2012 Fall Conference
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September 30 – October 2
Chicago, IL
Dr. Meena Nathan Cherian leads the WHO Emergency and Essential Surgical Care program, in the Department of Health Systems Policies and Workforce, World Health Organization Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland. She leads the secretariat for the WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care (GIEESC), which is a partnership to improve emergency, anaesthesia, surgical including obstetrics and trauma care in low- and middle income countries. Dr. Cherian graduated from Christian Medical College, Ludhiana, Punjab, India, and then went to work in a rural hospital in India for several years in surgery and obstetrics. She later specialised in anaesthesiology from Christian Medical College Hospital, Vellore, India, and was in the faculty as a Professor. She has organized outreach programs for capacity building in Obstetric Anaesthesia for Safe Motherhood, for doctors and nurses providing anaesthesia in remote constrained settings. In addition, Dr. Cherian has studied, trained and worked in various hospitals in the USA (Johns Hopkins Hospital), Africa, and Southeast Asia.
Dr. George Sheldon is a graduate of the Kansas University School of Medicine. He was a Fellow in Internal Medicine at the Mayo Clinic, a Resident in Surgery at the University of California-San Francisco, and a Fellow in Surgical Biology at Harvard Medical School. He was Professor of Surgery and Chief of the Trauma Service at the University of California-San Francisco prior to becoming the Zack D. Owens Professor and Chairman (1984-2001) of the Department of Surgery at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Sheldon is one of fewer than twenty surgeons in the past one hundred years to be president of all of the major surgical organizations, including President of the American College of Surgeons, President of the American Surgical Association, President of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, and Chair of the American Board of Surgery. He is the first surgeon, not a dean, to be Chairman of the Association of American Medical Colleges since 1879. He is a member of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. He was a Charter Member of the Council on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) when it was founded in 1985 under the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Sheldon holds Honorary Fellowships in the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, the Royal College of Surgeons of England, the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, the European Surgical Association, the British Columbia Surgical Association, and the Colombian Surgical Association. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons. In 2000, he received the Kansas University School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus Award. In 2001 he was recognized as Honored Surgeon by the North Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. In 2001 he was awarded the University of North Carolina Medical Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. In 2003 he was awarded the Distinguished Service Member by the Association of American Medical Colleges. In 2008, he was honored with a Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Arts and Sciences of The University of Kansas. Dr. Sheldon is currently a member of the Faculty Council of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Faculty Assembly of the University of North Carolina system. He is Editor-in-Chief of e-FACS.org, the Web portal of the American College of Surgeons, as well as Director of the American College of Surgeons Health Policy Research Institute and Senior Research Fellow of the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research. In January 2010, Dr. Sheldon published his newest book entitled Hugh Williamson: Physician, Patriot, and Founding Father.
11:00AM – 12:00PM

Practical Solutions for Surgical Challenges in Underserved Areas: Panel Discussion

Using representative cases, the panel will discuss practical solutions to daily challenges in surgically underserved areas in the United States and around the world. Audience questions will be welcomed and addressed.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

• To understand approaches for managing emergent and urgent general surgical care in limited resource settings in the United States and around the world

PARTICIPANTS

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Laura Wenger, RN, as executive director, oversees staff operations and program delivery for Practice Greenhealth, the nation’s leading membership organization for environmental sustainability in health care. She brings more than 17 years of experience in nursing, consulting and professional education development in health care. In her role as executive director, Wenger effectively addresses the needs of Practice Greenhealth members and staff by fostering working partnerships among board, staff and the health care community. As a registered nurse, she understands the link between the health of the environment and the health of people and communities, and brings this knowledge to the programs and activities of Practice Greenhealth to make the health care sector a place of health promotion and disease prevention, and not just a place for healing. Working with staff and stakeholders, Laura assures that high-quality, cutting-edge programs are delivered to Practice Greenhealth members to meet their goals and serve as role models around sustainability in their communities.

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**
- Review waste minimization and segregation strategies specific to the operating room
- Discuss energy savings initiatives, including the built environment and equipment used in the operating room
- Describe environmentally preferred alternative product materials and chemicals of concern

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2:15 PM – 3:15 PM

The Importance of Training a Diverse Surgical Workforce

Patricia L. Turner, MD FACS

This session will review the workforce issues in surgery, and the maldistribution of surgeons in this country, and will segue into a discussion about the value of a diverse surgical workforce, including the benefit of a strong pipeline at the earliest stages. Dr. Turner will also address some of the constraints and challenges associated with generational changes among practicing surgeons.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES
• Discuss characteristics of different generations now engaged in the practice of surgery
• Review workforce shortages and maldistribution of surgeons in this country
• Discuss the value of diversity, in all its forms, as it relates to the practice of surgery

