

Press Release

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Regarding: LOCAL SURGEON AMONG 1,186 INITIATED INTO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

CHICAGO – Dr. P. Anthony Decker was among 1,186 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) during convocation ceremonies at the College's recent 92nd annual Clinical Congress in Chicago.

Dr. Decker received a medical doctorate degree in 1996 from The University of Louisville and is currently practicing at Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists. In 2003, Dr. Decker attained board certification from the American Board of Surgery.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "F.A.C.S." (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical school; must have completed advanced training in one of 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; possess certification by an American surgical specialty board. Before admission into Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 70,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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