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## 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Surgical Association

*April 24-26, 2008*  
*The Waldorf=Astoria*  
*New York City*

### Annual Meeting Program

Enclosed with the issue of the ASA Newsletter, you will find the complete Preliminary Program for the Annual Meeting. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. John P. Roberts, has selected 32 exceptional scientific papers and has incorporated a Forum Discussion into the program schedule.



### Meeting Registration

You may register for the meeting on the ASA Website: [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info). For Fellow and Guest Physicians, an early bird discount registration fee is available to those who register by the **early bird deadline of March 7, 2008**. The registration fee for Fellows and Guest Physicians includes the cost of the Annual Banquet (black tie preferred). **The deadline for pre-registration is March 31, 2008.**

### Hotel Reservations

Hotel reservations can be made directly from the ASA Website: [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info) or by calling the Waldorf=Astoria at (877) 476-8792. If you call the hotel directly, please be sure to identify yourself as an ASA member to ensure you receive the group rate. We encourage you to make your hotel reservations early.

**The ASA reservation deadline is April 1, 2008.**

Local Arrangements Chair, Fabrizio Michelassi, M.D., urges all members to take advantage of the hotels many amenities. The Waldorf=Astoria is the perfect location from which to enjoy the City and is well known for their comprehensive concierge services and will make individual theater, tour and/or dinner arrangements on your behalf. Please be sure to contact the Waldorf directly to take advantage of their concierge services at 212-355-3000.



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## Program Highlights of the 128<sup>th</sup> ASA Annual Meeting

### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Thursday, April 24, 2008

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon



**Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., M.D.**

John Woods Harris Distinguished Chairman,  
Professor, Department of Surgery,  
University of Texas Medical Branch

### FORUM DISCUSSION

Friday, April 25, 2008

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

#### Value-Based Health Care Delivery

Moderator: Courtney M. Townsend, Jr., MD

**Michael E. Porter, M.D.**

Harvard Business School

**Raphael E. Pollock, M.D., Ph.D., FACS**

The University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center

This session will enable attendees to:

- ♦ Understand the deficiencies inherent in our current healthcare delivery system.
- ♦ Appreciate the difficulties involved in transitioning to a patient-centered multidisciplinary system.
- ♦ Gain insight into the challenges in implementation of this revised delivery system.

### **The Waldorf=Astoria.....in the heart of Manhattan**

The Waldorf=Astoria was one of the first “grand hotels” to combine luxurious elegance with a myriad of services and amenities. The Art Deco landmark welcomes out of town visitors and New Yorkers alike, and has been world renowned for over a century.

Much of the hotel’s splendor appears in its grand event venues, but some of its treasures are on view to the public. In 1929, Waldorf architects Shultze & Weaver commissioned French Artist Louis Rigal to design and execute numerous elements within the hotel. Among these are the massive, carved-stone bas reliefs adorned with gilt figures, as well as the murals and the 150,000 piece Wheel of Life mosaic, at the Park Avenue Entrance and Lobby and the stylized, cast nickel-plate female figures throughout the hotel.

In the Main Lobby, above the 1893 lobby clock, look for the silver-gilt Art Deco maiden. The decorative motifs on the ceiling evoke a more elegant era, and gilded ornamentation is all around, even in unexpected places.

Midtown was coming into its own as a business district in the 1920s, at the height of the Art Deco period, and many of the era’s structural masterpieces remain today. In addition to The Waldorf-Astoria, there are nearly 20 significant Art Deco buildings in midtown with striking architecture and design. A walking tour from the hotel includes St. Bartholomew’s Church (1918); Rockefeller Center (1931-55); the dramatic, black and gold American Radiator Building (1923-24); Grand Central Terminal (a 1913 Beaux-Arts gem); and the Chrysler Building and lobby (1928-30).

As you approach the hotel, take a moment to explore the window displays that flank the hotel entrance. These fascinating vignettes detail the hotel’s magnificent architectural features, such as the priceless murals and mosaic, the hotel’s landmark history, from its original incarnation in 1893 to the construction of the current hotel, its rich culinary heritage and its storied suites.

