and judicial processes. Our lobbyist, Dan Jones, has been very valuable during this exciting time. Unfortunately, current efforts may not be enough as state legislators become bombarded with special interests, particularly in the area of health care. This is a crucial time for us to develop a strong PAC and for our members to let us know what direction they want this committee and the chapter to take.

Douglass Foundation Grant Will Fund Lectureship

The Ohio Chapter is honored to have received an endowed fund of \$50,000 from the Frederick M. Douglass Foundation to create a lectureship at the annual meeting. As you know, part of mission of OCACS is to create educational opportunities for the membership. Dr. Douglass, a pioneering general surgeon, created the foundation 45 years ago to further research and education in Toledo and contiguous areas. Dr. Michael Stark, Toledo, treasurer of OCACS, played a key role in enabling the chapter to receive this grant.

Dr. Julius Jacobson, a microvascular specialist, will be the chapter's first Douglass Foundation speaker at this year's annual meeting.

Why Hold an Annual Meeting?

An ad hoc committee is taking a long, hard look at the future and viability of the annual meeting, particularly since two of the last four annual meetings have incurred a loss, and attendance has waned in recent years. The committee seeks to answer the following questions:

- 1) Who currently attends our meetings and why?
- 2) Should the location continue to be rotated, or is there one best location?
- 3) How should we structure the budget to allow the meeting to pay for itself?
- 4) How should the content and the agenda be structured to allow maximum benefit?
- 5) Should we include a significant amount of time on socioeconomic issues, such as impending legislation?
- 6) Are there electronic alternatives that we should consider?

Committee members, including Drs. Robert Falcone, Margaret Dunn, John Howington, Gary Williams, and Christopher Ellison, will present their final report to the council in May at the annual meeting.

OCACS PAC: Where Do We Go from Here?

Now that we have the impetus started for the political action committee, we must continue our momentum in the right direction. Our lobbyist, Dan Jones, is working on the mechanics and will lead us in a discussion at the annual meeting. There, we will cover topics such as membership, committee needs, policies, key legislative issues, future elections and candidates, timeframes, and finances. While Dr. Falcone said we should not think of our election of Ohio Supreme Court Justices O'Connor and Stratton as a "slam dunk," we can think of setting up the PAC as "preparation in the off season."

The first task of a PAC is to designate a treasurer. In terms of structure and defining rules, PACs are amazingly simple. Numerous groups in Ohio have formed PACs; you'll find them representing everyone from educators and athletic trainers to realtors and dental hygienists. PACs nationwide have logged numerous successes, including tort reform.

As we have stressed, the success of our PAC will come from us being able to show our support of those candidates who share and support our views—that is where the dollars come in. PACs in Ohio can contribute up to \$2,500 to a statewide, Senate, or House candidate committee per election (primary, general, or special) and up to \$5,000 annually to any legislative campaign fund. PACs may receive up to \$5,000 from any one individual per calendar year. With our membership, we can quickly reach upper-end contribution levels with minimal dollars from individuals.

We encourage you to put serious thought into the structure and direction of our PAC as it is being formed and to share your thoughts and concerns with us. The annual meeting in May would be an especially good forum for you to attend as well. Our goal is to set up a sound PAC to which you can contribute with confidence that your best interests are being represented.

Resident Research Competition Builds Steam

The Resident Research Competition for 2003 has attracted a number of valuable, well-written submissions. The chapter is once again looking forward to a strong showing of both posters and presentations in all areas of basic science, clinical research, oncology, and trauma research at the annual meeting in Cincinnati. Dr. Brian Jones is chairing this year's competition and thanks all program chairs and departmental researchers for encouraging our residents.

Zollinger Is Elected to Office

Robert M. Zollinger, Jr., MD, FACS, has been elected president of the American Hernia Society. Dr. Zollinger is a professor of surgery at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and a general surgeon at University Hospitals of Cleveland. A current council member, Dr. Zollinger is a "founding father" of the Ohio Chapter and a past president and currently chairs the Bylaws Committee. He is also past president of the Cleveland Academy of Medicine.

