



Pictured (l. to r.) are Drs. Poller, Sumkin and Chang, speakers at the April 7 meeting of the Pittsburgh Obstetrical Gynecological Society.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Dr. Tom Read, PSS president, Dr. Demetriades and Dr. Andrew Peitzman, PSS immediate past president.

Ob/gyn society

Members of the Pittsburgh Obstetrical Gynecological Society met on April 7 at McCormick & Schmick's, Downtown, for a panel presentation by three local experts on the topic, *Breast Screening and Diagnostic Tools*.

Drs. William Poller (Allegheny Cancer Center), Jules Sumkin (Magee-Womens Hospital) and Thomas Chang (Weinstein Imaging Associates) provided an entertaining and educational program. They discussed the use of ultrasound, mammography, MRI and Breast Specific Gamma Imaging and presented various standards for ordering the tests, noting cost factors and patient issues.

The society's recently elected executive council members include Drs. Rifaat Bassaly, president; James Garver, president-elect; John Moraca, secretary/treasurer; and at-large members, Saul Berg, John Holman, Eric Miller, Eugene Scioscia, Samuel Seiavitch, Diane Sober, Pierce

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Soffronoff and Morris Turner. Keith Wharton, MD, is immediate past president. Plans are underway for the 2008-2009 meeting schedule. If you can suggest a topic or speaker for an upcoming meeting, please contact one of the above council members.

For more information on the Pittsburgh Obstetrical Gynecological Society, contact Dianne Meister, RN, at (412) 321-5030 or dmeister@acms.org.

Surgical society

Pittsburgh Surgical Society members met on April 8 at the Monterey Bay restaurant on Mt. Washington. Demetrios Demetriades, MD, PhD, FACS, was the featured speaker; Dr. Demetriades' topic, *Thoracic Aortic Injuries: Changing Perspectives*, provided insight into the use of stents and grafts for blunt trauma injuries and damage to the aorta. The major problem identified to date in studies performed is device-related; it is noted that delayed repair results

in decreased mortality, irrespective of associated injuries but does result in longer length of stay. Dr. Demetriades, who is professor of surgery and director of trauma/surgical critical care at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, presented grand rounds at the University of Pittsburgh before leaving the following morning.

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Practice Guidelines for Physician Assistants and Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners I

Today's medical practice is significantly different than just a few years ago. One major difference is the use of health professionals like physician assistants (PAs) and certified registered nurse practitioners (CRNPs). PAs and CRNPs offer many benefits to your practice and to your patients.

This publication provides a summary of the guidelines that should be followed.

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