

**2000-2001  
SUMMARY OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES  
DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY**

**I. ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN BOOKS AND JOURNALS**

**A. Full-length published articles.**

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None.

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## V. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Dr. J.A. Boullier was accorded membership in the Societe Internationale D'Urologie, the Sexual Medicine Society, and the Endourological Society.

Dr. B.J. Browne was a reviewer for the Jewish Hospital Foundation Research Grant Program.

Dr. J.M. Cummings was listed on the Life Member National Registry of Who's Who in America and served on the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He was also a clinical reactor for *Contemporary Urology* and a reviewer for *Urology* and the *Journal of Urology*.

Dr. D. L. Dyess served as State Faculty and Course Director for the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course of the American College of Surgeons (ATLS) and as Instructor for the Advanced Burn Life Support (ABLS) Course of the American Burn Association at the Nebraska Burn Institute. In addition, she served as Editorial Consultant for the *Southern Medical Journal*. Dr. Dyess is also a member of the Breast Disease Committee for the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast & Bowel Project (NSABP) and a member of the Committee on Applicants for the American College of Surgeons.

Dr. Raymond R. Gacek presented the 2000 McNally Lecture at McGill University, the 2000 Milton M. Leigh Memorial Lecture at the University of South Alabama, and the 2001 Ogura Lecture of the Triological Society. He served on the Editorial Boards of the *Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology and Laryngology*, the *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, the *American Journal of Otolaryngology*, the *Ear Nose & Throat Journal*, and *Laryngoscope*.

Dr. Richard P. Gonzalez was a member of the Alabama State Committee on Trauma of the American College of Surgeons and a member of the following committees for the Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma: Publications Committee, Bylaws Committee, and the Practice Management Guidelines Committee. Dr. Gonzalez was also an instructor for Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Course.

Dr. Curtis N. Harris served as a consultant for the Alabama Foundation for Health Care, Alabama Workman's Compensation, and Children's Rehabilitation Services. He also conducted skin screenings at the Spring Hill College as part of a Nursing Health Fair.



Dr. A. Luterman was a Council Member, Alabama Chapter, American College of Surgeons, and served on the Government Affairs Committee for the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He served on the following committees of the American Burn Association: International Relationships Committee, Federal Issues Committee, as Chairman of the Regionalization Committee, and Advanced Burn Life Support Committee. He was also on the Geriatrics Curriculum Development for General Surgery Residents Task Force for the Association of Program Directors of Surgery. He served on the Editorial Boards of the following journals: *The American Surgeon*; *Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation*; *New Directions in Critical Care Nursing*; and *Current Surgery*. He also served on the Ad Hoc Editorial Board of the *Journal of Trauma*. He served as a Consultant for Integra Life Sciences, Ethicon, Johnson & Johnson Medical Division, and on the National Consultant Panel of Merck Pharmaceuticals. He also served on the advisory panel of Ortec Pharmaceuticals and Baxter Pharmaceuticals. He was a member of the Content Development Meeting Involuntary Weight Loss in Patients with Burns or Chronic Non-Healing Wounds for Gardner-Caldwell Synermed and a Consultant at the National Surgical Consultants Meeting for Merck. He was also listed as one of America's Top Doctors by Castle Connolly Medical, Ltd.

Dr. R. W. Powell served as Editorial Consultant to the *Journal of Pediatric Surgery* and Reviewer for the *Journal of Trauma*. He served on the Trauma Committee for the American Pediatric Surgical Association, the Publications Committee for the Pacific Association of Pediatric Surgeons, and on the National Advisory Council for the National Pediatric Trauma Registry.

