

# THE PHILADELPHIA ACADEMY OF SURGERY

*The Oldest Surgical Society in America*

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The American College of Surgeons

Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter

Present a Conjoint Program on

## Medical Errors: The Push for Public Disclosure- Helpful or Harmful? An Interactive Panel Discussion

### PANEL

#### The System Perspective

**Nancy Foster**

Coordinator for Quality Activities  
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#### The Ethical Perspective

**Miriam Solomon, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Temple University

#### The Legal Perspective

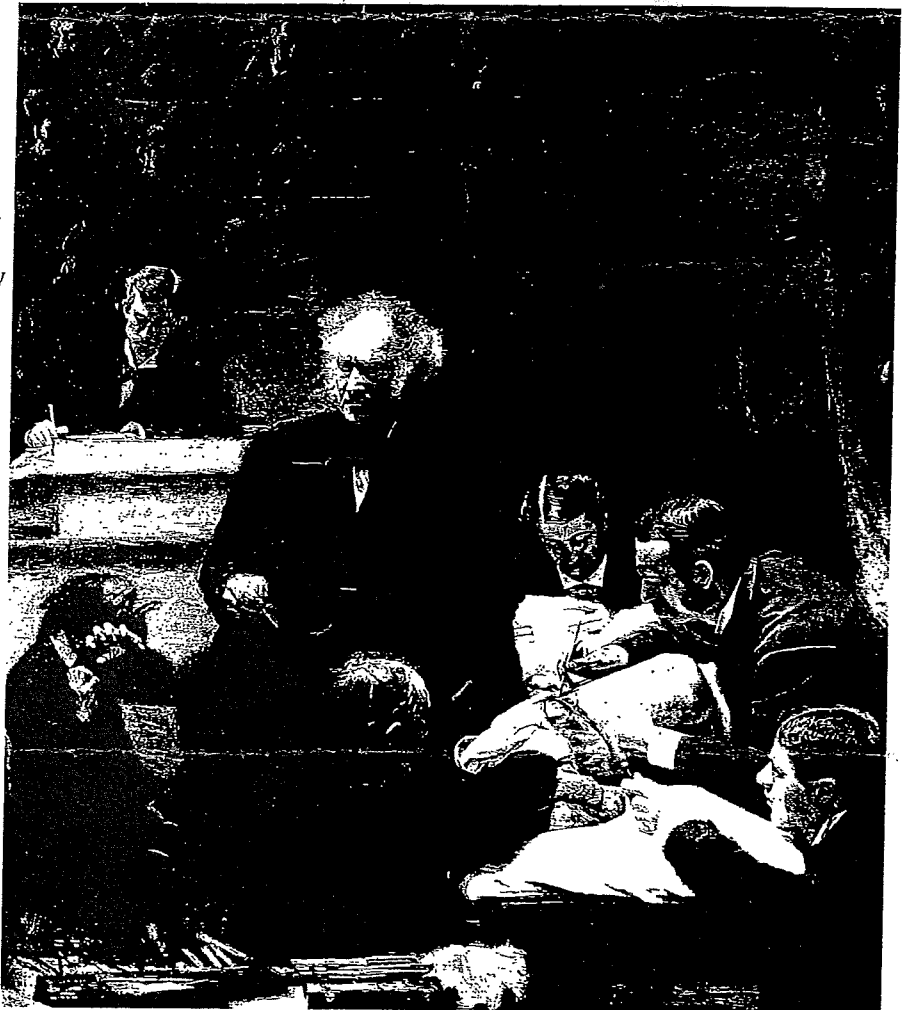
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#### The Consumer Perspective

**Andrea Gerlin**

Healthcare Reporter  
The Philadelphia Inquirer



**Monday, May 1, 2000 7:30-9:00 P.M.**

College of Physicians of Philadelphia, 19 S. 22nd Street

Reception 5:30 P.M.- Dinner 6:15 P.M.

*The Scientific Programs of the Academy are open to any members of the medical profession and individuals in ancillary fields, including medical students and graduate students in the medical sciences.*

Space is limited. For information about the reception and dinner, contact Linda Hare, Meeting Manager, Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter of the American College of Surgeons via phone at 717-558-7750 ext.1481 or via fax at 717-558-7841

## Objectives

- At the conclusion of this program attendees should be able to:
- Recognize the impact of medical errors on the health of patients in the health care system, and the nature of those errors.
  - Realize the advantages and disadvantages of various forms of public disclosure of medical errors.
  - Take appropriate actions for the prevention and correction of medical errors.

## Accreditation

The American College of Surgeons is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to sponsor continuing medical education for physicians.

