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NEWSLETTER

August, 2009

FROM THE PRESIDENT

John R. McGill, MD, FACS

Dear Colleagues:

HCR, HSR, HIR - Health Care Reform, Health System Reform, or Health Insurance Reform, whatever you choose to call it, has assumed a front burner position on the national stage. Regardless of what is likely to pass as law in the coming debate, you can bet that our lives, both as physicians and patients, will be impacted. As part of a panel on advocacy issues at the NESPS meeting in Charleston, I have asked Dr. Raj Ambay, our plastic surgery colleague on the AMA Board of Trustees, to present the AMA position on Health Care Reform. We hope Dr. Ambay will accept our invitation. That panel will also address the views of ASPS and the perspective of the hospital-employed physician.

The program for the Charleston Meeting is available on the website and covers a wide range of topics which should appeal to the entire membership. I have asked Dr. Mark Constantian to reflect on the influences Dr. Courtiss had on his practice for the Courtiss Memorial Lecture and Dr. Jim May to present the Founder's Lecture as he approaches retirement from active practice.

All in all, our 26th Annual Meeting is shaping up to be an excellent educational experience in a wonderful historic venue that has undergone a true renaissance ... and you don't have to travel to the West coast for your CME credits! See you there!



Editor's Corner



Brian S. Glatt, MD

Friends and Colleagues of the NESPS:

I don't need to tell any of you that times are changing rapidly. As decided by your Board and in an effort to ease mailbox clutter and be more environmentally friendly, this will be the last issue of the NESPS newsletter which will arrive in its printed, hard-copy version. You will instead be receiving all future issues in electronic format only, which of course can easily be printed out and read on paper if one prefers (as I still do).

If you have not been to the NESPS website

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Advertisement for the Northeastern Society of Plastic Surgeons 26th Annual Meeting, September 23-27, 2009, Charleston Place, Charleston, South Carolina. Includes logo and images of the meeting venue.



PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2009

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

6:30 am - 12:00 pm Registration

7:30 am - 8:00 am **Welcome Remarks**

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Panel I** Chair: Charles H. Thorne, MD

9:00 am - 10:00 am **Session I Breast - Long Papers**

1. Tracking the Evolution of Fat Grafting to the Breast Using Three Dimensional Imaging
2. Breast Augmentation and Reconstruction Using Preoperative External Expansion and Mega-Volume Fat Grafting - Validation of Results and Standardization of the Technique
3. The Impact of Preoperative CTA on Microvascular Free Flap Planning and Execution
4. The Debate Continues: What Happens When Autologous Breast Reconstructions Are Radiated and Which Factors Favor Success?
5. Postmastectomy Radiation Therapy and Breast Reconstruction: An Analysis of Complications and Patient Satisfaction
6. Immediate Tissue Expander/Implant Reconstruction After Salvage Mastectomy for Cancer Recurrence Following Lumpectomy/Radiation

10:20 am - 11:20 am **Eugene Courtiss Memorial Lecture**

Mark B. Constantian, MD
"Our Other War"

11:20 am - 12:00 pm **Session II Trunk/Extremity - Bullet Papers**

7. A Bilayered Human Skin Equivalent, in the Treatment of Diabetic Foot Ulcers
8. A Novel Technique For Lower Extremity Limb Salvage: The Vastus Lateralis Muscle Flap With Concurrent Use of the Vacuum Assisted Closure Device.
9. Venovenostomy with the Microvascular Coupling Device: Applicability to Lower Extremity Arterial Bypass Procedures
10. Inter-relationships of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome with Body Mass Indices in the Massive Weight Loss Population
11. A Novel Minimally Invasive Technique for Component Separation
12. Lower Body Lift with Gluteal Autoaugmentation to Improve Buttock and Lateral Thigh Aesthetics in the Massive Weight Loss Patient

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm **Welcome Reception**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2009

