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**HEADLINE: LOCAL SURGEON AMONG 1,636 INITIATED INTO FELLOWSHIP OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS**

**BODY: CHICAGO-**Dr. Brad Cornell was among 1,636 initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons during convocation ceremonies at the College's recent 86<sup>th</sup> annual Clinical Congress in Chicago, IL.

Dr. Cornell received a medical doctorate in 1991 from the University of Louisville and is currently practicing at Ohio Valley Surgical Specialists, with offices in Owensboro and Tell City. In 1997, Dr. Cornell attained board certification from the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Cornell has a strong professional interest in micro-invasive laser surgery and vascular surgery and holds membership in other professional societies, including Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons.

The American College of Surgeons is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. 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 the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College; and must have been in practice in the same geographic location for at least two years 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 the highlight of the five-day Congress. The Congress also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was over 17,000, including 9,200 physicians, allied health professionals, and members of the scientific and consumer media.

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 60,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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