American College Of Surgeons

Chicago will host the 98th American College of Surgeons (ACS) Annual Clinical Congress September 30 through October 4, 2012. This year's also marks the 100 year anniversary of th efounding of the ACS. The goal of the clinical congress is to provide individuals with a wide range of learning opportunities, activities and experiences that will match their educational and professional needs. By its conclusion, participants will have gained and be able to apply knowledge to their current practice, research and care of surgical patients.

The President, Patricia Numann, MD, FACS, has designated this year's theme as "Stewardship of Our Profession." In addition to other valuable educational efforts, various activities focusing on the surgical profession will be highlighted. Among those are diverse panel sessions presented by experts from across the surgical specialties and nonsurgical disciplines, and named lectures delivered by leaders in their fields.

According to J. David Richardson, MD, FACS, Chair of the Board of Regents, "The Scientific Program for the Clinical Congress will also include innovative research and surgical practices presented in scientific paper and surgical forum sessions, as well as daily Scientific Poster Presentations. Timely video-based education presentations will highlight interesting surgical procedures from across the world. These sessions will be complemented by intimate, topic-specific Meet-the-Expert luncheons and interactive Town Hall meetings."

The Congress has been arranged in thematic tracks that address content of interest to all surgical specialties and also includes a number of technical exhibits.

Why ACS Is Important

According to ACS, as an organization representing all of surgery, the College:

- Provides a voice addressing societal issues related to surgery.
- Is working toward having an increasingly proactive and timely voice in setting a national tone and agenda with regard to healthcare.
- Promotes the highest standards of surgical care through education of and advocacy for its Fellows and their patients.
- Serves as a national forum for surgeons to reinforce the values and ethics that traditionally have characterized the surgical profession.

The members of ACS represent every specialty, practice setting and stage of practice. Their views and concerns are helping to shape the College’s agenda for the future.

To learn more about ACS and this year’s Clinical Congress, visit www.facs.org [1].

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