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GTSC 24TH ANNUAL MEETING OBJECTIVES

1. To review and discuss current clinical trials to reveal new knowledge of treatment strategies for general thoracic surgical diseases.
2. To evaluate the impact of new technology and techniques in the management of lung cancer.
3. To examine issues surrounding health care and educational reform in general thoracic surgery and determine how these may impact a surgeons practice.
4. To provide exposure of new techniques of general thoracic surgery.
5. To discuss innovative and current techniques in the diagnosis and management of esophageal diseases that require surgical intervention.
6. To explain and discuss quality and cost issues for general thoracic surgeons.

DESIRABLE PHYSICIAN ATTRIBUTES

The speakers will present ideas for patient care that is compassionate and appropriate to treat patients. By attending, participants will increase their medical knowledge of evolving biomedical, clinical and cognate sciences and be able to apply them to patient care. The attendees will see how to appraise scientific information and improve their practices. The discussion sessions will allow practice and improvement in communication skills among professionals. The lectures on health care reform will demonstrate how thoracic surgeons fit into the larger context of medicine as a whole.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

24th ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL THORACIC SURGICAL CLUB

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Robert. J. Ginsberg Clinical Trials

Captiva Ballroom

(casual attire)

- 7:30 a.m.** **Continental Breakfast**
(Clinical Trials Attendees Only)
- 8:00 a.m.** **Introduction and Format**
Overview
Dennis Wigle/Robert Downey
- 8:10 a.m.** **Cooperative Group Overview**
by Disease Groups
- CALGB – Todd Demmy**
 ECOG – Malcolm Brock
 SWOG – Kemp Kernstine
 NCCTG – Dennis Wigle
 ACOSOG – Bryan Meyers
 RTOG – Jessica Donington
- 10:00-10:15 a.m.** **Break**
- POT-POURRI**
- 10:15 a.m.** **Epigenetic Therapy Trial**
Malcolm Brock
- 10:25 a.m.** **Physician Judgment Study**
Mark Ferguson
- 10:35 a.m.** **Lung Cancer Screening Trial/
Auto Antibody Test**
Daniel Miller

Thursday, March 3 (con't)

- 10:40 a.m.** **Others**
- 10:30 – 11 a.m.** **Discussion**
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00** **The Changing Landscape of
the NCI Cooperative Group
Trials Infrastructure**
- IOM Report and the View of
ACOSOG**
Bryan Meyers
- View from NCI
Subcommittee H**
M. Blair Marshall
- European PulMiCC Trial**
Rob Downey
- 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.** **Registration Desk Open**
Sanibel Room
- 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.** **Welcome Reception**
Sand Dollar Plaza
(casual attire)

Friday, March 4

7:00 a.m. – Noon **GTSC Hospitality Desk Open**
Conference Center Foyer

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
Sea Pearl

8:00 – Noon **Scientific Session**
Captiva Ballroom
(casual attire)

8:00 – 8:05 a.m. **Introduction/Announcements**

LUNG CANCER

Moderator: Malcolm DeCamp

8:05 – 8:35 a.m. **Molecular Classification of
Lung Cancer**
James Jett

8:35 – 9:15 a.m. **Robotic vs VATS Lobectomy**
Pro: *Kemp Kernstine*
Con: *Scott Swanson*

9:15 – 9:35 a.m. **superDimension
Bronchoscopy**
Douglas Minnich

9:35 – 10:00 a.m. **Discussion**

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Break**

REFORM OF EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE

Moderator: Cameron Wright

10:15 - 10:45 a.m. **Health Care Reform – Rules
on the Way**
Keith Fontanot

Friday, March 4 (con't)

- 10:45 – 11:05 a.m.** **Simulation in GTS**
M. Blair Marshall
- 11:05 – 11:25 a.m.** **Education of General
Thoracic Surgeons**
Edward Verrier
- 11:25 – Noon** **Discussion**
- NOON** **Lunch**
Sunset Beach North
- NOON** **Golf Tournament**
Dunes – Sanibel
Box lunches will be placed on
the golf carts
(please sign-up at GTSC
Registration Desk)

EVENING SESSION

Auger Room

- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** **GTSC MOVIE NIGHT**
Moderator: Robert McKenna
(casual attire)
- 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.** **Children's Program**
Cone Room
(please sign-up at GTSC
Registration Desk)
- 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.** **Dinner**
Captiva Ballroom
(casual attire)

Saturday, March 5

6:20 a.m. – Noon **GTSC Hospitality Desk Open**
Conference Center Foyer

6:30 a.m. **Fun Run**
Conference Center Steps
(please sign-up at GTSC
Registration Desk)

7:00 – 9:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
Sea Pearl

8:00 a.m. – Noon **SCIENTIFIC SESSION**
Captiva Ballroom
(casual attire)

