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**LOCAL SURGEON AMONG 1,259 INITIATED
INTO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS**

CHICAGO—Dr. W. Chad Statton, MD, FACS was among 1,259 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) during convocation ceremonies at the College's 95th annual Clinical Congress in Chicago last month.

Dr. Statton received a medical doctorate degree in 2000 from The University of Louisville. He completed residency at James H. Quillen College of Medicine, East Tennessee State University, where he served as chief resident in the department of surgery, 2006 to 2007. Dr. Statton is currently practicing at Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists located in Owensboro, Kentucky and Tell City, Indiana. In 2008, Dr. Statton attained board certification from the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Statton has a strong professional interest in general, thoracic, and vascular surgery.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American

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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 the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; must possess certification by an American surgical specialty board or appropriate certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and must have been in practice in the same geographic location for at least one year at the time of his or her application. 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 convocation ceremony was a highlight of the five-day meeting, which also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 13,869, including approximately 8,638 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting.

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 approximately 77,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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