The American College of Surgeons designates this continuing medical education activity for (1.5) credit hours in Category 1 of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

## Refund Policy

Refunds will only be issued for cancellations received on or before April 26th. Refunds will not be issued for no-shows. No-shows who did not pay the registration fee when they registered will be billed for the dinner. All registrations fees should be paid by April 26th.

**ON SITE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.  
HOWEVER, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PRE-REGISTER.**



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Joint Dinner Meeting

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May 1, 2000



### Program Chairs

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# PROGRAM

**May 1, 2000**

5:30-6:15 pm Registration/Reception/View Exhibits

6:15-7:30 pm Dinner/Business Meeting

7:30-9:00 pm Meeting

## Medical Errors: The Push for Public Disclosure—Pros and Cons

An Interactive Panel Discussion—The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has issued a report on medical errors entitled "To err is human. Building a safer health system." The panel concluded that 44,000 to 96,000 patients die each year because of medical errors. Although most commonly these errors are medication errors, many are errors in the performance of surgical procedures. Based on this report, the President has requested mandatory reporting of medical errors. The AMA and the ACS have spoken against mandatory reporting and in favor of voluntary reporting. What are the advantages and disadvantages of publicly disclosing for the improvement of health care, medical liability, and doctor-patient relations? What should practicing surgeons do to prevent and to correct errors? This interactive panel will present the IOM plan for reducing medical errors, the ethical imperatives that should motivate the physician's response to the reality of medical errors, the validity of concerns about legal liability, and the concerns of our patients about experiencing medical errors. The panelists will introduce basic principles, offer their different perspectives on the same problem, and discuss the concerns of our surgical community, hopefully with the result of a better understanding for all.

7:30-7:40 pm

## The System Perspective

Nancy Foster  
Coordinator for Quality Activities  
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Rockville, MD

7:40-7:50 pm

## The Ethical Perspective

William Solomon, PhD  
Associate Professor of Philosophy  
Temple University

7:50-8:00 pm

## The Legal Perspective

Kenwyn Dougherty, Esquire  
Co-Managing Partner, Post and Schell  
Philadelphia

8:00-8:10 pm

## The Public Perspective

Andrea Gealin  
Healthcare Reporter, The Philadelphia Inquirer

8:10-9:00 pm

## Question and Answer Session

## Directions to:

College of Physicians of Philadelphia  
19 S. 22nd Street (between Market & Chestnut Sts.)  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

**From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:** Take the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Exit 24 (Valley Forge) and travel East on Rt. 76 (Schuylkill Expressway) to Center City Philadelphia. As you approach the city, stay to the left two lanes and take Rt. 676-E (Vine St. Expressway), go into the right lane and exit at 23rd St. Stay on 23rd St. for two blocks and turn left onto Market St. then right onto 21st St.

**From the New Jersey Turnpike:** Take the NJ Turnpike South to Exit 4 (Travel West on Rt. 73 about 1/2 mile to Rt. 295 South). Follow Rt. 295 South about 8 miles and follow signs for the Walt Whitman Bridge and Rt. 75W (Schuylkill Expressway). Go over the bridge—toll of \$2.00 is payable on the NJ side. Continue straight ahead onto Rt. 76 West to the 30th St. Station Exit. Stay straight for two blocks and make a right onto Market St.

**From the South:** Travel Rt. 95 North and follow signs near the International Airport directing you to Rt. 76 West (Schuylkill Expressway). Once on the expressway, drive West toward Center City Philadelphia and exit at 30th St. Station and follow the same directions as the last three sentences in the preceding directions.

**From the North:** Travel Rt. 95 South, take Exit 17 (this will direct you to the Vine St. Expressway Rt. 676 W), follow the expressway to the Ben Franklin Parkway Exit, make a right onto 22nd St. to the Ben Franklin Parkway, turn right on Parkway and follow 21st St. make a right onto 21st St., drive about 3 blocks and cross Market St. to parking lots.

## Parking

The College is on 22nd St., just a short walk from neighboring parking lots. There is parking on the right side of Market between 22nd and 21st Sts., as well as on 21st St. Parking is also available in the D.C. lot behind the college for a fee of \$6.00 per car.

## REGISTRATION FORM

**May 1, 2000 Combined Meeting**

**Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter ACS  
and the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please check:  M.D.  F.A.C.S.

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**ADA**—If you have a special pertaining to the Americans with Disabilities Act, please attach a list of those requirements to this form.

Member Physician \$ 50.00

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Non-Member Physician \$ 65.00

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**Registration Deadline is April 26th.**

**Complete this form and mail with payment to:**

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