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STEVEN WALLACH, M.D.

President's Message

It is a privilege to be the President of the New York Regional Society of Plastic Surgeons this year.

I would like to congratulate our advancing and newly elected board members. This includes: President-Elect: Tracy Pfeifer, Vice President: Mia Talmor, Treasurer: Scot Glasberg, and Secretary: Steve Fallek.

I would like to thank John Vaccaro for a superb job as President and I look forward to continuing to work with him as an active member of the Board of Trustees.

As I reviewed earlier versions of The Excelsior, I have been truly amazed by the evolution of this great newsletter. From its infancy, overseen by Rick Lukash, to its present state transformed by Tracy Pfeifer, I am astounded by how great it looks and how well it is edited. I commend Tracy for all the hard work and time she has put into The Excelsior. In addition, she has worked extensively with our website designers to really create a truly special site for all our members to enjoy. The website has become a user-friendly place for information regarding the society and includes our past and upcoming events. I recommend all to visit it at: www.plasticsurgeryny.org.

An organization such as ours cannot have a smooth transition without the perseverance and hard work of its administrative staff. Our staff consists of one person who is the glue that holds this all together. Her endless devotion and hard work really is under-

appreciated. I would like to thank Victoria Morales for being our glue!

Our December meeting was a great success. Literally it was standing room only! Dr. Rick D'Amico, the current president of ASPS as well as an active member of NYRSPS, gave a great talk on the present state of ASPS. We then had four fantastic speakers present on "Controversies in Plastic Surgery". We listened to Diane Duncan talk about injection lipolysis, Jason Pozner speak about trends in

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non-ablative lasers, Malcolm Paul talk about barbed suture technology, and Daniel Man speak about laser liposuction. Our May 17, 2008 meeting will be no less impressive. We will have four facelift presenters. These include Drs. Tim Marten, Tom Bell, Victoria Vitale-Lewis, and Ferdinand Becker. I expect it to be standing room only again!

Residents' night has always been a fun night to showcase the great

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TRACY M. PFEIFER, M.D.

letter from the editor

2008 is off with a bang.

Dear Friends and Colleagues,



Our advocacy trip to Albany was enlightening. Eliot Spitzer addressed our group; we were told he was our friend. Given the fact that his brother is a physician, I thought there might be some truth to this. What we did not know, of course, is that the former Governor is friendly with a lot of people. And that he pays some to be extra "friendly" with him. And so, Spitzer is gone, maybe to jail. With Spitzer's departure, some felt our trip was in vain but not necessarily so.

In addition to Spitzer we met with Joe Bruno (Senate Majority Leader), Eric Dinallo (former Insurance Commissioner under Spitzer) and our local representatives. From statements he made, it is clear that Senator Bruno is our friend. Of course our great adversary, Sheldon Silver, was no where in sight. In addition to our quest for malpractice premium relief, one of our main points is that New York is becoming an inhospitable state in which to practice medicine. This point is bolstered by the fact that physician shortages are becoming noticeable in New York State. This is also true on a national level. Physician shortages across the nation are predicted in the near future, due to a number of factors. These include stable or reduced numbers of residency slots and stable numbers of medical schools and medical students. One study reports that anywhere between 15 and 75 NEW medical schools would be necessary to provide the number of physicians that will be needed



RESIDENTS' NIGHT 2008
NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE

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in the future. And this assumes enough qualified applicants to fill the new slots. Even with graduates of foreign medical schools coming to the US to practice, we are still short. In New York State, our situation is even worse. Already, poor conditions for physicians in New York State are leading to decreased numbers of physicians practicing. In the future, we can expect our statewide physician decline to be accelerated by the global factors, such as overall national physician supply. If there are not enough doctors nationally, they certainly will not pick a hostile state in which to practice.

Just a few up-dated numbers:

- ▶ The number of ob/gyns in New York State has dropped 4%.
- ▶ In western New York, there are no rheumatologists accepting new patients.
- ▶ In the past 5 years, 200 MLMIC insured ob-gyns have changed their classification from ob/gyn to gyn or family practice.

We all know the issues underlying these changes. Malpractice premiums have sky-rocketed over the past 5 years. High jury awards is a key cause of this increase. Furthermore, these awards are often not rational, with similar cases having vastly different outcomes.

