Keynote Speaker

J. David Richardson, MD
Professor and Vice Chairman of Surgery
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“Changes in Management of Injuries to the Liver and Spleen”

Guest Speakers

Soly Baredes, MD, FACS
Professor and Chair
Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery
Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School

“Transoral Robotic Surgery”

Dorian J. Wilson, MD
Associate Professor of Surgery
Division of Liver Transplantation and Director Hepatobiliary Surgery
Director Healthcare Foundation Center for Humanism and Medicine
Department of Surgery
Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School

“Living the Legacy of Benjamin F. Rush, Jr.: Liver Transplantation, Humanism and Professionalism”

Frank Padberg, MD, FACS
Professor of Surgery
Division of Vascular Surgery
Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School
Chief, Section of Vascular Surgery
VA New Jersey Healthcare System

“Adaptation of New Technology and the Effect on Surgical Training”

Rolando Rolandelli, MD, FACS
Chairman of Surgery
Department of Surgery
Morristown Medical Center
Professor of Surgery
Rutgers, New Jersey Medical School

“Surgical Innovations in Preserving Intestinal Continuity”
Biographical Sketch

Benjamin Franklin Rush, Jr., was born January 14, 1924 in Honolulu, Hawaii. His family bears no relationship to the famous 18th century physician. He received an A.B. degree from the University of California at Berkeley in 1944, and a M.D. degree from Yale in 1948. During the Korean conflict, Dr. Rush was assigned to a MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) and then to a surgical research unit. From 1954 to 1957, he served as a surgical training at the Sloan Kettering Division, Medical College, and Cornell University. In 1957, Dr. Rush was an instructor of surgery and assistant professor of Surgery at Johns Hopkins University; where later he became an assistant professor of surgery from 1959 to 1962.

Dr. Rush moved in 1962 to the University of Kentucky at Lexington, where he was appointed an associate professor of surgery at the new College of Medicine. The college recruited students mainly from rural communities. His varied work at the University of Kentucky included research in the areas of hemorrhagic and traumatic shock, and renal physiology. The Army and National Institute of Health (NIH) supported this research. Dr. Rush was made professor of surgery at the University of Kentucky.

In the spring of 1969, he accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Surgery, New Jersey Medical School (now the College of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey; a forerunner to the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). At that time, the house staff was comprised primarily of foreign residents. By 1982, the surgical training program had recruited a house staff drawn totally from American medical schools. Also by 1982, the annual grant support increased from zero to $1 million, one half of this funding from NIH. In 1980-1981, the Department of Surgery, under Dr. Rush’s leadership, was responsible for more than 300 publications.

Dr. Rush has held two chairs at UMDNJ: the Johnson & Johnson Chair from 1971 to 1980 and the Wesley Howe Chair from 1988 to 1991. He is held in high regard nationally by the students, residents, fellows and faculty who were touched by Ben Rush for a day-long celebration of his life and legacy. The Symposium will be followed by a Gala Celebration and Dinner at the beautiful Newark Club, Metropolitan Room. Here we will spend the evening remembering Ben, and seeing old friends and colleagues from New Jersey Medical School. Proceeds from these events will help benefit the Rush Chair at NJMS Department of Surgery.

Ben is so deserving of this recognition! He would be especially pleased to see all the talented physicians he trained come together in his honor. So please join me and your colleagues for this great event. Come share your accomplishments, stories, and memories of Ben, and learn what is happening in the Department of Surgery today. And please make his wish a reality by supporting the Benjamin F. Rush Endowment.

All proceeds benefit the Rush Endowment at the NJMS Department of Surgery.

In memory of Benjamin F. Rush Jr., MD, Founding Chair, NJMS Department of Surgery

Gala

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