



January 2, 2026

Russ Miller  
Chief Executive Officer  
701 Bradford Avenue  
Nashville, TN 37204

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society is proud to nominate Joseph Cofer, MD, for the Tennessee Medical Association (TMA) Outstanding Physician Award for 2026.

Dr. Cofer has demonstrated extraordinary leadership in local, state, regional, and national forums, including compassionate care for the needy, establishment of the Hamilton County Project Access Program, recognized excellence and leadership in medical education, outstanding work in the area of surgical quality improvement, and a lifelong dedication to excellence in every aspect of his professional life.

The Hamilton County Project Access initiative was the first Project Access initiative in Tennessee, and the model he developed was later adopted by other communities in Tennessee. Today the Tennessee Project Access Network provides access to donated specialty care services for patients referred from 387 health centers and clinics statewide. Since the Hamilton County program began patient care in 2004, TPAN programs have provided \$1.01 billion in donated health care provided by 9,018 volunteer physicians. Additional information about the Tennessee programs that were influenced by Dr. Cofer's work and vision is attached.

The impact of his vision carried even beyond Tennessee as the Hamilton County's program model was used to create similar programs in several other states.

A native of Beckley, WV, Dr. Cofer grew up in Chattanooga, graduated from Georgia Tech and the University of Tennessee at Memphis and served as a naval flight surgeon. He completed his residency in Chattanooga and completed a fellowship in liver and kidney transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

Dr. Cofer was assistant professor of surgery at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine (UTCOM) in Chattanooga from 1995-2000 and professor of surgery from 2000-2015. He was director of the surgery residency program from 1995-2015. Dr. Cofer is a past president of the Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons and past president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery.

In 2004, Dr. Cofer learned about the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative and worked to ensure that Erlanger was the first Tennessee hospital to join the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program in 2005. A few years later, more than 20 hospitals are part of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative, which enabled participating hospitals to measure and learn best practices to improve quality. As a result, from 2009 to 2012, those hospitals in the quality collaborative reported 19 percent fewer post-operation problems, 3.75 fewer deaths per 1,000 cases and better outcomes for 142,258 persons worth an estimated \$75.2 million. Dr. Cofer was the surgeon champion for the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program at Erlanger.

In 2013, Dr. Cofer was elected chair of the American Board of Surgery, the national certifying board for general surgeons and related specialists. Dr. Cofer was the first Chattanooga surgeon to head the 76-year-old doctors' group, the 28,000-member association that oversees the testing and certification of surgeons nationwide. Dr. Cofer was elected to the ABS in 2007 as a representative of the Southeastern Surgical Congress.

Dr. Cofer is a past president of the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society. During his tenure as president, he led the formation of the Hamilton County Project Access initiative.

While now retired, Dr. Cofer remains a medical director for the Hamilton County Program. Throughout his care, Dr. Cofer has been an extraordinary physician and a brilliant, compassionate, and focused leader. He richly deserves the TMA Outstanding Physician Award for his lifetime of work and commitment to quality care, medical education, and for his statewide impact increasing access to care for the uninsured.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'H Manyam', written in a cursive style.

Harish Manyam, MD  
President

# Project Access: Health Care for the Working Poor and Uninsured

**Tonya Williams**, Southeast Tennessee Project Access, 423-591-9829, [tonya@chattmd.org](mailto:tonya@chattmd.org)

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**Rebecca Leslie**, Project Access Nashville, 615-712-6236, [rleslie@nashvillemedicine.org](mailto:rleslie@nashvillemedicine.org)

**Andréa Brady Verzi**, Appalachian Mountain Project Access, 423-232-6700, [andrea@projectaccesseasttn.org](mailto:andrea@projectaccesseasttn.org)

**Clint Cummins**, Project Access West Tennessee, 901-707-8276, [ccummins@mdmemphis.org](mailto:ccummins@mdmemphis.org)

## What is Project Access?

- Project Access is essentially a clinic without walls that solicits and coordinates donated specialty care (physician, hospital, lab, and other resources) for uninsured individuals.
- Project Access programs provide specialty care coordination for **387 health centers and clinics** (SETN – 38 locations; Knoxville – 155 locations; Nashville – 76 locations; AMPA – 65 locations; PAWT – 53 locations).
- Project Access connects each patient with a primary care home in addition to providing specialty care services.
- Each program provides comprehensive care coordination and case management that helps patients navigate health care services and obtain needed ancillary services.
- Enrollees receive an ID Card that documents their enrollment and enables providers to report on care.
- Project Access programs meticulously document and coordinate care through a comprehensive database.
- In FY 2021, Project Access programs began regional expansion efforts, including establishment of Project Access West Tennessee based in Memphis.

## Who Qualifies?

Uninsured low-income individuals (150-200% of FPL), with a current medical condition, who have resided in the program area for at least 90 days.

## Amount of Donated Care

Project Access programs have provided **\$1.01 billion in donated health care services** provided by 9,018 volunteer physicians and 66 hospital campuses, coordinating care for patients from 394 health centers and clinics.

