A Message from Juan Cendan, MD, Woodward Society President

I look forward to seeing many of my old friends in Gainesville for the 8th Annual Woodward Society Spring Meeting in February. In attending past meetings, I found the academic program for the meeting very worthwhile. I hope you will make an effort to renew and strengthen the unique bonds we share as UF-trained surgeons. The meeting will begin Thursday, February 16th with a welcome reception at the Sweetwater Branch Inn, followed by a special grand rounds on Friday, February 17th, presented by Lori F. Gentile, MD, our 2016 recipient of the Hughes Walters Humanitarian Award. Our keynote speaker will be James W. Maher, MD, professor of surgery at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine, who will provide his one-of-a-kind perspective on our collective history. Our celebration will conclude with a celebratory reception and dinner Friday evening. Places, times and details for all these events can be found by registering for them here. Please plan on attending this annual opportunity to return to your surgery roots and acquire knowledge alongside your friends, mentors, and current residents. I look forward to celebrating 60 years of our history and looking to our future with you.

Keynote Speaker: James W. Maher, MD

James W. Maher, MD, is a professor in surgery at the Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) School of Medicine in Richmond. He is also affiliated with the Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Administration Medical Center. Dr. Maher’s clinical areas of interest include laparoscopic upper gastrointestinal and weight loss surgery. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve. Dr. Maher earned his medical degree from the University of Florida College of Medicine in 1974. He completed a general surgery residency and served as an instructor and chief resident at UF. Other previous academic appointments include the University of Mississippi; associate and then full professor and director of gastrointestinal surgery and co-director for the Center for Digestive Diseases at the University of Iowa; professor and then chairman in the division of general surgery at Virginia Commonwealth University. He remains a professor at VCU. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and also a member of several professional societies, including the Society of Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the International Society for Diseases of the Esophagus, the Central Surgical Association, the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery, the Southern Surgical Association and the Esophageal Surgery Club.

Accreditation: The University of Florida College of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit: The University of Florida College of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 6 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Accommodations for Disabilities or Special Requests including Dietary: Please contact Adela Van Antwerp at vananal@ufl.edu or 352.594.5176 a minimum of 10 working days prior to the conference so that adequate consideration may be given to your request. Special dietary restrictions should also be submitted in advance.

Target Audience: Physicians, including those who completed their general surgery residency at the University of Florida.

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UF McKnight Brain Institute
1149 Newell Drive Gainesville, FL 32611
(Please valet park at UF Health Shands North Tower)

- 7:15 to 8 a.m. – Surgery Grand Rounds, Hugh Walters, MD, Distinguished Speaker and Humanitarian Award with Lori Gentile, MD
- 8:00 to 8:25 a.m. – Breakfast after Grand Rounds
- 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. – Woodward Society Spring Meeting

UF Department of Surgery 60th Anniversary Celebration
George T. Harrell, M.D. Medical Education Building
1104 Newell Drive Gainesville, FL 32601
(Valet parking is available at this building)

8th Annual Woodward Society Spring Meeting Speakers

Philip A. Efron, MD, FACS, FCCM
Associate Professor of Surgery and Anesthesiology
University of Florida Department of Surgery
“Sepsis, UF Health and the Future: the Sepsis and Critical Illness Research Center”

Edgardo S. Salcedo, MD
Assistant Professor and Associate Program Director for General Surgery Residency
University of California Davis
“The Space Between: Transitioning from Residency to Faculty”

George A. Sarosi, MD
Professor and Robert H. Hux Professor and General Surgery Residency Program Director
University of Florida Department of Surgery
“Concurrent and Overlapping Surgery”

Luis O. Vasconez, MD
Vice Chair and Professor
University of Alabama Department of Surgery
Division of Plastic Surgery
“Dr. Woodward’s Surgical Training: Then and Now: A Personal View”

Bruce A. Mast, MD
Interim Chair, University of Florida Department of Surgery
Professor and Chief, Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
Maurice J. Jurkiewicz Professor of Reconstructive Plastic Surgery
“Department of Surgery Update”

James W. Maher, MD, FACS (Keynote Speaker)
Professor of Surgery
Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine
“Woodward, Dragstedt, Two Scientific Revolutions”

V. Suzanne Klimberg, MD
Muriel Balsam Kohn Chair in Breast Surgical Oncology
Professor of Surgery and Pathology
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences
“Can Axillary Reverse Mapping Prevent Lymphedema?”

Thomas S. Huber, MD, PhD
Professor and Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy
Vice Chairman, University of Florida Department of Surgery
“A Brief History of the Division of Vascular Surgery and an Update on the Treatment of Chronic Mesenteric Ischemia”

Learning Objectives: This program is designed to introduce alumni, faculty, residents and staff to new information appropriate to the surgical community, including contemporary innovations in surgical practice and novel approaches to treatments and patient care management. This course will provide busy academic and private-practice surgeons with up-to-date, relevant and essential information that can be used immediately.

CME Registration
- $80 Woodward Society members
- $125 Non-members
- $50 Retirees

Click here to register for the 8th Annual Woodward Society Spring Meeting.

Registrants must withdraw prior to Feb. 1, 2017 to receive a full refund. For more information, contact Adela Van Antwerp at vananal@ufl.edu or 352.594.5176.