Dr. C. B. Rodning served on the following committees: Educational Resources (Video) Committee, Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons; Vice-Regent, Alabama Chapter, International College of Surgeons; Meeting Program and Coordination Committee, International College of Surgeons; and Representative, College of Medicine, to the Section on Medical Schools, Liaison Committee, Graduate Medical Education, American Medical Association. He was also the Program Coordinator for the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He was listed in the Directory of American Poets & Fiction Writers, Who's Who in American Men and Women of Science (Jaques Catell Press), Who's Who in Science and Engineering (Marquis Who's Who Publication), Lexington Registry of Executive and Professionals, Who's Who in the South and Southwest (Marquis Who's Who Publication), Who's Who in America (Marquis Publication), Who's Who in American Education (National Reference Institute), International Who's Who in Poetry and Poet's Encyclopaedia (International Biography Centre), International Who's Who of Professionals, and Strathmore's Who's Who. He was cited in the Directory of Board Certified Medical Specialists, Philosopher's Index (Bowling Green State University), the National Library of Poetry, International Society of Poets, and the International Society of Photographers. He served as a reviewer for the following medical journals: *Chest*; *J Critical Illness*; *J. Histochem. Cytochem.*; *Review of Infectious Diseases*; *Southern Medical Journal*; *Clinical Anatomy*; and *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. He also served on the Editorial Board of *Gastro Online* (Online Journal Digestive Health).

Dr. W. O. Thomas, III, served on the Editorial Board of the *Southern Medical Journal*.

Dr. B. F. Turk served as a member of the Southwestern Oncology Group.

Dr. A.B. Walker served as a member of the Society of Critical Care Medicine and the American Pediatric Surgical Association.

## **VI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS.**

This past year the Department of Surgery entered a phase of major change and transformation. Dr. Arnold Luterman, Ripps-Meisler Professor of Surgery, resigned as Chairman to direct the new USA Regional Burn and Wound Care Center. A formal search committee began actively recruiting his successor. He remained as Interim Chairman of the Department and Program Director for the General Surgical Residency to minimize the impact on the clinical operations of the Department and on the educational and research programs. The Department also adjusted to the continuing changes occurring in health care delivery and to the changes at the Hospitals and Clinics of USA COM.

The Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Division, under the leadership of the Dr. Richard P. Gonzalez, continued to develop the Center for the Study of Rural Vehicular Trauma. Successful recruitment of the operational personnel took place and the initial steps in the development of the operational infrastructure was completed. Extensive interfacing with the Emergency Medical Services and Health Care providers in the surrounding rural counties was started. Successful funding for future years was also secured. This is a unique demonstration project and promises to be remarkably successful and valuable.

The Trauma and Critical Care Division also continued its vital educational and research missions. The education and training of medical students and residents from the USA system, Ochsner Clinic, and numerous other institutions occurs within this division. The unique quality and quantity of the clinical material, combined with a highly dedicated faculty, continued to create a superb educational and training experience.

The Solid Organ Transplantation Center continued its growth as a regional resource under the leadership of Dr. Barry J. Browne. Aside from increasing its clinical activity, the Center has reported some of the best outcome results in the country. This Center has also contributed greatly to the educational mission of this health care system and to the resources and services available to the Gulf Coast.

This year the new Regional Burn and Wound Care Center was opened at the USAMC. This remodeling and consolidation of clinical facilities into one area represents a culmination of 15 years of growth of the Burn and Wound Care services. This Center is a recognized resource to the region and is nationally known for its contributions to the field of burn and wound care. It now includes a Burn Intensive Care Unit, a 12 bed Step-Down Unit, Physical and Occupational Therapy Departments, and in-patient and out-patient Wound Care Clinics. University and civic leaders held a formal opening and dedication of the new center earlier this year.

The Department of Surgery completed plans for its new outpatient clinics. This new and enlarged facility will consolidate a number of services currently being provided at different sites, and increase dramatically the efficiency and quality of the services that can be provided.

The Educational Office of the Department of Surgery continued its excellent work. This office has added new services, and organizes and administers the numerous medical student and resident program educational opportunities that are provided by the Department of Surgery. This office is an integral part of the overall educational administrative infrastructure of the College of Medicine.

Research projects and funding continued to grow and develop within the Department of Surgery. The Office of Surgical Research continued its activities with numerous new projects that have culminated in presentations and publications in a variety of venues.

Despite a decreasing applicant pool for surgical education and training on a national level, that is being addressed by national organizations and societies, the quality of the applicants for surgical education and training at USA remained high. The Surgical Education Office and a highly dedicated and committed surgical faculty have instituted new changes required by the Residency Review Committee for Surgery, rapidly and effectively.

The Department of Surgery in its search for a new Chairman is well prepared to enter a new era with the promise of new faculty and new programs. This portends an exciting phase that the faculty and staff anticipate with excitement and enthusiasm.