## Program Impact

### Southeast Tennessee Project Access (2004-present)

Amount of Donated Care:	\$241 Million	Serving 23 Counties
Volunteer Physicians :	4 hospital systems with 8 campuses	Rehabilitation and Laboratory Services
Total Patients: 27,600	Average Patients Monthly: 500	Coordinates Care for 38 Health Centers & Clinics

### Knoxville Area Project Access (2005-present)

Amount of Donated Care:	\$475 Million	Serving 23 Counties
Volunteer Physicians:	4 hospital systems with 9 campuses	Rehabilitation and Laboratory Services
Total Patients: 41,000	Average Patients Monthly: 1,450	Coordinates Care for 155 Health Centers & Clinics

### Project Access Nashville (2005-present)

Amount of Donated Care:	\$78.96 Million	Serving 41 Counties
Volunteer Physicians:	3 hospital systems with 22 campuses	Rehabilitation and Laboratory Services
Total Patients: 27,500	Average Patients Monthly: 1,500-2,000	Coordinates Care for 83 Health Centers & Clinics

### Appalachian Mountain Project Access (2008-present)

Amount of Donated Care:	\$215 Million	Serving 10 Counties
Volunteer Physicians:	1 hospital system with 11 campuses	Rehabilitation and Laboratory Services
Total Patients: 19,941	Average Patients Monthly: 1,150	Coordinates Care for 65 Health Centers & Clinics

### Project Access West Tennessee (2022-present)

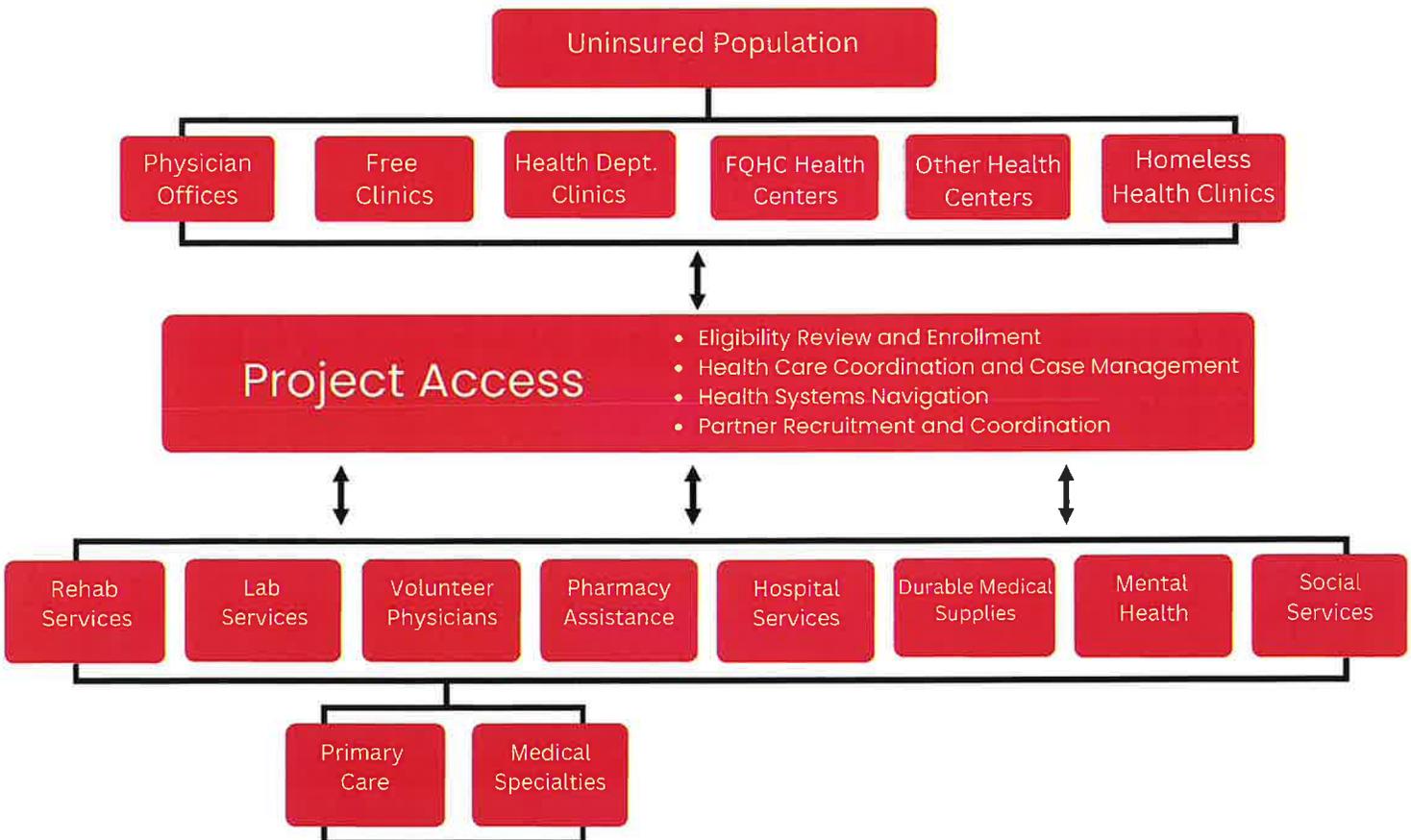
Amount of Donated Care:	\$47,436.70	Serving 21 Counties
Volunteer Physicians: 34	5 hospital systems with 16 campuses	Rehabilitation and Laboratory Services
Total Patients: 818	Average Patients Monthly: 14	Coordinates Care for 53 Health Centers & Clinics

