Greetings from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS) Department of Surgery!

Please join me at our second annual Benjamin F. Rush, Jr. MD Symposium and Gala.

More than forty-five years ago, Dr. Rush was named founding Chair of Surgery. More importantly, as a nationally-recognized surgical pioneer, he trained hundreds of surgeons over his twenty-five year career at NJMS. It was Dr. Rush’s wish to establish an endowment to further surgical education and research at NJMS. The Benjamin F. Rush, Jr. Endowed Chair of Surgery will support surgical education and research fellowships for residents and trainees. Through this endowment, we hope to carry on Ben’s vision and leadership as one of the top surgical residencies and departments in the country for generations to come.

I hope you will join us this year to not only celebrate Dr. Rush, but also another beloved colleague, Dr. Kenneth G. Swan. For more than forty years, Professor Ken Swan devoted his life to educating and training our students, residents and his fellow surgeons. The quintessential statesman of medicine, Ken epitomized the best of what we all strive to be: the finest surgeon, scholar, gentleman/gentlewoman, educator and mentor. Dr. Swan’s passion for educating others was evident in every aspect of his life; he touched our students and residents, his patients, and his family and friends in very special ways.

Dr. Swan’s passing in March 2014 was an overwhelming loss to the NJMS community he served and loved for so many years. Ken was intimately involved with the 2014 Ben Rush Event Committee. He was very excited and pleased to be working toward the Endowed Chair in Ben’s honor because it meant our trainees would receive better training, mentoring and support through surgical education and research fellowships.

We expect this year’s events to be more successful than last year’s as we work towards achieving the full Rush Endowment. Please consider honoring Dr. Rush and Dr. Swan with your donation to the Rush Endowment. Perhaps you recall the early days of your medical training with limited training and educational opportunities. Our responsibility is to pave the way for future surgical trainees, afford them opportunities we never had and provide extra resources for research, training and education. With your help, we can accomplish great things through the Rush Endowment!

Please join the Rush and Swan families and the faculty and alumni of New Jersey Medical School at the Legacy of Benjamin F. Rush Jr., MD: Embracing Surgical Innovation Educational Symposium and Gala Celebration on Friday, May 15, 2015. We are confident we will bring together hundreds of students, residents, fellows, and faculty touched by Ben Rush and Ken Swan.

To register for the Symposium and/or Gala or find out more information, please visit: http://support.rutgers.edu/BenRush15. If you have any questions, please contact Deneen Blow by phone at (973) 972-4435 or by email at surgery@njms.rutgers.edu. Thank you and I hope to see you this May!

Sincerely,

Anne C. Mosenthal, MD, FACS
Kenneth G. Swan, M.D.

Born on October 2, 1934, Kenneth Gervin Swan grew up in Scarsdale, New York. He played football, wrestled, and pole vaulted at Scarsdale High School, and was an Eagle Scout. Dr. Swan graduated cum laude from Harvard University and earned his medical degree from Cornell University. In 1968, he completed his residency at New York Hospital in both general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery. During his training, Dr. Swan also completed a fellowship in gastrointestinal physiology under the mentorship of Dr. Eugene Jacobsen at the University of California, Los Angeles.

After graduating from residency, Dr. Swan joined the Army and was sent to Vietnam in 1968, which would be the first of his three tours. While in the military, he gained valuable experience and climbed the ranks to colonel. He completed additional military training schools such as Airborne, Special Forces, HALO, and Air Assault School. Awarded with the Bronze Star 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Combat Medical Badge (1969), and Airborne Wings (1970), Dr. Swan didn’t stop there. Between tours, he became the Director for the Army Institute of Leukemia Research and the Army Institute of Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Swan became a faculty member of New Jersey Medical School in 1973, most recently as Acting Director of the Surgery Clerkship. He was a member of several medical societies, published over three hundred articles in medical journals, and taught the lives of more people than can be counted. He contributed to the Department of Surgery and medical school as a whole in many ways, and his legacy will live on. A “Dr. Kenneth G. Swan Fund” has been established at Rutgers University Foundation for those that wish to make a contribution in his memory. All of the gifts received will go directly to support medical student education in Surgery in the New Jersey Medical School, Department of Surgery.

Educational Symposium

“Military Medicine: Surgical Innovation from the War Theatre”

Keynote Speaker

Ian Valerio, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., M.C., USN
Lieutenant Commander
Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

AGENDA

8:00 a.m.
Registration & Continental Breakfast

Introduction:
Anne Moseenthal, M.D.
Chair, Department of Surgery
Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Frank Caputo, M.D.
“When Things Go Boom: A Vascular Mind in a Trauma World”

Dorian Wilson, M.D.
“The Military, Surgery and Leadership”

Joseph B. VanderVeer, M.D.

Ian Valerio, M.D., M.S., M.B.A., M.C., USN Lieutenant Commander
“A Moment in Time Within the Modern War Theatre and the Reconstructive Journeys of our Combat Casualties”

David Livingston, M.D.
“Dr. Rush War Years; Innovations from Korea”

Vicente Gracias, M.D.
“Aemia Management; Lessons Learned from Wartime Massive Transfusion”

Lunch 1:00 p.m.
Closing Remarks

LOCATION:
New Jersey Medical School
185 South Orange Avenue, Room: MSB G506
Newark, NJ 07103
Time: 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
*Please park in the open lot located at 185 South Orange Avenue*
Gala Celebration at the Newark Club begins at 7:00 pm
Tickets are available for the Gala Celebration
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Learning Objectives

- Upon completion of this activity, participants should be better able to:
  - Review battlefield innovations being translated into civilian applications for the management of trauma victims.
  - Describe current research and emerging endovascular therapies to improve the diagnosis and treatment of trauma-related vascular injuries resulting from combat casualty care.
  - Describe the direct correlation to the management of injuries sustained in multiple trauma in the battlefield to the quality of life post injury.
  - Recognize the special care needed to manage veterans with combat injuries transitioning from military to civilian life in a multidisciplinary approach.
  - Examine the current evidence in managing anemia in patients with traumatic injuries.

Audience

This CME activity is designed for surgeons interested in improving surgical trauma care through innovations achieved from military surgical practice and research.

Accreditation

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey designates this live activity for a maximum of 3.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Method of Participation

In order to meet the learning objectives and receive continuing education credits, participants are expected to check in at the registration desk, attend the program, and complete the credit request and evaluation forms at the conclusion of the activity. A letter certifying attendance and credit verification will be mailed to participants within 4 weeks.

All individuals who affect the content of continuing education activities are required to disclose to the audience any real or apparent conflict of interest related to the activity. The activity faculty are further required to disclose discussion of off-label/investigational uses in their presentations. These disclosures will be made to the audience at the time of the activity.

Rutgers reserves the right to modify the activity content, faculty and activities, and reserves the right to cancel this activity, if necessary. If the activity is cancelled, liability is limited to the registration fee.

Online Registration

https://support.rutgers.edu/BenRush15
Symposium Registration Cost: $50.00
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