The Metamorphosis of the Ohio Chapter

by Richard B. Reiling, MD, FACS, Editor



Richard B. Reiling

As editor, I take delight in reviewing some of the history of the chapter with this first issue of the newsletter for 2003, the year in which we have a lobbyist in Columbus and are enjoying our accomplishments

in influencing elections to the Ohio Supreme Court.

I first became involved with the Ohio Chapter in the late 1970s at the request of Dr. Bob Finley (so if you have concerns about how this all happened, you should contact him—and he probably is still in China!). Since the early 1980s, I have been greatly concerned about the socioeconomic issues for the surgeon and the surgeon's patients, especially as they relate to Ohio. For years we have worked with "any willing provider," so to speak, in lobbying, in effecting legislation and state department rules, and so on. At the last annual meeting, in May 2002, we finally formalized a lobbying effort for the chapter. During the last 20 or so years, we have faced many issues and obtained some successes as well as some failures in our efforts. During this time, the chapter has on numerous occasions

traveled to Washington, DC (at the individual expense of the attendee), to lobby our Congressional representatives. The gains of the chapter are directly related to the energy, interest, and support of the Fellows in the chapter. Thousands of hours of energy have been donated to the betterment of the surgeon and the surgeon's patients in Ohio.

The Ohio Chapter has been in the forefront of encouraging more intimate relationships with the American College of Surgeons, and of fostering the need of the College to recognize serious support to state chapters with local socioeconomic and advocacy issues. The Board of Regents is now more responsive to the governors and to the issues of the chapters. In addition, the Division of Advocacy and Health Policy, formerly the Socioeconomic Affairs Department, now has assigned one of our competent lobbyists, Chris Gallagher, in Washington, DC, to specifically deal with state advocacy. Of equal importance, however, is the chapter's association with a lobbyist in Columbus. And now the chapter will be considering a PAC—a necessity if the chapter is to continue effective advocacy in Columbus.

I have visited many chapters of the ACS and can say without hesitation that the Ohio Chapter is one of the most active and

effective. This is clearly the result of a very generous and energetic membership. The officers of the chapter have given many hours of dedicated service to you and your patients over the years. Although the gains may not seem as great as you might have hoped, they certainly have had a positive effect and will continue to do so. I know that the chapter is continuing in this great spirit of dedication and leadership, and I encourage all Fellows of the chapter to give of their time and, of course, money in supporting the chapter—the only advocate for the surgeon and the surgeon's patients in Ohio.

Personally, I have had a wonderful relationship with the chapter and cannot thank the membership enough for giving me this great opportunity. As many of you know, I am moving south to Charlotte, NC, to assume a medical directorship of the Presbyterian Cancer Center. (I will not leave an automatically answered e-mail of my move to Charlotte, in view of the fiasco with my last move and e-mail overload!)

I wish you all well. My wife, Liz, and I will always have a warm spot in our hearts for the Ohio Chapter and the many Fellows whom Liz and I have come to know and work with over these many years. Thank you again from Liz and me for these wonderful years.

New Initiates Welcomed during 2002 Clinical Congress

Congratulations to the following new Fellow Initiates of the College:

Cynthia Zane Africk, MD, FACS,
Springboro

Amit Agrawal, MD, FACS, Columbus

Rami Akhrass, MD, FACS, Elyria

Michael C. Albert, MD, FACS, Dayton

Jillian E. Banbury, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Mary Beth Benedict, MD, FACS, Maumee

Joseph F. Buell, MD, FACS, Cincinnati

Candilee Butler, MD, FACS, Toledo

Daniel Insung Choo, MD, FACS,
Cincinnati

Donald G. Crescenzo, MD, FACS, Toledo

Mark D. Dabagia, MD, FACS, Toledo

Lisa Ann Davis, MD, FACS, Willoughby

Jacqueline M. DiPierro, MD, FACS,

Mayfield Heights

Scott T. Dull, MD, FACS, Toledo

Bryan J. Ellis, DO, FACS, Cincinnati

Eric A. Espinal, MD, FACS, Akron

Gregory M. Fedele, MD, FACS, Beachwood

David A. Gordon, MD, FACS, Elida

Roy K. Greenberg, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Christopher A. Haas, MD, FACS, Cleveland