The high cost of malpractice premiums is driven by malpractice lawsuits. Even is the case never goes to trial, it costs \$30,000 to \$50,000 to open a case file. The numbers are staggering. Seventy one percent of MLMIC insured neurosurgeons have been sued. In a 5 year period, 50% of ob/gyns and neurosurgeons will be sued. I doubt there is any type of enterprise that can sustain this number of lawsuits and remain viable. Society is cannibalizing its medical system.

In closing, I have to tell you that I was very impressed with the level of detail that MSSNY brings to their efforts regarding tort reform. They are very specific in their recommendations and it is heartening to know first hand how hard they are working for us. I urge all of you to join MSSNY to help support physicians statewide. Our brothers and sisters, especially in the less affluent areas, are really suffering. If you are already a member, you should be receiving regular e-mail updates. Contact them at www.MSSNY.org to join or update your contact information.

Have a wonderful Spring.



FALL MEETING 2008

1st row left to right: Arthur Wise, M.D., David Abramson, M.D., Malcolm Paul, M.D., Diane Duncan, M.D., Richard D'Amico, M.D., John Vaccaro, M.D., Mia Talmor, M.D., Daniel Man, M.D. and Steve Wallach, M.D.

2nd row left to right: Jason Pozner, M.D., Frederick Lukash, M.D., Steve Fallek, M.D. and Scot Glasberg, M.D.

RESIDENTS' NIGHT COMPETITION

The 2008 annual Residents' Night Competition took place March 3 at the New York Academy of Medicine.

Once again, Dr. Mia Talmor organized the event, soliciting abstracts from our area plastic surgery residency programs. In case you were wondering, we now have two programs in New Jersey, seven in New York and one in Connecticut. Along with Ms. Victoria Morales, Dr. Talmor coordinates the program with the New York Academy of Medicine. It is always an enlightening evening with Dr. Talmor facilitating discussion and asking questions. She is especially aware of everyone's time constraints and strives mightily to keep the evening on schedule - Thank You!

This year we were honored to have as judges Drs. Frederick Lukash, Lester Silver and Berish Strauch. Their efforts are truly appreciated. The active participation by our judges, with excellent questions, makes the presentations that much more informative for all of us.

We do not often acknowledge it, but your attendance and the participation of our judges is very meaningful to our young plastic surgery residents. The role that more senior plastic surgeons play as mentors to our more junior colleagues cannot be overstated. By attending the program, and thereby supporting the efforts of our residents, the future of plastic surgery understands we value them and their efforts to become excellent physicians and plastic surgeons. At a time when medicine is at a crossroads, this is important. Your support of our residents helps keep morale high. Thank you.

This year we had twelve resident presentations. Six of ten regional programs were represented. Our residents are to be commended for their high quality work. Some interesting new concepts were presented. The question and answer period was robust, a development I attribute to the newer, more intimate venue, with a lot of audience



JUDGES: Lester Silver, M.D., Rick Lukash, M.D. and Berish Strauch, M.D.

participation. This year, Life Cell was the featured solo sponsor, generously contributing the prize money - \$1000 First Prize, \$500 Second Prize and \$250 Third Prize.

The new format of the program, with dinner served just prior to the presentations, continues to be popular. Next year we will have additional seating for late comers who may register on site. Any other suggestions as to how we can improve the meeting are always solicited. We look forward to seeing everyone at Residents' Night in 2009.

Congratulations to our winners and all of the Residents' Night Presenters.

1ST WINNER



Joseph Michaels, M.D.

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery-
New York University Medical Center

Delivery of Targeted Chemotherapy
via Genetically Modified Microvascular
Flaps Suppresses Primary
Tumor Growth

2ND WINNER



Tommaso Addona, M.D.

Mount Sinai School of Medicine

Biopsy of the Median Nerve:
Description of Technique and
Complications

3RD WINNER



Oren Lerman, M.D.

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery-
New York University Medical Center

Repair of Radiation Damage in a Novel
Skin Injury Model with Microstructural
Fat Grafting

Residents' Night Presenters:

Kevin Cross, M.D.

New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell Campus)
 Comparing a Dermal Stapler Device to
 Standard Sutures for Incisional Closure

Roy Foo, M.D.

New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell Campus)
 Cranial Fasciitis of Childhood:
 Case Report and Systematic Review
 of the Disease, its Pathology and
 Treatment Outcomes

Hengli Lin, M.D.

Mount Sinai School of Medicine
 The Evolution of the Supercharged
 TRAM Flap for Breast Reconstruction

Robert Morin, M.D.