6:30 am - 2:00 pm Registration

6:30 am - 8:00 am Continental Breakfast

8:00am - 9:00am **Session III Craniofacial/Pediatrics - Long Papers**

13. Comparison of Bone-Dust and Cranial Particulate Bone for Inlay Cranioplasty

14. Treatment of Craniosynostosis With Endoscope-Assisted Strip Craniectomy and Post-Operative Helmet Therapy: A Single-Center Experience
15. Associated Factors for Hyponatremia in Surgical Correction of Craniosynostosis in Children
16. Repositioning of the Lower Lateral Cartilage in Primary Cleft Nasoplasty: Utilization of a Modified Tajma Technique
17. The FAMM Spacer Flap: Five Year Follow-up of Simultaneous Tension Free Closure and Push Back of Large Cleft Palates
18. Crash Characteristics of Pediatric Facial Fractures

9:00am - 9:30am **Founder's Lecture**
James W. May Jr., MD

10:00am - 11:00am **Session IV Research - Long Papers**

19. Pharmacological Preconditioning: Hydrogen Sulfide Protects Against Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury in an In Vitro Model of Muscle Free Tissue Transfer
20. Bmp-12 Treated Mscs Implanted into a Partial Tendon Defect Augments Repair
21. Porous Polyvinyl Alcohol-Alginate Gel Hybrid Construct for Neocartilage Formation Using Human Naso-Septal Cells.
22. Impaired Diabetic Wound Healing Is Improved Through Topical Silencing of p53
23. Hydrogen Sulfide Protects Against Intestinal Ischemia-Reperfusion Injury In Vivo
24. Does Fat Grafting Improve Radiation Skin Damage?

11:00am - 11:40am **Session V Head & Neck - Bullet Papers**

25. Optimum Management of the Lower Eyelid in Facial Paralysis: A Function of Orbital Anatomy
26. The Reconstructive Rubiks Cube: A Novel Algorithm for the Treatment of Facial Paralysis
27. Radial Forearm Free Flap Pre-lamination with Acellular Human Cadaveric Dermis for Repair of Subtotal Glossectomy Defects
28. Single-stage Forehead Flap in Nasal Reconstruction
29. Comprehensive Surgical Treatment of Migraine Headaches: The Maine Experience
30. The Role of Full Thickness Skin Grafting and Steroid Injection in the Treatment of Auricular Keloids

11:40am - 12:00pm **ABPS Update - R. Barrett Noone, MD**

12:00pm - 1:15pm **ASPS Advocacy Session and Working Lunch**
Chair: John McGill, MD

1:15pm - 1:45pm **Presidential Address**
John McGill, MD

1:45pm - 2:45pm **Session VI Research/Other - Bullet Papers**

31. Endothelial Progenitor Cell Dysfunction Contributes to Obesity-impaired Wound Healing in Obese, Non-diabetic Humans and Mice
32. Engineering Human Tissue for Cartilage Regeneration
33. High-throughput Model for Adipocyte Preservation
34. Concentrating on Distraction: Progenitor Cell Mobilization Accelerates Distraction Osteogenesis

35. Identification of a Target Receptor for Adenoviral Mediated Gene Delivery to the Palate: The Coxsackievirus and Adenovirus Receptor (CAR)
36. A Novel Animal Model to Study Capsular Contracture Utilizing Livescan MicroCT Technology
37. Acellular Dermal Matrix Use in Dupuytren's Disease
38. More Consistent Postoperative Care and Monitoring Can Reduce Costs Following Microvascular Free Flap Reconstruction
39. Consultation in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery: A Prospective Analysis of One Hundred Clinical Cases
40. Integration of Surgical Simulation in Plastic Surgery Residency Training

7:00pm –11:00pm **President's Reception and Dinner
Riviera Theater**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2009

7:00 am - 4:00 pm Registration

7:00 am - 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:00 am - 9:00 am **Panel II Chair: Richard J. Zienowicz, MD**