New Initiates (continued)

Matthew K. Hasford, MD, FACS,
Bellefontaine

David M. Hasl, MD, FACS, Cincinnati

Steven M. Houser, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Thomas Harria Inge, MD, FACS,
Cincinnati

Kristina H. Johnson, MD, FACS, Hartford

Brian D. Kenney, MD, FACS, Toledo

Robert D. Lewis, MD, FACS, Canfield

Mark G. Luciano, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Michael E. Madison, MD, FACS, Salem

Jeffrey S. Molle, MD, FACS, Lima

Bradford B. Mullin, MD, FACS, Columbus

Thomas D. Oweis, MD, FACS, Maumee

Jose E. Parodi, MD, FACS, Toledo

Linda A. Patterson, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Daniel P. Peabody III, MD, FACS, Wooster

Earnest Perry, MD, FACS, Youngstown

Timothy P. Pittinger, MD, FACS, Akron

David M. Powell, MD, FACS, Columbus

Mohamed Salem, MBBCh, FACS, Fostoria

Timur P. Sarac, MD, FACS, Cleveland

Ranjit R. Singh, MD, FACS, Springfield

Darrell R. Smith, MD, FACS, Canton

David L. Steward, MD, FACS, Cincinnati

Kwang Il Suh, MD, FACS, Pickerington

Kirby L. Sweitzer, MD, FACS, Massillon

Daniel S. Taylor, MD, FACS, Piqua

Samuel Weinstein, MD, FACS, Columbus

Dennis J. Wright, MD, FACS, Akron

Jeffrey K. Yenchar, MD, FACS, Lancaster

Pyongsoo David Yoon, MD, FACS,
Youngstown

Thomas Joseph Zarlingo, MD, FACS,
Canfield

Governors Address Key Issues at Annual Meeting

by Margaret M. Dunn, MD, FACS, Ohio Governor



Margaret M. Dunn

The Board of Governors, chaired by J. Patrick O'Leary, MD, FACS (New Orleans, LA), held its annual meeting at the 2002 Clinical Congress. Physician reimbursement, professional liability and malpractice, changes in Medicare and Medicaid, tort reform, and relationships with managed care organizations topped the list of concerns. Also, in order to better align the activities of the Governors with the College's reorganized departments, the committees of the Governors were reorganized and now comprise the following Governors' committees:

- Committee on Bloodborne Infection and Environmental Risk
- Committee on Chapter Activities
- Committee on Physician Competency and Health
- Committee on Socioeconomic Issues
- Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and Ambulatory Settings
- Committee to Study the Fiscal Affairs of the College

There was extensive discussion regarding the formation of the College's new professional corporation, as well as plans for its Political Action Committee (PAC). The formation of a separate 501(c)6 professional corporation, which would be able to engage in political advocacy on behalf of Fellows and their patients, was proposed by and promoted by the Governors.

The College's financial status is sound. The purchase of the new office tower has been a good investment, with income from tenants more than covering building overhead. However, in response to last year's operating deficit, the Fiscal Affairs Committee raised the question of a dues increase in addition to that already approved for 2003. This suggestion was soundly rejected by the Board of Governors.

Any of the Ohio Governors-at-Large welcome communication from Ohio Fellows regarding their thoughts, suggestions, and concerns. While the College is listening more attentively to its members than ever before, the Ohio Governors seek to amplify the voice of Ohio Fellows.

Societies Launch Electronic Advocacy Tool

ACS has joined in a collaborative effort with 11 other specialty societies to launch a new surgery state legislative action center (SSLAC). The SSLAC is an electronic advocacy tool that utilizes the same software program and ZIP code-matching technology that the ACS and many other national specialty societies use for federal advocacy efforts. This system matches surgeons with their elected state representatives, allowing them to reach out to members of their state legislatures on an ad hoc basis or through a coordinated grassroots campaign.