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New
 Jersey-New Jersey Medical School
 Guidelines for Laser-Assisted
 Liposuction Consistency and Safety

Jeffrey Ridha, M.D.

Nassau University Medical Center
 The Use of Acellular Dermal
 Matrix (Alloderm) as an Adjunct in
 Reconstruction of Facial Paralysis

Beth Aviva Preminger, M.D.

New York Presbyterian Hospital (Cornell Campus)
 How Should Quality of Life Data Be
 Incorporated into a Cost Analysis of
 Breast Reconstruction?
 A Consideration of Implant versus
 Free TRAM Procedures

Oren Tepper, M.D.

Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery-New
 York University Medical Center
 Defining 'Bottoming Out' from a
 Three-Dimensional Perspective

Gila Weinstein, M.D.

Montefiore Medical Center-Albert Einstein
 College of Medicine
 A Novel Clamp to Facilitate
 Bilaminar Resorbable Fixation in
 Craniofacial Surgery

Diana Yoon-Schwartz, M.D.

Montefiore Medical Center-Albert Einstein
 College of Medicine
 The Internal Thoracic Vessels as
 Recipients in Microsurgery for Breast
 Reconstruction in Patients with Prior
 Median Sternotomy (A Report of
 Two Cases)

**RESIDENTS' NIGHT PRESENTERS**

1st row left to right: Hengli Lin, M.D., Gila Weinstein, M.D., Diana Yoon-Schwartz, M.D., Beth Aviva Preminger, M.D., Jeffrey Ridha, M.D., Roy Foo, M.D.

2nd row left to right: Kevin Cross, M.D., Tommaso Addona, M.D., Oren Tepper, M.D., Oren Lerman, M.D., Joseph Michaels, M.D., Robert Morin, M.D.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The second annual Lifetime Achievement Award recipient is Robert W. Beasley, M.D.



Dr. Chiu gave a beautiful recount of Dr. Beasley's accomplishments as a refined and gifted hand surgeon and innovator. Dr. Chiu accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Beasley.

PRESENTATION BY DAVID CHIU, M.D.

"Once in a while, in our fascinating journey as plastic surgeons, we might have the fortune of running into someone whose clinical acumen is so penetrating, ability to deconstruct complexity so astute, surgical skills so deft, scholarship so refined and artistic talent so multi-dimensional, we can only describe him as the 'Renaissance man'.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the man we are honoring tonight is that 'Renaissance man'.

Dr. Robert W. Beasley was born in the blue grass country of Paducah, Kentucky in July of 1930. He graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1952 and obtained his medical degree in 1955 from the University of Tennessee. He found his way to New York City, where he mostly remained for the next 50 years.

He began his general surgery residency at the Roosevelt Hospital, and after two years of training found himself at the United States Army Hospital in Fort Irwin, California, where he spent the next one and half years. During that time, he distinguished himself as a general surgeon for the U.S. army, receiving an achievement citation at the army combat training center by Brigadier General Walter Jensen. He later received the Commendation Ribbon and Medal given by the Department of Army in 1959.

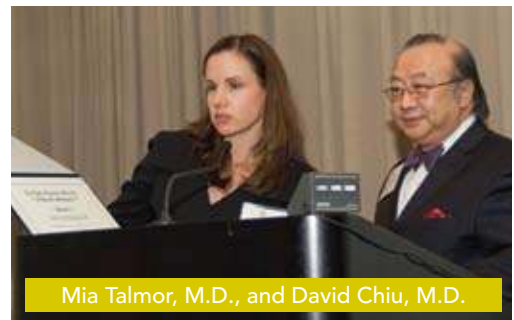
After returning to New York he completed his general surgery training at the Roosevelt Hospital, followed by training in reconstructive surgery of the hand under the auspices of Professor J. William Littler. After finishing training in hand surgery, Dr. Beasley went on to complete his residency in plastic surgery in 1962 at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. After graduating, he was invited by Dr. John Converse of the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery of NYU to build a Hand Surgery service, which he did brilliantly. In fact, he served as Director of the Hand Surgery Service masterfully for 4 ½ decades.

His Hand Surgery fellowship program, instituted in 1966, has trained over 80 fellows from all over the world. He is a member of numerous prestigious societies, both here and abroad, and maintains a position on the board of directors of the Foundation for Hand Research here in New York. He is the author of over 50 articles, 15 book chapters, and is the single author of one of the most important hand surgical texts, "*Hand Injuries*", initially published in 1981, and now just recently released and entirely re-written as "*Beasley's Surgery of the Hand*".