9:00 am - 9:45 am **Session VII Aesthetic - Bullet Papers**

41. Aging of the Facial Skeleton and its Aesthetic Implications
42. Effects of Rhinoplasty on the Internal Nasal Valve: A Comparison between Internal Continuous Osteotomy and External Perforating Osteotomy
43. A Large Retrospective Comparison of Seroma Formation Following Abdominoplasty With or Without Liposuction
44. Abdominoplasty With Floating of the Umbilicus Revisited: Technical Pearls and Pitfalls
45. Endoscopic-Assisted Transaxillary Breast Augmentation: Minimizing Complications and Maximizing Results with Improvements in Patient Selection and Technique
46. Intraoperative Factors in Body Contouring Outcomes: Hypothermia Predicts Seroma Formation
47. Prospective Assessment of Nutrition and Exercise Parameters Before Body Contouring Surgery: Optimizing Attainability in the Massive Weight Loss Population

10:15 am - 11:30 am **Session VIII Resident Presentations –
Long Papers**

Research Abstracts

48. A Novel Method for Transcutaneous Gene Therapy Silences Smad3: Gene Expression Profiles of Radiation Fibrosis Investigated
49. Defining Parameters for Rapid Cellular Invasion and Vascularization in Acellular Hydrogel Scaffolds
50. IRF6 As A Downstream Effector Of TGF Signaling In Palatogenesis: In Utero Somatic Delivery Of AD-IRF6 Rescues the Palatal Fusion Defect in TGF Mice
51. TGF-B1 Inhibits Lymphatic Regeneration by Prox-1 Mediated Lymphatic Endothelial Cell Phenotypic Changes

Clinical Abstracts

52. Quadriceps Muscle Function Following Harvest Of The Rectus Femoris Muscle as a Pedicle Flap for Complex Groin Wound Reconstruction
53. Management of Pediatric Micro and Anophthalmos With Orbital Tissue Expanders: From Bench Research to Clinical Trial
54. The sc-DIEP: Is it the Best Abdominal Flap for Breast Reconstruction?
55. Connective Tissue Disorders: To Flap or Not to Flap?

11:30 am - 12:30 pm **Session IX Trunk/Extremity - Long Papers**

56. Synthetic and Biologic Mesh in Component Separation: A 10 year Single Institution Review
57. Optimizing Limb Salvage With Muscle Flaps for Knee Endoprosthesis in Sarcoma Surgery: The 10-Year Experience at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
58. Soft Tissue Coverage Of Open Tibia Fractures: A Regional Trauma Center's Decade of Experience.
59. Spacer and Flap Coverage With Ilizarov Distraction Osteogenesis: A Further Possibility for Gustillo Grade 3b Open Tibia Fractures
60. Beyond Sternal Plating: Application of Plastic Surgery Principles to Flail Chest Injuries
61. Sternal Wound Reconstruction: Indications and Outcomes in Special Cardiac
62. Sternal Plating for Sterile Nonunion After Sternotomy: A Single Institution's Experience

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm **Annual Business Meeting Luncheon
Members Only**

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm **Panel III Chair: Raymond M. Dunn, MD**

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm **Session X Breast - Bullet Papers**

63. The Efficacy of Prophylactic Post-operative Antibiotics in Cosmetic Breast Augmentation Procedures
64. A Comparative Analysis of Surgical Site Infections and Wound Complications Between Breast Reconstruction, Mastectomy, and Lumpectomy
65. Breast Reconstructions with Simultaneous Balancing Procedures on the Contralateral Breast
66. Outcome Analysis of Long Term Inferior Pole Support in Augmentation Mastopexy Patients: A 6 Year Follow-up of Internal Autologous Flaps vs. Acellular Dermal Matrix
67. Acellular Dermal Matrix for the Treatment and Prevention of Implant-Associated Breast Deformities
68. The Effect of Acellular Dermal Matrix Use on Complication Rates in Tissue Expander/Implant Breast Reconstruction
69. Surgical and Fiscal Implications of BRCA Testing and Genetic Counseling
70. Preferences in Choosing Between Breast Reconstruction Options: A Survey of Female Plastic Surgeons
71. Adolescent Gynecomastia: Not Only an Obesity Issue

4:00 pm **President's Award Announced**

Please visit the NESPS website www.nesps.org to review the entire program and abstracts, register for the meeting, and make your hotel reservations online.