Please check out the new state action center at www.facs.org/sslac and look for alerts from the College and other surgical specialty societies. The SSLAC may also be accessed from the Ohio Chapter's Web site at www.ohiofacs.org.

48th Annual Meeting in Cincinnati

Mark your calendar now for the 48th Annual Meeting at the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center in Cincinnati. This year's program has offerings for surgeons at all levels. The general sessions encompass topics in general surgery, modern techniques in surgery, surgical oncology, trauma and critical care, and vascular surgery. New this year, Dr. Julius Jacobson will present the **First Annual Frederick M. Douglass Foundation Memorial Lecture**. This endowed lectureship will provide surgical education at the annual meeting for years to come. Program brochures will be mailed early in March, or call the Ohio Chapter office for more information.

Thursday, May 8, 2003

- 10:00 am–4:00 pm **Registration**
- 10:00–11:30 am **Cancer Committee Meeting**
- 10:00 am–2:00 pm **Committee on Trauma Semi-Annual Meeting**
- 12:00 noon–1:30 pm **Combined Young Surgeons/ Communications Committees Meeting**
- 10:30 am–5:00 pm **Workshop—Breast Ultrasound & Breast Biopsy**
Faculty: Beth Shaunnesy, MD, PhD, University of Cincinnati
Sponsor: Ethicon Endosurgery
- 8:00 am–5:00 pm **Workshop—Laparoscopic Gastric Bypass Course**
Faculty: Keith Gersin, MD, University of Cincinnati
Sponsor: Ethicon Endosurgery
- 2:00–5:00 pm **Resident Workshop**
Moderators: Steven Steinberg, MD, FACS, Chair, Resident Education Committee; William Wallace, MD, Co-Chair
- 2:00–3:30 pm **Health Policy & Advocacy Committee Meeting**
- 3:30–6:30 pm **Council Meeting**
- 5:30–6:30 pm **Resident Reception**
- 7:30 pm **Council Dinner**

Friday, May 9, 2003

- 7:00 am–4:00 pm **Registration**
- 7:00–8:15 am **Continental Breakfast/Exhibits**
- 8:15–8:30 am **Introduction:** John Howington, MD, FACS, Cincinnati, 2003 Program Committee Chair

Welcome:

Michael Nussbaum, MD, FACS, Ohio Governor, Cincinnati; William Martin, MD, Dean, University of Cincinnati College of Medicine; Jeff Matthews, MD, FACS, Chair, University of Cincinnati Department of Surgery
Remarks: Robert E. Falcone, MD, FACS, Chapter President

General Session I:

Modern Techniques in Surgery: Advances in the Surgical Treatment of GERD

Moderator: Scott Melvin, MD, FACS

- 8:30–9:00 am **Topic: Stretta**
Speaker: Keith Gersin, MD, FACS, Cincinnati
- 9:00–9:30 am **Topic: Endoscopic Suturing for GERD**
Speaker: Jeffrey Ponsky, MD, FACS, Cleveland
- 9:30–10:00 am **Topic: Robotics in Nissen Fundoplication**
Speaker: Scott Melvin, MD, FACS
- 10:00–10:30 am **Refreshment Break/Exhibits**

General Session II:

Current Issues in Academic and Community Surgery

- 10:30–11:00 am **Community Hospital Lecture**
Moderator: Ray Fuller, MD, FACS, Delaware
- 11:00 am–12:00 noon **80-Hour Work Week Panel Session**
Moderator: Steven Steinberg, MD, FACS, Columbus
Speakers: Brian Jones, MD, FACS, Akron; Mark Arnold, MD, FACS, Columbus; William Wallace, MD, Columbus
- 12:00 noon–12:20 pm **Topic: Capitol Hill & the ACS**
Speaker: Christopher Gallagher, Manager of State Affairs, Division of Advocacy and Health Policy, ACS, Washington, DC
- 12:20–1:00 pm **Luncheon**
- 1:00–1:40 pm **The Ohio Oration**
Speaker: Julie Freischlag, MD, FACS, Secretary, Board of Governors, Los Angeles, CA

