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What's Happening at ASAS and ABAS?

54th Clinical Congress held Oct. 30th–Nov. 1st, 2015

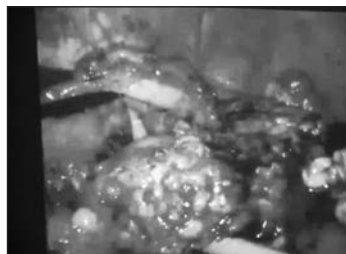
Each year the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Inc. tries to bring to its members, other physicians and surgeons, a cutting edge and challenging learning experience at our Clinical Congress. This year was no exception.



The hands-on task training portion of our program at Florida Hospital included single incision laparoscopic cholecystectomy, along with a demonstration of a transoral incisionless approach of performing a partial fundoplication for GERDS. All were also permitted to rotate through the robotic simulator. An interactive operative video and Q&A Session rounded out this portion of the program.



The live-interactive surgery, always included in our program, was enhanced this year when our doctors rotated through the O.R. during the surgery, along with being able to step in and out of the observation room. The two surgeries performed during this session were; **LESS Toupet Fundoplication and Robotic Distal Pancreatectomy.**



The following days at the Embassy Suites Downtown Convention Center included round table discussions and lectures geared to not only surgeons but other related disciplines of medicine: Current Treatments for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease; Evaluation and Treatment of Esophageal Cancer; Evolving Concepts of Laparoscopy; Evolving Concepts of Robotic Surgery; Is Zero Tolerance for Surgical Site Infections Reasonable?; Pain Management and Opioids: Perioperative Management and Beyond—"Pitfalls and Solutions"; Why Residents Do Fellowships; Evolving Landscapes of Pancreatic Cancer; Evaluation and Treatment of Benign and Malignant Lesions in the Liver; Avoiding Biliary Tract Injuries during Cholecystectomies; Diagnosis and Treatment of Hepatitis C; What is new in Surgery?; Controversies in the Management of Malignant Thyroid Disease; Evaluation and Surgical Management of Adrenal Disease; Advanced Principles & Techniques of Abdominal Wall Repair-Reconstruction and Rehabilitation; and Laparoscopic and Other Minimally Invasive Approaches to Colon and Rectal Surgery.

After the adjournment of Friday's session, the attendees and their guests road the trolley to Ybor City to enjoy a Flamenco dance show and dinner at the world famous Columbia Restaurant.

Saturday's session ended with a Gala Banquet at the hotel for our attendees and their guests.

Each year The American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Inc. recognizes and awards a plaque for Distinguished Service to a doctor, who has dedicated himself to quality patient care, outstanding contributions in teaching and research and commitment to the educational endeavors of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Inc.

This year we are proud to award this plaque to Dr. David N. Bimston. Dr. Bimston is an endocrine surgeon in Hollywood, Florida and has been a valued lecturer and conference participant of ASAS for the past few years.



We would like to take a minute to acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Silas M. Chikunguwo of New York as a Diplomate of the American Board of Abdominal Surgery, Inc. Dr. Chikunguwo completed Part II, the certifying portion of his examination, at the 54th Clinical Congress in Tampa, Florida, October 31, 2015 and we are thrilled to have him as a Diplomate of the Board.



We are now accepting applications for both certification examinations and re-certification oral interviews for the American Board of Abdominal Surgery, Inc. We strongly recommend that all Diplomates of our Board, re-certify every ten years.

The American Board of Abdominal Surgery offers comprehensive examinations both written and oral, to strengthen the proficiency of surgeons in all phases of diagnostics and surgery within the abdominal cavity. The examination will cover the basic sciences, anatomy, physiology, pathology, radiology and clinical surgery in the abdominal cavity, its walls and orifices. Gynecologists, vascular surgeons, urologists and possibly other medical fields related to abdominal surgery may qualify to sit for certification by the American Board of Abdominal Surgery.

Did you know?

- With a free sign up on the New England Journal of Medicine's online newsletter, you can participate in their "Image Challenge" each issue. View the image and choose one of the multiple choice answers before discovering immediately the correct diagnosis. What a fun way to test your knowledge. After submitting your answer, past challenges are listed for further enjoyment. Each issue is a plethora of medicine information, articles and studies in all areas of medicine.
- The Fellows of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons and Diplomates of the American Board of Abdominal Surgery can assist us in keeping these organizations strong by forwarding newsletters and emails, posting registrations in the doctor's lounge and inviting colleagues to our world class conferences. A discounted rate will be afforded to the new colleague registering for conferences and the referring physician will receive a \$50 discount per colleague. Tell colleagues to sign up on our website for a future schedule of meetings. "Spread the Word!!"

We will continue to bring physicians the best-of-the-best in cutting edge learning experiences.

If you have not been receiving notices of our past meetings or newsletter, we do not have an up-to-date email address for you. Please contact the office for changes.

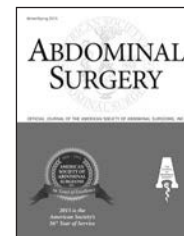
FUTURE MEETINGS

55TH Clinical Congress
November 4–6, 2016 • Tampa, Florida

56TH Clinical Congress
November 3–5, 2017 • Tampa, Florida

Happy Holidays to all
FROM ASAS AND ABAS!

2016 ASAS Journal coming soon!!



There is still time for authors to **Submit Abstracts** for the 2016 annual Medical Journal of the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons, Inc. These journals

are distributed not only to our members in good standing but to selected medical school libraries, teaching hospitals and larger hospitals throughout the country.

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