PROGRAM ROUND-UP

News from the Section's Programs

Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Program Director: David Staffenberg, MD

Over the past year, **Evan S. Garfein, MD** has joined our faculty. We were proud to host Maria Siemienow, MD, PhD for the 17th Annual Michael Lewin Lecture this past June. Dr. Siemienow spoke on her experience with Face Transplantation.

We graduate four residents per year from our program. This past year **Jacob Freiman, MD** will be starting private practice in Florida; **Gila Weinstein, MD** will be starting private practice in NYC; **Daniel Kaufman, MD** will also be starting private practice in NYC; and **Jennifer Emmett, MD** is headed to a cosmetic surgery fellowship in Denver.

Cooper Hospital/ RWJ Medical School

Program Director: Martha S. Matthews, MD

Yuan Liu, MD, a new graduate of the Yale Plastic Surgery Program, joined our faculty this past year. In addition, we are getting ready for the conversion to a 3 year independent program. Currently, we graduate one resident per year and this year **John Amato, DDS, MD** finished in June and will be starting in private practice specializing in orthognathic surgery and cleft lip and Ppate. Next year, **Steven Rottman, MD** will be completing his residency in June 2010 and plans to enter a Cosmetic/Breast Fellowship with **Scott Spear** in Washington, DC.

Georgetown University Department of Plastic Surgery

Program Director: Stephen B. Baker, MD, DDS

Our program graduates three residents each year. This year, **Jaime Schwarz, MD** will be heading to the Cleveland Clinic for a Breast/Aesthetic Fellowship; **Justin West, MD** will be in NYC at the MEETH Aesthetic Fellowship; and **Pranay Parikh, MD** will be pursuing a Hand Fellowship at Union Memorial Hospital.

Harvard Plastic Surgery Residency Training Program

Program Director: Julian J. Pribaz, MD

There have been some recent changes to our staff over the past year: **Dr. Matthew Carty** joined our faculty on July 1, 2009 and we welcomed **Dr. Curtis Cetrulo** in August, 2009. **Dr. Karl Breuing** left our faculty on July 31, 2009. This year's Murray Lecturer was Micahel T. Longaker, MD, MBA, FACS.

We have 16 Integrated residents in the 6 year program and 11 Independent residents in the 3 year program. Two of our integrated residents have gone into the lab for 2 years after completing their third year. As for our residents who are completing training: **Evan Matros, MD** will be one of the Microsurgery Fellows at Sloan Kettering in NYC; **Jon Mathy, MD** is planning to be a consultant in New Zealand; **Edward J. Catterson, MD** will be heading to the Craniomaxillofacial Fellowship at NYU; **Brian Parrett, MD** plans to enter a Craniomaxillofacial Fellowship at the Buncke Clinic in San Francisco; and **Emily Ridgway, MD** will be staying to pursue a Craniomaxillofacial Fellowship at Children's Hospital in Boston.

Lahey Clinic Program

Program Director: Adam J. Vernadakis, MD

Our current staff includes: **David J. Bryan, MD**; **Adam J. Vernadakis, MD**; **Sonal Pandya, MD**; and **Christine DiEdwardo, MD**. **Jeffrey Weinzweig, MD** has left Lahey Clinic to pursue other opportunities. We have had the opportunity to host many prominent speakers and guest lecturers. **Dr. Foad Nahai** will be our Distinguished Lecturer on June 1-2, 2010. He will join the ranks of our past Distinguished Lecturers which have included Ian T. Jackson (2009), **Luis O. Vasconez** (2008), **Joseph G. McCarthy** (2007), and **Robert Goldwyn** (2006). Recent visiting professors have included **H. Kirk Watson** and **Joel Feldman** in 2008, **Joseph Upton** and **Sumner Slavin** in 2007 and **Dennis C. Hammond** and **Julian J. Pribaz** in 2006.

Our program was approved to be a three year program, although we currently graduate only two. This year, **Shawkat Sati, MD** entered a craniofacial fellowship at Riley Hospital for Children in Indiana and **Mark Shashikant, MD** will join the staff at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC.