Dr. Beasley brought forward the regionalization of hand surgery by introducing the concept of "hand surgery centers" where complete care, including radiographic analysis, physician examination and treatment, and physical and occupational therapy could be accomplished at one single location, to the significant benefit of the patient.

In December of 2005, the R.W. Beasley Lectureship was established at the Institute of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery, New York University Medical Center, to honor Dr. Beasley's dedication and contributions to the development of hand surgery.

It is indeed my privilege to deliver this tribute on behalf of our society, to my teacher, mentor and distinguished predecessor, Professor Robert W. Beasley."



Mia Talmor, M.D., and David Chiu, M.D.

ALAN MATARASSO, M.D.,
OLIVIA HUTCHINSON, M.D. & STEVEN WALLACH, M.D.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

"Controversies in Plastic Surgery" was the title of our December 2007 Scientific Meeting. It was an exciting morning with a high turn out of our membership with standing room only.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Richard D'Amico, the President of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS), start the morning off with an ASPS update. Dr. D'Amico began the morning events discussing several key subjects. He updated the membership on the ever-present liability insurance crunch across the country. He stressed the importance of every member enrolling his or her patients in the Post-Approval Breast Implant Study for gel implants, which the FDA has mandated in order for gel implants to stay on the market. He encouraged all members to participate in Tracking of Operations and Outcomes for Plastic Surgeons (TOPS); ASPS will use this information to better educate both the media and future patients. In addition, he reviewed a new marketing campaign that ASPS is rolling out. The plan calls for a branding campaign

to prospective patients making sure that they know that their doctor is an ASPS member and not just board certified, so that the public does not get confused by other physicians claiming board certification by one of several different boards. Finally, he talked about the importance of implementing the movement towards creating state plastic surgery societies and not just regional ones. It was felt that a unified state society could be a powerful lobbying organization to deal with plastic surgical issues on a state level.

A reminder was made at the beginning of the lecture series for each speaker to provide full disclosure as is mandated on a national level for ASPS and ASAPS, and not all speakers provided this information. This will be mandatory for all future meetings!

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FALL MEETING 2008

left to right: Richard D'Amico, M.D., Daniel Man, M.D., Diane Duncan, M.D., John Vaccaro, M.D., Jason Pozner, M.D. and Malcolm Paul, M.D.

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

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Dr. Jason Pozner began the morning series on “Controversies in Plastic Surgery”, by presenting “Current Trends in Non-ablative Lasers.” It was a tour de force of non-ablative lasers consisting of the history and the current state of these systems. This is one of the fastest growing areas of aesthetic medicine and is one of the most popular procedures performed today. He reviewed the technology behind the pulsed light based systems, what is on the market now, and what is in store for the future. He reviewed the infrared and radiofrequency derived systems that are currently being used for skin

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tightening, and the fractional lasers that were being used for wrinkle treatment. He suggested that if you are not offering these types of procedures in your office, you are probably “missing the boat” and not offering the full-complement of care to your patients that you probably should.

The next speaker was Dr. Diane Duncan who presented the “Safety and Efficacy of Injection Lipolysis: Answering the Critics”. This was a very hot topic that I think most of our members were excited to learn more about. She tried to dispel the bad publicity and “voodoo” or lack of scientific evaluation of these techniques. She differentiated “injection lipolysis” from the term “mesotherapy”, which is the term that I think most of our members associate with this technique. She

discussed her initial skepticism and then ultimate belief in these techniques. She emphasized her early interest in evaluating this therapy scientifically, and indeed performed histological examination, animal studies, and even stem cell research on this subject. She reinforced that this is a good technique for treatment of small areas of fat deposition, and urged that ongoing research is needed. A few audience members asked about the medical legal issues of using a non-FDA approved treatment such as this. Overall, I was very pleased with her attempts at performing the very important scientific studies that are required when new technology is implemented.

Dr. Malcolm Paul, a past ASAPS president, also presented and talked about “The Evolution of the Barbed Suture Technology in Aesthetic Plastic Surgery”. He spoke about his experience dealing with patients that have had permanent barbed sutures placed for facial rejuvenation, and how his practice has evolved to use the absorbable barbed sutures. He is now using the absorbable model for many different aesthetic surgical procedures in his practice including facelifting, breast lifting, and abdominoplasty. He presented many different techniques and showed nice results.