Patricia L. Turner, MD FACS is Director of the Division of Member Services at the American College of Surgeons, an Associate Professor of Surgery at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and an Adjunct Associate Professor of Surgery at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University, in Chicago, IL. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, Dr. Turner continued her training as an intern and resident in surgery at Howard University Hospital in Washington, DC. Her fellowship training in minimally invasive and laparoscopic surgery was completed at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Weill-Cornell University School of Medicine, and Columbia University School of Medicine, and her research fellowship was conducted in the National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute of the NIH. Dr. Turner is consistently described as a superb physician, educator, communicator, and advocate for her patients and for trainees in the surgical disciplines. Her clinical expertise is in laparoscopic surgery and abdominal wall reconstruction. In addition to her clinical and research activities, she is a leading advocate for post-graduate education reform and patient access to high quality healthcare.

3:15 PM

Please join us at the ACS Women in Surgery Committee Networking Event at the Chicago Hilton Hotel, sponsored by 1154 Lill Studio. Refreshments will be served and you will have an opportunity to design your own briefcase, travel bag or a bag for work or school. A portion of the sales will benefit the ACS Olga Jonasson Lecture.
AWS Awards Dinner

The fabled Blackstone Chicago hotel enjoys a rich history as one of Chicago’s most renowned locales. The hotel opened with much fanfare on April 16, 1910 and was a favorite retreat for movie stars, sports legends and international royalty, and 12 U.S. Presidents. In 1999 the hotel was transformed into a world-class downtown Chicago hotel after a $128 million renovation.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Reception for Women Surgeons and Guests

The American College of Surgeons’ Women in Surgery Committee is sponsoring a reception for women surgeons attending the Clinical Congress and guests. This reception will be held at the Blackstone Renaissance Hotel just prior to the AWS Awards Dinner. If you are unable to make the dinner but would like to attend this reception, please check the appropriate box on the reservation panel.

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM
AWS Awards Dinner

Each year AWS recognizes and honors individuals nominated by their peers and teachers. Recipients of the Nina Starr Braunwald Award, the Olga Jonasson Distinguished Member Award, the AWS Past Presidents’ Honorary Member Award, the AWS Hilary Sanfey Outstanding Resident Award and the Patricia Numann Medical Student Award will all be recognized and honored for their efforts and contributions to surgery. All dinner guests are invited and welcome to attend the ACS Women in Surgery Committee reception help prior to our dinner. We are grateful to them for their support.

Dinner – $150 per person
Reserved Table of 10 – $3,000
8:00AM – 10:00AM

AWS Networking Breakfast
Sponsored by Nordstrom Michigan Avenue

Once again the AWS Networking Breakfast will be hosted by Nordstrom Michigan Avenue. Members and non-members arriving before 9:00 a.m. will be eligible for a drawing to receive one of five $100 Nordstrom Gift Cards.

During breakfast enjoy a fashion presentation highlighting the latest trends by a Nordstrom Stylist. Following the 9 a.m. raffle, all guests will have an opportunity to shop privately before the store opens. Enjoy a complimentary personal stylist appointment during the private shopping experience or within your stay by scheduling an appointment with the Stylist Manager at 312-464-1515.

Other Nordstrom services include complimentary make-up applications, complimentary stylist appointments, jewelry cleaning while you shop, on-site tailoring & alterations, and free shipping. You may also book an appointment with the Nordstrom Spa during your stay in Chicago by calling the spa directly at 312-379-4310 for scheduling and fees.

When entering the store for breakfast you MUST enter the doors at 55 East Grand Avenue (Corner of Grand & Wabash) and proceed up the elevators to the 4th floor – Nordstrom Café.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Hotel Information
Reserve your hotel room using the ACS Clinical Congress materials. The ACS Website at www.FACS.org contains all the information you need to reserve your hotel room.

AWS Ambassador Program
If you are a current AWS member and are interested in serving as an Ambassador to a new or non-member, please check the box on the registration panel. Each Ambassador will be assigned an attendee prior to the conference. Contact information will be shared with both parties. We ask that you send an e-mail to the attendee and make arrangements to meet with her at the AWS registration desk at the Blackstone Renaissance Hotel. During the meeting, please introduce her to other AWS members.

If you would like to be assigned an Ambassador, check the box on the registration panel. When an AWS member contacts you, follow up with her and arrange to meet her onsite. This is a wonderful way to learn about AWS, experience the benefits of AWS membership and meet other women at various points in their professional careers.

Cancellation Policy
All cancellations must be received in writing by September 15, 2012 and will be refunded less a 20% processing fee (of total amount paid). Refunds will not be issued after this date.
The Association of Women Surgeons invites entries for the 2012 Competition: 
*Green Solutions for the Operating Room*

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) is proud to announce the 2012 Green Solutions for the Operating Room Competition. This contest is designed to facilitate discourse between students, residents and perioperative faculty and staff about ideas that demonstrate environmental responsibility in the operating room through reduction of energy use, preservation of natural resources and/or effective waste management.