The program's research component has also been quite active with **Joyce Chen, MD** receiving several research grants from 2006-2008. Most recently she received a PSEF Basic Research Grant for "In Utero Gene Therapy Repair of Cleft Palate in a Congenital Caprine Model" and a 2008 Robert E. Wise Grant for the same project. In addition, **Jeffrey Manchio, MD** also was awarded a Robert E. Wise Grant in 2008 for his project "Duration of Smoking Cessation and its Effect on Random and Pedicle Flap Survival in a Rat Model."

Lehigh Valley Hospital Health Network

Program Director: Robert X. Murphy Jr, MD

Our program will be hosting **Maurice Nahabedian, MD** as a visiting professor this fall. We graduate one resident per year. This year, **Emily Peterson, MD** joined the faculty of Mt Nittaney Medical Center in State College, PA and became the first full time plastic surgery faculty member on staff at that institution.

University of Massachusetts

Program Director: Douglas Rothkopf, MD

Our integrated plastic surgery residency began in July 2008 and is off to a strong beginning. Our independent plastic surgery residency expanded to a three year program for our last set of independent residents who will train in 2010-2013. After 2013 we will only train integrated residents. Currently, we graduate two residents per year. This year **Fadi Nukta, MD** will staying on to join the U Mass faculty and **Nelson Jenkins, MD** will be starting private practice in North Carolina.

PROGRAM ROUND-UP

News from the Section's Programs

Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Program Director: Lester Silver, MD
Associate Program Director: Peter Taub, MD

After many years of having five residents in our three year independent program, we have increased to six residents (2 per year) beginning in July 2010. All of our residents are now matched through the NRMP at the PGY-1 level and do their three years of general surgery in our medical center. This year, **Philip J. Torina, MD** will be entering a microsurgery fellowship at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center across town and **Michael Wolfeld, MD** will be joining the staff at Lenox Hill Hospital in NYC.

Over the past 2 years we have had notable speakers for our Barsky-Hoffman Lecture: in 2008, Dr. William Kuzon and in 2009, Dr. Maria Siemionow.

New Jersey Medical School

Program Director: Mark Granick, MD

Frank Ciminello, MD joined our program as our pediatric and craniofacial surgeon. He trained at UC Davis in Plastic Surgery and U. Miami with Tony Wolfe for craniofacial surgery. **Ed Lee, MD**, from the University of Pittsburgh, joined the faculty and is an attending at the East Orange VA Hospital.

The program is transitioning from a 3+2 to a 3+3 combined program and is awaiting RRC approval prior to instituting these changes. We work in conjunction with the Department of Plastic Surgery at St. Barnabas Hospital to bring in outside speakers each month. Our program graduates two residents each year. This year, **Dr. Richard Agag** will be starting a microsurgery fellowship with **Dr. Joe Serletti** at the University of Pennsylvania; **Dr. Robert Morin** will be heading to the University of Miami for a craniofacial fellowship with Dr. Wolfe.

New York Hospital/Presbyterian Columbia

Program Director: Robert T. Grant, MD

Our program completed an ACGME/RRC site visit this past August 2009. We graduate three residents from our program each year. For 2009, **Mehul Kamdar, MD** will be pursuing a microsurgery fellowship at UCLA; **Graham Schwartz, MD** will be doing a microsurgery fellowship across town at Memorial Sloan-Kettering; and **Aviva Preminger, MD** will be splitting her time between a salaried position at Harlem Hospital Center and her own private practice in NYC. Our newest entering residents are **Melissa Doff, MD** from Columbia General Surgery; **Kristen Parker, MD** from UNC General Surgery; and **Shwetambara Parakh, MD** from NYH Queens General Surgery.

The division sponsors an annual patient safety conference which this year is tentatively scheduled for late fall 2009. Several of our members have won awards over the past year including:

Christine Rohde, MD won the Columbia University Dept of Surgery Research competition with her paper: "Use of magnetic therapy to control pain after breast reduction."

