

# Surgery News

## Dr. Carlos Pellegrini's ESA Honorary Member Lecture Published in Annals of Surgery



Dr. **Carlos Pellegrini**, Professor Emeritus, former UW Medicine Chief Medical Officer and UW Vice President for Medical Affairs, presented the European Surgical Association's Honorary Member Lecture at its annual meeting in May 2019. The lecture was published in the November 2019 **Annals of Surgery**. The lecture, "Achieving Mastery in the Practice of Surgery" outlines 10

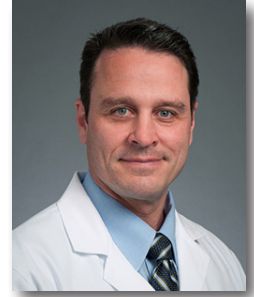
principles of becoming a master surgeon and covers topics such as the ability to develop and lead a high-performing team; a clear focus on patient-centered care; ability to train, teach, and learn; championing quality of care; embracing professionalism; and more.

Dr. Pellegrini states, "Traditionally, the training of surgeons has focused on the development of the technical aspects related to the performance of an operation, and on acquiring knowledge regarding disease processes, diagnosis and management. Starting in 1993 and working with the residency program directors and the faculty we expanded the focus of our efforts to train residents also in the many non-technical aspects that play such an important role in the outcome of surgery. Our department has since led the nation in its focus on developing 'the total person/surgeon.' This article reflects the philosophical basis for that approach."

"Dr. Pellegrini might have retired from UW Medicine, but he is far from retired!" expresses Dr. **Douglas Wood**, The Henry N. Harkins Professor and Chair. "He continues to teach, to coach, and to have a broad impact in medicine that benefits the people and the health systems that he touches.

## Dr. Benjamin Starnes Elected Western Vascular Society President

Dr. **Benjamin W. Starnes**, Professor and Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery, was passed the Edwin J. Wylie Gavel of presidency for the Western Vascular Society (WVS). He is the 35th society president and will preside over the 35th WVS Annual Meeting in September 2020 in Santa Monica, CA.



Dr. Starnes says, "Given the known rich and colorful history of this very special membership, I am deeply humbled and appreciative to have been elected to this highest position within the WVS. I consider this to be one of the highlights of my career as a vascular surgeon."

The Edwin J. Wylie Gavel was given to the society at the 1990 Coronado meeting. President at the time was Dr. Ronald Stoney who used oak from his ranch in California to create a gavel to commemorate Edwin J. Wylie, a pioneer in American surgery. Wylie was a senior vascular surgeon at the University of California at San Francisco and a mentor to many of the surgical leaders in the society. Dr. Starnes' name will be engraved on the gavel this year joining other UW leaders in vascular surgery who served the society including other notable DOS faculty such as 1998 President D. Eugene Strandness, Jr, MD and 2008 President Alexander W. Clowes, MD. Also of mention is the role of Eugene Zieler, MD, Professor, Division of Vascular Surgery, in WVS, who was a founding member of the society.



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