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Department of Surgery



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Chatter with the Chair

Integrity in Action

Integrity is the cornerstone of our department's mission. It guides our clinical decisions, our educational efforts, and our research endeavors. This month, we celebrate individuals who exemplify this value through their work and leadership. Their work has led to podium-based presentations at competitive meetings where they are queried by their peers. These presentations take extensive research and preparation to deliver a succinct message that resonates to the audience. Here is a partial list of presentations that inspire:

Dr. Imad Radi, PGY4, and Yash Jani, MS, presented at The Plastic Surgery Meeting (<https://www.plasticsurgery-themeeting.com>) in New Orleans October 9-12. "Comparative Outcomes and Cost Analysis of Epidural Analgesia and On Q Continuous Peripheral Nerve Block for Pain Control in Open Abdominal Wall Reconstruction."

Dr. Erika Mabes delivered "Simulation with Purpose: Building Trust in Rural Trauma Systems" at the Georgia

Surgical Society as an invited State speaker. Her trauma education initiative, supported by the Georgia Trauma Commission, continues to elevate care in underserved communities.

Dr. Renee Hilton presented at a panel discussion at the ASMBS Weekend Symposium in Louisville, KY about Women's Health and obesity.

Dr. Bob Nesbit is speaking at Medical Grand Rounds on Tuesday, November 18, sharing insights on the "Beginnings of Chronic Hemodialysis." His reflections highlighted the power of experience and lifelong learning.

Living Our Values

These accomplishments reflect the collective strength of our department. Whether mentoring students, advocating for patients, or collaborating across disciplines, our faculty and residents embody integrity in every facet of their work.

In a similar fashion, our residents prepare each week for presentations at our M&M conference. The extra

effort that they make in gathering the clinical information and providing honest review of an adverse event further exemplifies our core value of integrity. All this work contributes to our education and ultimately gives us direction for our clinical care.

As we enter the season of reflection and gratitude, let's celebrate the quiet strength of integrity. It's found in honest conversations, the extra moment spent with a patient, and the courage to do what's right—even when it's hard.

I'm grateful to all of you for that display of integrity and the commitment to our team.

William D Jordan, Jr., MD
Professor and Chair,
Department of Surgery
Medical College of Georgia
Surgeon in Chief



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CONGRATULATIONS



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■ **Dr. Erika Mabes** was invited as a State speaker for the Georgia Surgical Society annual meeting and presented "Expanding Rural Trauma Readiness: Developing a portable rural interactive trauma simulation course."

■ **Dr. Renee Hilton** was recently confirmed as the Georgia Chapter Governor for the American College of Surgeons.

■ The MIS fellowship received accreditation and will enter the interview process for 2026-2027.



■ **Dr. Aaron Bolduc** has completed over 1000 robotic cases. Congratulations on this milestone!

■ We have an exciting new Endowment Pledge for Surgery from the Darden family, in honor of Dr. John W Darden's 80th birthday. **Dr. Darden** is an MCG alumni, class of '71, and a general surgeon that practiced in Gainesville, Georgia.

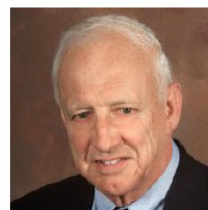


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Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Surgical Amphitheater, BI-4081/Teams Meeting
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

"The God Committee: The Beginnings of Chronic Hemodialysis"



Robert R. Nesbit, Jr., MD, FACS
Professor Emeritus of Surgery



Bryant McLafferty, Daniela Medina, Claudie Sheahan, Benjamin Pearce, Margaret Tracci, Adam Beck, William Jordan, Malachi Sheahan. A longitudinal analysis of the career decisions made by the recipients of the Southern Association for Vascular Surgery Medical Student and Resident Scholarships. *Journal of Vascular Surgery*, 2025, ISSN 0741-5214, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jvs.2025.08.009>. (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0741521425016027>)

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