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Patricia L. Turner, MD, FACS, will become the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Director of the Division of Member Services on December 1. She is succeeding Paul E. Collicott, MD, FACS, who retired in May 2011. A general surgeon from Baltimore, Dr. Turner is an associate professor of surgery in the division of general surgery at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

The ACS Division of Member Services is responsible for the evaluation process that ensures a surgeon's education and training, professional qualifications, surgical competence, and ethical conduct are consistent with the standards established and demanded for Fellowship in the American College of Surgeons. The division also administers the application process for surgery residents, medical students, and allied healthcare professionals who seek ACS membership.

Moreover, the division is responsible for administering the activities of the ACS Board of Governors, the ACS Advisory Councils for the Surgical Specialties, and for liaison activities with local ACS chapters. Several scholarship and fellowship programs are administered through the Division of Member Services, as well as the Operation Giving Back Program, a volunteerism initiative established to reflect the humanitarian tenets central to the profession of surgery. The Division is also responsible for maintaining all of the College's international activities.

"We are delighted to have someone of Patricia's caliber join us in this important role," said David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS, ACS Executive Director. "Her professional accomplishments to date are impressive, as is her service to the College. She understands our members, she understands the College, and she is the ideal person to take the Division of Member Services to the next level."

Dr. Turner was the ACS National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS NSQIP) Surgeon Champion, medical director of the Surgical Acute Care Unit at the University of Maryland Medical Center, and chair of the UMMC Executive Infection Control Committee. She has also previously served as an instructor in the department of surgery at Weill-Cornell School of Medicine, New York City.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) since 1996, Dr. Turner has held a number of volunteer positions at the College, including membership on the Committee on Informatics, Patient Education Committee, Health Policy and Advocacy Group, and the ACS Task Force on Duty Hour Standards. In addition, she has served as an ACS Representative in the AMA House of Delegates and as a liaison to the College's Young Fellows Association. Aside from her work with the College, from 2001 to 2003, Dr. Turner was a member of the Surgery Residency Review Committee, and currently serves on the ACGME Surgery Appeals Panel. She is an American Board of Surgery (ABS) qualifying examination consultant, and has been an associate examiner for the ABS certifying examination.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia and her medical degree in 1996 from Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC. She was an intern and resident (1996-1998 and 2000-2003) at Howard University Hospital, Washington, DC; a senior staff fellow at the NIH National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute, Laboratory of Kidney and Electrolyte Metabolism, Bethesda, MD; and a clinical fellow (2003-2004) in minimally invasive and laparoscopic surgery at Mount Sinai Medical Center, Weill-Cornell University of Medicine, and Columbia University, New York City.

Dr. Turner is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the National Institutes of Health Fellows Award for Research Excellence; the Association of Women Surgeons Outstanding Woman Resident Award; the Claude H. Organ, MD, FACS, Traveling Fellowship; and the State of Maryland's Henry Welcome Award.

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