8:00 – 8:05 a.m. **Introduction/Announcements**

POT-POURRI

Moderator: M. Blair Marshall

8:05 – 8:25 a.m. **Abstract Presentations**

**Lymph Node Staging at the
Time of Thoracoscopic
(VATS) Lobectomy: A
comparison to staged
mediastinoscopy**
David Odell

**Use of Routine Post-Operative
Contrast Esophagram after
Esophagectomy in Clinically
Asymptomatic Patients with
Neck Anastomoses: An
Unnecessary Test?**
Matthew Bott

Saturday, March 5 (con't)

- 8:30 – 8:50 a.m.** **Minimally Invasive
Esophagectomy**
Chrish Fernando
- 8:50 – 9:10 a.m.** **High Resolution Manometry**
Tom Rice
- 9:10 – 9:40 a.m.** **Targeted Therapy for Lung
Cancer**
James Jett
- 9:40 – 10:00 a.m.** **Discussion**
- 10:00 – 10:15 a.m.** **Break**

**IMPROVING VALUE: LOWERING COST AND
INCREASING QUALITY**

Moderator: Frank Detterbeck

- 10:15 – 10:35 a.m.** **Cost Containment in General
Thoracic Surgery**
Malcolm DeCamp
- 10:35 – 11:05 a.m.** **Health Care Reform Part 2**
Keith Fontanot
- 11:05 – 11:25 a.m.** **Proven Care**
Mark Katlic
- 11:25 – 11:45 a.m.** **Discussion**
- 11:45 – Noon** **BUSINESS MEETING**
- Noon** **Lunch**
King's Crown Lawn
- 1:30 p.m.** **Tennis Tournament**
(please sign-up at GTSC
Registration Desk)

Saturday, March 5 (con't)

EVENING SESSION

Auger Room

- 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** **Superbowl of X-Rays**
Jemi Olak/Fred Weber
- 6:30 – 10:00 p.m.** **Children's program**
Cone Room
(please sign up at GTSC
Registration Desk)
- 7:00 p.m.** **Champagne Reception**
Captiva Ballroom Foyer
- 7:30 p.m.** **Gala Dinner and Awards**
Captiva Ballroom
(semi-formal)

Sunday, March 15

- 7:00 – 10:00 a.m.** **Breakfast**
Captiva Ballroom

Coffee and rolls are available beginning at 5:30 a.m. in the Reception Center for those members who are on their way prior to breakfast.

We hope that you enjoyed the 24th Annual Meeting and hope to see you next year at Rancho Bernardo Inn, San Diego, California.

Peter C. Pairolero Scholarship Award Recipients

Dr. Leah Backhus – 2008
Dr. Bryan Whitson – 2009
Dr. James Harris – 2010
Dr. Mara Antonoff - 2011

Future Meetings

March 8 – 11, 2012
Rancho Bernardo Inn
San Diego, California

March 7-10, 2013
Naples Grande Beach Resort
Naples, Florida

March 13-16, 2014
The Wigwam Golf Resort and Spa
Litchfield Park, AZ

March 12 – 15, 2015
Naples Grande Beach Resort
Naples, Florida

PAST MEETINGS

Mission Hills Resort - 1988
Rancho Mirage, California

La Quinta Hotel Golf & Tennis Resort - 1989
La Quinta, California

Marriott's Rancho Las Palmas
Resort & Country Club - 1990
Rancho Mirage, California

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 1991
Captiva Island, Florida

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 1992
Captiva Island, Florida

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 1993
Captiva Island, Florida

The Pointe Hilton Resort on South Mountain - 1994
Phoenix, Arizona

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 1995
Captiva Island, Florida

La Quinta Hotel Golf & Tennis Resort - 1996
La Quinta, California

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 1997
Captiva Island, Florida

La Costa Resort and Spa - 1998
Carlsbad, California

Radisson Suite Beach Resort – 1999
Marco Island, Florida

PAST MEETINGS (con't)

Sheraton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club - 2000
Tucson, Arizona

South Seas Plantation Resort & Yacht Harbour - 2001
Captiva Island, Florida

Sheraton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club - 2002
Tucson, Arizona

The Registry Resort - 2003
Naples, Florida

The Wigwam Resort - 2004
Litchfield Park, Arizona

The Registry Resort - 2005
Naples, Florida

Hilton El Conquistador Resort & Country Club - 2006
Tucson, Arizona

South Seas Resort - 2007
Captiva Island, Florida

Rancho Bernardo Inn - 2008
San Diego, California

The Don CeSar - 2009
St. Pete Beach, Florida

La Costa Resort & Spa - 2010
Carlsbad, California

Early History of the General Thoracic Surgical Club

In July 1984, Victor Trastek joined Peter Pairolero as a consultant in general thoracic surgery (GTS) at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. Trastek had just returned from a fellowship in thoracic surgery at Toronto General Hospital. Together, Trastek and Pairolero developed a "Table of Organization" for GTS at Mayo Clinic. A footnote of this local reorganization was the need for a national conference dedicated to GTS.