Our final speaker was Dr. Daniel Man. Dr. Man presented on “SmartLipo Liposuction”, which Dr. D’Amico pointed out, should be discussed as laser lipolysis. This was a subject that has received an awful lot of press in the past several months, and everyone in the audience was eager to hear from one of our colleagues whether the “reality was as good as the hype?” Unfortunately, there were no reports given on the “science” of this new technique, although Dr. Mans’ technique was illustrated quite well. I think that many of our colleagues were left with unanswered questions regarding the science behind this technique. Perhaps we can get an update on this technique at a future meeting?

Our next meeting will take place on May 17, 2008. This meeting will look at primary facelifting by four well known surgeons and how their techniques have evolved over the years.

See you then!

WILLIAM ROSENBLATT, M.D.

PHYSICIAN ACTIVISM

We had a terrific Legislative Day in Albany on March 4th. Over 1500 physicians came to demonstrate and talk to their legislators.

There were a number of plastic surgeons present, but not enough. For those who came, thank you for your support. We are currently working on a bill to reduce the cost of your malpractice insurance, but you will only get the benefit if you are a member of the State Medical Society and attend our legislative rallies.

I know that this is wishful thinking on my part, but those of you who are not members of the State and County medical societies get the benefit of our work on your behalf, please join to support our efforts. You can get more information on membership at our web site www.mssny.org.

At the moment we are pursuing a number of other legislative efforts. One is a bill to level the playing field with insurance companies and allow doctors to engage in collective bargaining thus getting rid of the anti trust laws that currently impede our efforts to negotiate fees.

MSSNY is currently in the midst of a lawsuit with Oxford where they are trying to go back

6 years to reclaim payments. With the recent laws passed they can only go back 2 years unless there is a claim of fraud which is not substantiated here.

New York State's Attorney General Cuomo is suing United/Oxford for their misuse of the reasonable and customary fee standards. They set up their own company which seems to have fraudulently set standards that work on their side - not fair, true community standards. We have known this for years, it has just taken a while to get someone with authority to agree with us that it needs to be looked in to. According to Crains New York, (March 6, 2008), this investigation is now being expanded to many of the other insurers since it is believed that they are all defrauding their insured by understating the reasonable and customary fees when determining reimbursement.

We also believe that if you pre-certify a patient for surgery, it should guarantee payment.

As this paper goes to press, we are awaiting the final report from the governor's task force on liability reform. Hopefully this will include new legislation that will help us with this burdensome bill. You can be assured that we will keep on top of this and we may need your help this spring and summer to get some legislative relief. Save some time for a trip to Albany in either late June or early July.



► Your medical society has your interests at heart and we are working tirelessly to help practicing physicians. Please, give us your support.



Robert Goldberg, D.O., President MSSNY, & William Rosenblatt, M.D., at Legislative Day.



Doctors white coats left on Albany capital steps after rally. The coats signify the potential loss of doctors from New York State.

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MSSNY SUPPORTS

MSSNY has a comprehensive agenda that specifically details solutions to the problems that face physicians practicing in New York State. Some of these are:

1 Alternative dispute resolution forums:

Special health court, arbitration and/or no fault system for claims involving neurologically impaired infants. Recent studies show that neurological impairment is almost always the result of a condition prior to birth.

2 Medical expert witness reform:

In New York the identity of an expert who will testify in a medical liability action is shielded. Medical liability actions are the only civil actions where this rule is applied on this state and no other state has a similar rule. MSSNY supports disclosing experts' identity before trial and requiring experts to practice in the same or similar specialty as the defendant. MSSNY supports establishing a new category of physician misconduct for experts who provide scientifically unsupportable testimony.

3 Certificate of merit (COM) reforms:

MSSNY supports requiring that a physician consulted for a COM be identified, be of the same specialty as the defendant and be required to file a certification statement.

4 Cap on non-economic awards:

\$250,000. There are 30 states that have enacted some form of cap, including California, Florida, Texas and Illinois.

5 Personal asset protection:

Awards often exceed the insurance coverage physicians are able to purchase.

6 Subsidization:

A state-funded subsidy and/or tax credit to defray the cost of medical liability insurance.