**Contest Description:** To enroll in this contest, please submit an innovative solution that has been or can be implemented in the operating room to protect, restore, and/or preserve the environment. Your idea can incorporate one or more of the following: energy efficiency, pollution prevention, preservation of natural resources and/or waste management. This idea can be in the form of a proposal (has not yet been implemented) or a summary of a project that has already been initiated. Entries will be judged on originality, feasibility and potential impact.

**How to Enter:** Please format your submission as a Word document and send it as an attachment by e-mail to the AWS Greener OR Contest (AWSgreenerORcontest@gmail.com).

Please include the following sections in your submission:

- Title and Author(s) (including affiliations)
- Description of targeted problem
- Proposed solution: include information about general budget, personnel required, need for training if applicable, etc.
- Anticipated outcome and method for measuring the outcome
- Figures and photos optional
- Please limit the entire submission to 500 words or less (excluding the title).
- The file name should be your last name followed by your first name (i.e. “SmithJane”).

**Deadline:** Submissions must be received no later than 5:00 PM EST Sunday, August 5, 2012.

Receipt of your submission will be confirmed by e-mail. Please specify if your submission is free of copyright restrictions and can be posted on the AWS Website if chosen.

**Who can participate:** Open to all students, residents, physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals involved in the care of patients in the perioperative setting.

**Notification:** Contest winners will be notified by September 1, 2012. All entries will be compiled and shared during the 2012 Association of Women Surgeons’ 31st Annual Fall Conference in Chicago, Sunday, September 30, 2012 (in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress).

**Prizes:** Recognition and two $200 monetary prizes will be awarded for the top two submissions at the AWS Conference.

**Questions?** Please do not hesitate to contact us at AWSgreenerORcontest@gmail.com.
The 6th Annual Starr Poster Contest for Medical Students and Residents

The Association of Women Surgeons (AWS) is proud to announce its 6th Annual Starr Poster Contest for Medical Students and Residents. The Starr Poster Contest, named for Dr. Nina Starr Braunwald, was designed to facilitate interaction and idea exchange between students interested in surgery, surgical residents, and faculty members of various institutions. Select numbers of medical students and residents will be invited to present their research posters at the AWS Conference on Sunday, September 30, 2012 (held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress). Authors selected to participate will be asked to register for the AWS Conference and must be AWS members by the submission deadline of July 15, 2012.

Recognition and a monetary prize will be awarded for the top three medical student posters and top three resident posters. Each of the top student and resident poster winners will also receive a complimentary ticket to the AWS Awards Dinner on Monday, October 1, 2012.

Accreditation Statement

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of The American College of Surgeons and the Association of Women Surgeons. The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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* Hari Prabhakar is unable to attend the conference
   because he will be in India working on surgical kits
   for rural healthcare

We would like to extend our gratitude to Hilary Sanfey MB. BCh. MHPE. FACS
Professor of Surgery & Vice Chair for Education, SIU School of Medicine, Department
of Surgery, Springfield IL, for her guidance and help with planning the educational program.
AWS 2012 Fall Conference Registration Form

Complete the form below and return it to the AWS office with your payment. (Please Print) Date ________________

Badge Name ___________________________ ACS ID# ____________________

First Name ____________________________ MD  PhD  FACS

Last Name _____________________________

Affiliation ____________________________

Surgical Specialty ______________________

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Number of Awards Dinner Guests _______________

Names of Guests ________________________________________________

☐ I would like to be an AWS Ambassador  ☐ I would like to be assigned an AWS Ambassador

To participate in the AWS Ambassador program, you must complete the registration form and return it to AWS by September 20, 2012

CONFERENCE FEES

Sunday, September 30, 2012

CURR. MEMBER  $220  $__________

AWS Member  $265  $__________

AWS Non-Member  $135  $__________

Resident*  $90  $__________

Current Member  $90  $__________

New Member  $90  $__________

Student*  $90  $__________

Current Member  $90  $__________

New Member  $90  $__________

☐ YES, I am planning on attending the Luncheon and Annual Business Meeting immediately following the morning presentation. (Lunch is included in the registration fee)

Special Dietary/Accessibility Needs

☐ Vegetarian  ☐ Kosher  ☐ Other __________________________________________

Awards Dinner

Monday, October 1, 2012

☐ Individual Ticket(s) $150 x ___ # of Dinner Attendees $__________

☒ Sponsor a RESERVED table of 10 for $3,000 $__________

The names of your dinner guests must be submitted to the AWS Office no later than Thursday, September 20, 2012

☐ YES, I will attend the Monday night reception ONLY

Networking Breakfast

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

☒ YES, I am planning on attending the AWS Networking Breakfast, sponsored by Nordstrom Department Store  Complimentary

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