Jason Spector, MD was named an academic scholar by the American Association of Plastic Surgeons

Tara Huston, MD received the 2nd place award at NYAM resident's night for her paper: "Breast reconstruction after nipple sparing mastectomy"

In addition, **June Wu, MD** received a Columbia University Medical Center Institutional Economic Stimulus Grant

University of Pittsburgh

Program Director: Joseph E. Losee, M.D.

Associate Program Director: Vu T. Nguyen, M.D.

Within the last year, we've had three new faculty members join our ranks, making a total of 20 full-time clinical and research faculty members. **Steven Bonawitz, MD** left a successful private practice in Lewiston, Maine, in order to pursue a more academic environment. **Lorelei Grunwaldt, MD** completed her fellowship in craniofacial surgery here at the University of Pittsburgh and has joined the pediatric plastic surgery division. Similarly, **Jaimie Shores, MD** completed his hand fellowship training in Pittsburgh and has joined the full-time academic faculty.

Last year marked the inaugural year of our new "categorical" residency program in plastic surgery. Residents are matched into a seven-year program, including a year of clinical/basic science research. After only 16 months of required rotations, residents receive focused training in plastic surgery and related fields. New rotations have been developed and incorporated into the curriculum in order to enhance the training, including Oncologic Dermatology, Mohs surgery, Melanoma surgery, Oral and Maxillofacial surgery, and Otolaryngology/Head & Neck surgery. We believe this new curriculum represents the future of plastic surgery training programs.

For the third time last May, Pittsburgh was proud to host the 2009 Plastic Surgery Research Council under the leadership of **Peter Rubin, MD**. Our visiting professors for the year included **Dr. Rod Rohrich** for the annual Musgrave Lectureship and **Dr. Peter Neligan** for Resident Research Day. This October, we'll be hosting **Dr. Fu-Chan Wei**.

The three, federally-funded, research laboratories in tissue regeneration, composite tissue allotransplantation, and craniofacial biology continue to gain momentum. **Drs. Losee and Cooper** recently received an R01 grant to study the effects of BMP2 on craniofacial osteogenesis. In total, the three laboratories were awarded nearly \$14 million in government, industry, and private funding during the 2008-9 academic year.

Our program is also proud to share that several awards have been granted to our residents and fellows over the past year. These include:

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First Place, Best Clinical Paper – **Sanjay Naran, MD** (R1)

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OVSPS:

- First Place, Basic Science – **Benson Pulikkottil** (lab fellow)
- Second Place, Basic Science – **Rishi Jindal** (lab fellow)
- First Place, Clinical – **Devin Coon** (M4)
- Best Overall Paper – **Jignesh Unadkat** (R2)

Ivy Society:

- George Manstein, MD** Award (Best Overall)
- Darren M. Smith** (R3)
- First Place, Basic Science - **Mario Solari** (R5)
- 2nd Place, Basic Science - **Jignesh Unadkat** (R2)

Our program graduates 4 residents per year. However, with the recent changes in the integrated/independent programs and the institution of the mandatory lab year, we graduated only one chief resident this year. **Jimmy Sung, MD** will be starting private practice in New York, NY.

Peter Letourneau, MD (microsurgery fellow) plans to pursue an additional fellowship training in craniofacial surgery at the University of Cincinnati; **Lorelei Grunwaldt, MD** (craniofacial fellow) will be joining the Pittsburgh faculty; **Jaimie Shores, MD** (hand fellow) will also be joining the University of Pittsburgh faculty; **Joseph Michaels, MD** (body contouring fellow) will be starting private practice in the Bethesda, MD area; **Tali Friedman, MD** (body contouring fellow) plans to start in academic practice in Israel.

May 2, 2009 ushered in the long-anticipated opening of the new Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, a \$622 million / 300-bed facility located in the Lawrenceville area. The Division has also recently initiated its clinical program in Hand transplantation, following its success in the laboratory, including obtaining exten-

sive research funding from the U.S. military and Department of Defense. On May 4th, under the leadership of **Dr. Andrew Lee**, the Division successfully performed the first U.S. bilateral hand transplant.

