Clinical Performance & Oral Examinations in Surgery

February 2 – 6, 2004
Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa
Stowe, Vermont

May 31 – June 4, 2004
Amelia Island Plantation
Amelia Island, Florida
Dear Colleague,

An effective surgeon in the new millennium must be competent in all aspects of clinical surgery, including communication skills. All surgeons need to be able to communicate information effectively to their peers, patients, families, faculty and examiners. However, communication problems in young surgeons are often not identified until late in residency training or following failure of the certifying examination of the American Board of Surgery.

We developed this program over twelve years ago when young surgeons wanted to know “why” they weren’t successful in oral presentation situations. They wanted to know whether it was their knowledge base, how they looked, behaved or a combination of all three.

This program attempts to help each participant understand his/her strengths and weaknesses in the areas of knowledge base, professional image and verbal communication skills. An intense program with a high faculty/student ratio provides practical guidance for immediate and continuing practice and achievement in each of these competencies. Our feedback from past participants has been outstanding and most have enjoyed subsequent success on the certifying examination.

In an effort to accomplish our goals in a few days, our class size must be limited. We encourage all interested participants to register early. Participants will be informed of the exact schedule before the course commences.

Please join us for a rewarding educational opportunity!

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DAY I

5:30 - 7:00 p.m. ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION
- Overview of Course
- Distribution of Materials
- Individual Testing and Room Assignments
  - General Surgery Faculty

DAY II

7:00 a.m. Breakfast and Welcome

*The Following Three Breakout Sessions will be offered at 8:00. Each attendee will follow individual schedules throughout the day.*

A. Behavioral Science Skills Inventory

B. Oral Examination Skills in Surgery

C. Academic Center
   - Review individual videotapes

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

Evening Individual Study Sessions
DAY III

7:00 a.m.  Breakfast

8:00  Results of Pre-Testing

Didactics:  Review of Literature
- General Surgery Faculty

Rationale
- General Surgery Faculty

Applied Communication Theory
- General Surgery Faculty

10:00  Refreshment Break

10:15  Nonverbal Communication - Professional Image
- General Surgery Faculty

12:00  Lunch with Faculty

1:30 p.m.  Case Presentation Skills Assessments

3:30  Small Group Practice Session

Review Times

Required Review (Academic Center)

5:00  Adjourn

6:00  Optional Dinner for Participants and Spouses

Topic – The Unexpected: Life Without FACS
- General Surgery Faculty: A Former Course Participant
### DAY IV

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| 8:00 | **Post-Tests** - Consult Individual Schedules  
  Note: Participants are expected to dress appropriately |
| 4:30 p.m. | Adjourn                                    |
| 7:00 p.m. | Reception and Dinner (Guests/Spouses are invited.) |
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COURSE OBJECTIVES

By participating in this course, you will:

- complete a series of multi-modality pre-tests that will include: a formal communication evaluation, and evaluation of a case presentation and an oral examination;

- participate in didactic sessions that will include: videotapes, physician-patient interactions and oral examinations, current research on the relationship of specific behaviors on oral examinations and, case presentation evaluations;

- participate in small group practice sessions facilitated by an experienced faculty member;

- take part in post-test sessions, and;

- be evaluated by core faculty who will review with you an in-depth profile of your strengths and weaknesses along with a detailed remediation plan.
INFORMATION

DATES/PLACE:

February 2 – 6, 2004
The Stoweflake Resort & Spa, Stowe, Vermont

May 31 – June 4, 2004
Amelia Island Plantation, Amelia Island, Florida

AUDIENCE: Surgeons who have not successfully completed the certifying examination. A limited number of chief residents may be accepted.

REGISTRATION FEE: $2,800.00 for either course. The registration fee is $3,000.00 if received in the Center for Continuing Education after December 22 for the February course or after April 30 for the May/June course. All cancellations will incur a $100.00 cancellation fee. We cannot refund cancellations made after these dates. Enrollment for these courses is limited. Tuition includes educational materials, breakfasts, refreshment breaks, lunch on Day II and III, and dinner on Day IV.

If you have previously attended the course and paid the full tuition, please contact the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center (603-653-1522) for fee information.

GUEST FEE: There is a $75.00 charge for each guest attending the faculty/participant dinner on Day IV.

AIR TRAVEL: In Stowe, Vermont, the closest airport is Burlington, VT about 45 minutes driving time. Transportation to the Stoweflake Resort & Spa can be arranged through Stowe Taxi at 1-800-370-9490. The Jacksonville International Airport (JAX) is closest to the Amelia Island Plantation. Contact the Amelia Island Plantation Shuttle Service at 1-888-261-6161, select menu option 7 for transportation to the resort from the airport.

STOWEFLAKE RESORT & SPA: A block of rooms has been reserved for participants from February 2-6, 2004 at the Stoweflake Resort & Spa. These rooms are being held until December 22. The room rate is $195.00/per night for a single, plus tax, and includes the health and fitness center fee. Please make your own reservations with the hotel by calling 1-800-253-2232.

AMELIA ISLAND PLANTATION: A block of rooms has been reserved for participants from May 31-June 4, 2004 at the Amelia Island Plantation. These rooms are being held until April 30, 2004. The room rate is $187.00/per night for a single resort view room, plus tax, and includes the health and fitness center fee. Please make your own reservations with the hotel by calling 1-888-261-6161.
The February course will be held at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa located in the heart of Stowe, Vermont. The hotel is within walking distance of shopping and restaurants. On-site amenities include an indoor pool, Jacuzzi, saunas, a fully equipped health club, game room, guided snowshoe treks, and cross country skiing. Night/day skiing at Stowe Mountain Resort is just a few miles 'down the road'.

Stowe is probably best known for its world class downhill skiing, and the town for its old world charm. It is typically blanketed in white from November through April with an average snowfall of 22 feet. For non-skiers, sleigh rides, snowmobiling and snowshoeing are extremely popular outdoor activities. The town is unique in its 5-mile recreation path that welcomes visitors to walk, skate or jog over streams and through its woods. The Stowe village attracts visitors to its unusual art galleries and shops. Ben & Jerry's is located minutes away from the village and offers daily tours of its facilities.

For the May/June course, accommodations will be at the Amelia Island Plantation, a private 1,350 acre oceanfront resort protected by a gated entry and situated on Amelia Island, 29 miles northeast of Jacksonville, Florida's International Airport. The resort overlooks the azure blue waters of the Atlantic Ocean on the east and the Intracoastal Waterway on the west.

The resort includes three 18-hole golf courses, 23 clay tennis courts, a Health and Fitness center, a variety of fine shops, and an excellent choice of dining options. There are also jogging and bicycle trails winding through miles of natural wooded preserves and guests can swim in any of the 23 sparkling pools, fish in fresh or salt water, or sunbathe on one of the most magnificent beaches in the world.
CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

Registration closes when course fills. Early registration is encouraged.

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Name ___________________________________________________________
Professional Degree ______________________

Position ________________________________ Affiliation ____________________________________________

Work Address _____________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address (if different than above)
________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone _____________________ Work Phone _____________________ Fax Number __________________

E-mail Address (Required) _________________________________________________________________________

Circle the course dates you will attend:  February 2 - 6, 2004          May 31 - June 4, 2004

Circle the number of times you have taken the Certifying Examination:     0     1     2     3     4 +

Have you ever completed a remedial year? _____ Yes     _____ No     _____ Currently Enrolled

I will be bringing ____ guest/s to dinner on Day IV. ____  (Additional $75.00/per person enclosed)

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