For many visitors, the hotel is a luxurious launching point from which to explore the city. For Manhattanites, it is a destination, with services and venues that have long made it a popular retreat. During your visit, we invite you to “think like a New Yorker” and enjoy the hotel’s many delights.



## ASA MEMBERSHIP

*The vitality and continuity of the American Surgical Association is dependent upon the active and continuous participation of young members of the surgical community with a diversity of backgrounds. In an effort to increase the involvement of young leaders from a variety of surgical specialties, we encourage you to propose your colleagues for ASA Membership. Information on how to propose a candidate for ASA membership is noted below.*

### Candidates for Membership

The name of a candidate proposed for membership may be read at the April 2008 Annual Meeting only if the application is complete in every detail and has been received by the Secretary by **March 15, 2008**.

Proposal for Membership forms may be obtained from Michael W. Mulholland, M.D., Secretary, through the Administrative Office in Beverly, Massachusetts or go to the ASA website [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info) and click on Membership.

The requirements are:

1. Applications shall be completed and signed by three Fellows.
2. Supporting letters from each of the three Fellows shall accompany the application.
3. One copy of a complete curriculum vitae in required format to include a bibliography in Index Medicus form.
4. Reprints of each of the three most outstanding contributions to surgery (listed on the application form) shall be included with the application.



# American Surgical Association

*The oldest surgical association in the United States*

*Established in 1880*

## [www.americansurgical.info](http://www.americansurgical.info)

The American Surgical Association invites you to visit the Website.

Members may use the website as a significant resource for Association information, including:

- ♦ **128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Program and Registration Information**
- ♦ **Electronic Abstract Submission**
- ♦ **Latest News from the Association and the ASA Foundation**
- ♦ **Foundation Giving Opportunities**
- ♦ **Award Information, Applications & Recipients**

## ASA Foundation Needs Your Support

The American Surgical Association has fostered advancement in surgical procedures for over 125 years. Research and education programs are paramount to maintaining and even accelerating these advances in the years ahead.

Over twenty years ago the ASA established the American Surgical Association Foundation to serve as the ASA's fund raising arm and, more importantly, insure that our research award programs would have the financial wherewithal to support new and exciting initiatives that would lead to further advancements. Thanks to the generous support of the ASA members, the Foundation has built an impressive record of accomplishment and has accelerated its levels of research since its founding.

Since 1982, the Foundation has awarded 31 Research Fellowships to truly gifted, remarkable surgeon-scientists. Many of these recipients have been elected to ASA membership. All have received peer-reviewed funding. Their academic and professional accomplishments have been impressive. Our return on investment in these surgeon-scientists has been significant.

The Foundation Board of Trustees asks you to consider two ways in which you can play an important role in the future of surgery.

First, support the Foundation through a donation to the Annual Campaign. Make a donation to the ASA Foundation now. Second, consider a planned gift to the ASA Foundation, if not now then in the future. A wide variety of planned giving opportunities exist that will allow you to make a very substantial donation to the ASA Foundation with little or no impact on your disposable income.

**For information on planned giving, or to make an immediate gift to the Foundation, contact the Foundation offices (978) 927-8330.**



### MAKE YOUR ASA FOUNDATION PLEDGE AT THE 128<sup>th</sup> ASA ANNUAL MEETING

**New** for the 128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, make a \$50.00 contribution to the ASA Foundation and receive a Samuel A. Gross lapel pin.

Make a \$100.00 contribution to the ASA Foundation, and you may select an ASA men's tie, or a woman's scarf.

Show your support for the ASA Foundation and stop by the ASA Registration Desk to make a pledge and receive your tie, scarf or lapel pin immediately.

### ASAF AWARD RECIPIENTS 2008-2010

**Andrew M. Cameron, Ph.D., M.D.**

Johns Hopkins University  
School of Medicine

*"Prevention of Recurrent Hepatitis C After Liver Transplantation Using RNA Interference"*

**Rebecca A. Gladdy, Ph.D., M.D.**

Memorial Sloan-Kettering  
Cancer Center

*"Genetic Mechanisms of Sarcomagenesis"*

**Jennifer F. Tseng, M.D.**

University of Massachusetts  
Medical School

*"Neoadjuvant Strategies for Pancreatic Cancer: A Decision Analysis Model"*