University of Rochester Plastic Surgery

Program Director: **Howard N. Langstein, MD**

The Plastic Surgery Residency Program at the University of Rochester was recently approved to become a three year combined program. The new curriculum will allow for an earlier and more in depth exposure to plastic surgery at the junior resident level while creating a dynamic and specialized educational program for senior level residents. The addition of specific practical training modules, including office-based surgery, oculoplastic surgery, and international service, create an exciting and innovative new program design unique to the University of Rochester.

We recently recruited **Dr. Derek Bell** from the University of Virginia. He will be specializing in general plastic surgery and will be starting with us in August. We have hosted two Visiting Professors this past year. **Dr. Thomas Mustoe** from Northwestern and **Dr. Court Cutting** from New York University. **Dr. Kenneth Shestak** from the University of Pittsburgh will be visiting this summer. We will have an additional two visiting professors this academic year as well. The Plastic Surgery Division recently received a Plastic Surgery Education Foundation Research Grant to study mechanisms of capsular contracture. Two residents graduated from our program this year on June 30, 2009. **Patrick Basile, MD** will be serving a military commitment in Bethesda, Maryland and **Lan Hua, MD** will be starting a hand and microsurgery fellowship at UCLA.

NOTICE OF 2009 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 2009 NESPS Annual Business Meeting will be held from 12:30 - 1:45p.m. on Saturday, September 26th during the Annual Meeting in Charleston. All members are encouraged to attend, however, only Active and Life Members may vote.

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(www.nesps.org), make sure you do so – the entire 2008 annual program is posted live and is easy to view via video by individual presentation, segment, or panel. This year's Annual Meeting promises to continue the tradition of presenting the strong, diverse program that our members have come to expect. A record number of abstracts were received this year, which is quite impressive given that the location of the meeting is outside of our region! While I consider the NESPS Annual Meeting one of the academic highlights of my year, I will unfortunately be unable to attend in Charleston. Instead, I will be attending to my very pregnant wife as we anticipate the birth of our first child who will likely come during the week of the meeting. I will sorely miss seeing many of you there, but I look forward to hearing about another successful meeting and watching the program over the web once it is posted.

So be sure to attend the NESPS' 26th Annual Meeting in beautiful Charleston, S.C., September 23-27, 2009, and if you have not already done so, make your travel arrangements! The location is spectacular and the program promises to deliver.

Brian S. Glatt, MD
Editor

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Surrounded by history in Charleston....

Museum Mile

This diverse mile long corridor stretches along Meeting Street from the Charleston Visitor Center to the Nathaniel Russell House.

The Charleston Museum

America's first museum showcases cultural and natural history of South Carolina's coastal region.

Boone Hall Plantation

Boone Hall reflects Southern heritage spanning 300 years on one magnificent "still working" plantation.

Drayton Hall

Drayton Hall, c. 1738, is America's oldest preserved plantation house open to the public.

Edmondston-Alston House

This beautiful home on Charleston's High Battery affords a glimpse of early 19th century elegance, style and comfort.

Aiken-Rhett House

The expansive Aiken-Rhett House (c. 1818) stands as the city's most intact urban villa.

Old Exchange and Provost Dungeon

One of the three most historically significant buildings of colonial America.

Old City Market

Features small shops, restaurants and a flea market with everything from produce to antiques.

Middleton Place

65 acres of America's oldest landscaped Gardens. House Museum tours highlight family collections and craftspeople in the Stableyards recreate the activities of a self-sustaining Lowcountry plantation.

Morris Island Lighthouse

One of Charleston's best known and most beloved landmarks is recognized as one of the top 100 cultural sites in the state.

Old Slave Mart Museum

Recounting the story of Charleston's role in this inter-state slave trade by focusing on the history of this particular building.

South Carolina Aquarium

Discover what's new at Charleston's most visited attraction!

Fort Moultrie

The first American victory over the British Navy on June 28, 1776 at a palmetto log fort on the shores of Charleston Harbor.

Fort Sumter National Monument

A powerful symbol to both the South and the North, Fort Sumter remains a memorial to all who fought to hold it.



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- Register before the Friday, August 28, 2009 Early Bird deadline and avoid fee increases.
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