In January 1985, the 21st Annual Meeting of The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) was held in Toronto. The meeting occurred over two-and-a-half days and consisted of five general plenary sessions with a total of 43 presentations--33 cardiac and 8 thoracic (18.6%). This limited number of GTS presentations was quite common at the annual meetings of both the STS and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (AATS) in the 1980s. Clearly, these few presentations did not meet the needs of general thoracic (GT) surgeons.

In March 1985, Thomas DeMeester and Peter Pairolero discussed the need for an annual meeting dedicated to GTS. DeMeester suggested a regional meeting in the central-northeast section of the United States patterned after the Southern and Western Thoracic Surgical Associations. Other GT surgeons were queried; while most were enthusiastic, a few were not in favor of such an endeavor.

In April 1986, Robert Ginsberg, Thomas Todd, and Victor Trastek met at the International Stapling Symposium in Pittsburgh to discuss the creation of a general thoracic surgical meeting with the objectives being a forum for clinical surgery, research, and education. They proposed the name "General Thoracic Surgical Club". They developed a timetable that would result in the first meeting occurring during the third week of January 1988. The meetings were "to alternate between summer and winter locations that provide a good social atmosphere for having fun." Todd agreed to develop bylaws, Ginsberg the program, and Trastek to arrange logistics and serve as secretary.

In May 1986, Todd delivered the bylaws with the name General Thoracic Surgical Club (GTSC). The organization would have a president and secretary/treasurer. Only board-certified surgeons whose practice consisted of at least 50% GTS were eligible for membership. Members would be required to pay dues and participate in the annual meetings. The club would have three committees: program, membership, and education.

In July 1986, Jean Deslauriers and Robert Ginsberg proposed four meeting objectives that included improving the quality of clinical surgery, establishing a forum for basic and clinical research, developing standards for GTS training, and encouraging international participation. They also proposed a two-and-a-half day meeting with two half-day scientific sessions that included four symposia--three clinical and one resident education.

In August 1986, Deslauriers, Ginsberg, Pairolero, and Trastek met to select ten GT surgeons to serve on a steering committee that would meet at the American College of Surgeons meeting in New Orleans. Thomas DeMeester, Jean Deslauriers, Pen Faber, Robert Ginsberg, E. Carmack Holmes, Joseph Miller, Gordon Murray, Peter Pairolero, Thomas Todd, and Victor Trastek were asked to serve. The steering committee met on October 21, 1989, at the Elmwood Room in the Hilton Hotel in New Orleans. Almost immediately, the proposed name of the organization as a club became controversial. After a long discussion no resolution could be reached and the issue was tabled. The group went on to recommend that the organization should have five committees (membership, program, education, legal, and nominating) and that membership should be limited to 200. Meetings were to be held in small resorts and were to alternate between summer and winter. The group unanimously decided that all presentations were to be made by surgeons and not by residents.

In January 1987, 22 GT surgeons, including Hermes Grillo, who was STS President that year, attended an organizational GTS meeting at the Loews Anatole Hotel in Dallas. The group consensus now was that the organization should be a club. January 1988 was selected as the first meeting date and Camelback Mountain Resort in Phoenix was selected as the site (later it became apparent that the club could not afford Camelback's rates and Mission Hills in Rancho Mirage was eventually selected instead).

In April 1987, 14 GT surgeons met at the Como Inn in Chicago during the 1987 Annual Meeting of the AATS. The group decided that the first meeting would be limited to 75 members. Dues were set at \$300, and William Nelems was the first surgeon to submit dues.

In September 1987, Robert Ginsberg, Martin McNeally, Joseph Miller, Peter Pairolero, Thomas Todd, and Victor Trastek met at the annual meeting of the STS in Toronto. Fifty-nine members had already registered for the first meeting. The scientific program organized by Ginsberg was approved. The social program was also organized and consisted of a welcome party on Thursday, golf on Friday afternoon, a fun run Saturday morning, and tennis on Saturday afternoon. Vendor sponsorship was also approved, and by October four vendors had agreed to sponsor the 1988 meeting.

The First Annual Meeting of the GTSC was held in Rancho Mirage on January 22-24, 1988. Ginsberg, McKneally, Miller, Pairolero, Todd, and Trastek were approved as the first Executive Committee members. Ginsberg also arranged for the Executive Committee of the Lung Cancer Study Group to meet the day before the first GTSC Annual Meeting. This pre-meeting combined with the first scientific session that dealt with the neoadjuvant treatment for stage III lung cancer was the beginning of what was in later years to become the "Robert J. Ginsberg Clinical Trials."

At the Tenth Annual Meeting of the GTSC Jean Deslauriers, Robert Ginsberg, Joseph Miller, Peter Pairolero, Thomas Todd, and Victor Trastek were recognized as the Founding Members of the General Thoracic Surgical Club.