General Session III:

Surgical Oncology

- Moderator:** Valeriy Moysaenko, MD, FACS, Toledo
1:45–2:15 pm **Topic: Difficult Pancreas Surgery**
Speaker: Syed Ahmad, MD,
Cincinnati
- 2:15–2:45 pm **Topic: The Current State of
Hormone Therapy for Breast
Cancer**
Speaker: Ruth O'Regan, MD,
Northwestern University,
Chicago, IL

General Session IV:

Perspectives: Experience in Surgery

- Moderator:** Michael Stark, MD, FACS, Toledo
2:45–3:15 pm **Topic: Changing Surgical Practice
in China...An Eight-Year
Experience**
Speaker: Robert K. Finley, Jr.,
MD, FACS
- 3:15–3:45 pm **First Annual Frederick M. Douglass
Foundation Memorial Lecture**
Topic: Looking Back
Speaker: Julius H. Jacobson II, MD,
FACS, New York, NY
- 3:45–4:00 pm **Refreshment Break/Exhibits**

General Session V:

The Ohio Chapter Resident Research Forum

- Moderator:** Brian T. Jones, MD, FACS, Chair,
Resident Research Forum, Akron
4:00–5:00 pm **John P. Minton Oncology Award
Recipient
Clinical and Basic Science Finalists**
- 5:00–5:30 pm **Annual Business Meeting**
- 7:00 pm **President's Dinner**
Location: Belle of Cincinnati
Dinner Cruise on the Ohio River

Saturday, May 10, 2003

- 7:00–11:00 am **Registration**
- 7:00–8:15 am **Committee on Trauma Breakfast**
Moderator: Jay Johannigman, MD,
FACS, Chair, Ohio Committee on
Trauma
Topic: Homeland Defense
Speaker: Major General Paul K.
Carlton, Jr., USAF (ret)

General Session VI:

Trauma and Critical Care

- Moderator:** Jay Johannigman, MD, FACS, Chair,
Ohio Committee on Trauma
- 8:15–8:30 am **Resident Research Forum
Trauma Paper**
- 8:30–9:00 am **Topic: Infections in Trauma Patients**
Speaker: Joseph S. Solomkin, MD,
FACS, Cincinnati
- 9:00–9:20 am **Topic: The Challenges of
Developing a Level III
Trauma Center**
Speaker: Anthony Borzotta, MD,
FACS, Cincinnati
- 9:20–9:40 am **Topic: Updates and Innovations
in Critical Care**
Speaker: Charles J. Yowler, MD,
FACS, Cleveland
- 9:40–10:00 am **Topic: Development of a Regional
Trauma Registry**
Speaker: David A. Andrews, MD, Akron
- 10:00–10:30 am **Refreshment Break**

General Session VII:

Topics in Vascular Surgery

- Moderator:** Joseph Giglia, MD, FACS
- 10:30–11:00 am **Topic: Treatment of Iliofemoral
DVT in 2003: A Comprehensive
Strategy to Preserve Venous
Function and Quality of Life**
Speaker: Anthony J. Comerota, MD,
FACS, Toledo
- 11:00–11:30 am **Topic: The Current State of
Endovascular Therapy for Aortic
Aneurysms**
Speaker: Gary Lemmon, MD, FACS,
Dayton
- 11:30 am–12:00 noon **Topic: Endovascular Approaches
to the Thoracic Aorta**
Speaker: Joseph Giglia, MD, FACS,
Cincinnati
- 2:00 pm **Annual Golf Outing**
Location: The Golf Center at
Kings Island

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ACS Applauds President's Commitment to Health Care Reforms

The American College of Surgeons has issued a release applauding President Bush for his continued efforts to ensure quality health care for every American. The College lauds his call to action on medical liability reform and increased funding for the Medicare program. Further, the College hopes to work with the President to guarantee that appropriate payment reforms are part of his overall Medicare reform package and welcomes the President's leadership on these issues.