7 Return on the period payments threshold to a monetary threshold:

While the initial (up-front) payout of future damages is now 35 percent of the future damages awarded, MSSNY favors changing this threshold to the first \$50,000 of the award.

8 Strengthen the standard of proof to "clear and convincing evidence".

The current "preponderance of the evidence" standard is minimal. It tends to encourage verdicts that are based on the severity of the injury rather than on whether malpractice actually occurred.

9 Frivolous lawsuits:

The current \$10,000 fine on an attorney bringing a frivolous action is rarely imposed, even though an overwhelming majority of malpractice claims result in no payment to the plaintiff. In this decade alone, MLMIC spent over \$500 million defending physicians and hospitals in whose behalf no payment is ever made to the plaintiff.

10 Immunity for apologies:

At least 27 states have enacted "I'm sorry" laws, whereby providers who express sympathy for an unanticipated outcome are protected against having that statement used in any subsequent litigation.

Upcoming Events

MEMBER ALERT

As per the New York State Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), **patient testimonials** are not allowed to be posted on New York State physician websites.

SPRING MEETING

May 17th, 2008, 8am-1pm
New York Academy of Medicine

Primary Facelifting: How my technique has changed over the years.

Tim Marten, M.D.
Victoria Vitale-Lewis, M.D.
Ferdinand Becker, M.D.
Tom Bell, M.D.

This program is certified for three CME credits.
There is no registration fee for member of the NYRSPS and residents. Non-member registration fee is \$200.
Register online at: www.nyrsps.org

FALL MEETING

December 13th, 2008, 8am-12pm
New York Academy of Medicine

Lower Blepharoplasty

Mark A. Codner, M.D.
Clinical Assistant Professor of Plastic Surgery, Emory University;
Director, Fellowship Program in Aesthetic and Oculoplastic Surgery Paces Plastic Surgery, Atlanta, Georgia
Michael Patipa, M.D.
Oculoplastic & Orbital Consultants, West Palm Beach, Florida

MASTER SERIES LECTURER

Henry Kawamoto, Jr., M.D., D.D.S.
Professor of Surgery, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery,
Director of Craniofacial Surgery, UCLA Medical Center



Steve Wallach, M.D., NYRSPS President, thanks John Vaccaro, M.D. for his hard work as 2007 President of NYRSPS.

▼ Steve Fallek, M.D., David Staffenberg, M.D., and Steve Wallach, M.D.



▼ Sydney Coleman, M.D., and Donald Wood-Smith, M.D.



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resident talent and research that is going on in the tri-state region. Mia Talmor once again hosted this event on March 3, 2008 with great judges to match.

While our society has always emphasized education as its prime initiative, there have been many issues facing our field these past few years both on a local and national level. ASPS has been trying to push for the creation of state plastic surgery societies around the country to deal with some of each state's local issues. Dr. D'Amico addressed this at our December meeting and we are fortunate to have Scot Glasberg on our



Steve Wallach, M.D., Jason Pozner, M.D. and Randy Feingold, M.D.

board and other influential members such as William Rosenblatt, Peter Hetzler, and Malcom Roth who I am sure can help explore this possibility.

On another note, we have board meetings several times throughout the year and I encourage all members to get involved and come to these meetings. Please contact Victoria Morales if you are interested in attending.

The lifeblood of our society is our membership. We would appreciate all current members soliciting their colleagues, both in practice and in active residency programs in the tri-state area who are not members, to join.

I look forward to a great year!

Patient Safety

in Cosmetic Surgery of the Head and Neck

Saturday April 12, 2008, 7am - 2:30pm
The University Club
One West 54th Street, NYC 10021

PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Lawrence S. Reed, MD
Robert C. Silich, MD

Norman H. Schulman, MD
Jeffrey A. Ascherman, MD

5.5 Category 1 CME credits (all are patient safety credits)

COURSE FEATURES

- Discussion of patient safety in the use of injectables and lasers
- Presentation of safety issues in the performance of eyelid, mandible and facial aesthetic surgery
- Discussion of the latest data from our team of experts, offering the most recent up-to-date advances in improving overall safety for patients
- Bringing new information to the forefront and helping to integrate new knowledge in safe patient practices on a variety of procedures and treatments
- Speakers who will address emerging safety concerns, as well as problem cases and how to avoid/correct them when they happen
- Presentations and panels accompanied by ample time for questions and discussion between attendees and faculty

REGISTER NOW

Visit our website at www.columbiasurgeryCME.org