## Increasing Access to Primary Care

By providing access to specialty care services, the Project Access care coordination strategy has been documented to increase the productivity and capacity of primary care centers. Patients can be referred for coordinated specialty care earlier in the disease process, which reduces the number of patient visits required in a year. Without access to specialty care, patients often had repeated visits with their primary care home until their conditions deteriorated and they could access care through the Emergency Department.

<b>Increased Primary Care Safety Net Productivity and Capacity Associated with Access to Coordinated Specialty Care Network</b> 1995 – 2004 (Buncombe County Health Clinic, Buncombe County, NC)			
Buncombe County Health Clinic	1995	1998	2004
Patients Served	6,000	9,000	12,500
Average Visits/Patient/Year	5.0	3.5	2.5
Average Length of Visit	45 minutes	30 minutes	20 minutes
Staff Referring to Specialty Care	8 FTE	2 FTE	1 FTE
Physician Time Finding Specialty Care	High	Low	Low

## The Project Access Model



## **EDGE** From good to great: Cofer brings quality initiative to Erlanger

November 1st, 2015 by [Dave Flessner](#) in EDGE Read Time: 5 mins.



### More Info

Joe Cofer

Age: 64

**Job:** Chief quality officer at Erlanger Medical Center, Affiliate Professor of Surgery at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center-Chattanooga

**Education:** A native of Beckley, W. Va., Cofer grew up in Chattanooga, graduated from Georgia Tech and the University of Tennessee at Memphis and served as a naval flight surgeon. He completed his residency in Chattanooga and completed a fellowship in liver and kidney transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

**Career:** After completing his medical degree at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, he served in the U.S. Navy as a naval flight surgeon. He was program director for the surgery residence program at Erlanger for 20 years before taking his current job in July.

Honors: Chairman of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative leadership committee; elected in 2013 to lead the American Board of Surgery, the national certifying board for surgeons; founder and chair of Project Access, a program based on donated services and medical care for those in need; president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery; received the Tennessee Medical Association's distinguished service award in 2007.

Growing up in Beckley, West Virginia, Joe Cofer wanted to be an engineer like his father and went to Georgia Tech to pursue his dream of learning to design airplanes. He quickly learned his engineering interests were more in industrial engineering than fluid dynamics, physics and other aerospace-related disciplines.

Cofer graduated with a degree in industrial engineering and was on his way to work at Texas Instruments in Dallas when he said he realized he really wanted to practice medicine like his grandfather. His grades weren't good enough to get into med school right away so he enrolled in the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga as a post baccalaureate special student and found a passion he is still pursuing four decades later.

After earning his medical degree in Memphis, Dr. Cofer got a surgery clerkship at Erlanger Medical Center and has never left the hospital. At Erlanger, he met his mentor, Dr. Phillip Burns, who later called Cofer, by then a gifted surgeon, to become program director for Erlanger's surgery residence program.

Cofer worked for two decades at Erlanger to ensure that resident surgeons were adequately trained in all areas and able to sit for their boards to become effective licensed surgeons. While performing surgeries himself and helping train future surgeons, Cofer helped lead the effort to establish the award-winning Project Access in Chattanooga for physicians to donate their time to give medical care for thousands of low-income persons each year. In 2013, Cofer was elected chairman of the American Board of Surgery, the national certifying board for surgeons.

But while he has practiced medicine as a surgeon, educator and industry leader, Cofer has maintained his industrial engineering mindset and his desire to find ways to improve quality, efficiency and outcomes.

In 2004, Cofer was at a Boston convention listening to Darrell A. "Skip" Campbell Jr., a top surgeon at the University of Michigan who leads the Michigan Surgical Quality Collaborative, talk about ways to improve surgical outcomes and hospital quality.

"I became enamored with quality and worked to make sure that Erlanger was the first Tennessee hospital to join the American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program in 2005," Cofer recalls.

With 21 hospitals now a part of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative, Cofer said participating hospitals are able to measure and see best practices and learn from one another about ways to improve quality. As a result, from 2009 to 2012, those hospitals in the quality collaborative reported 19 percent fewer post-operation problems, 3.75 fewer deaths per 1,000 cases and better outcomes for 142,258 persons worth an estimated \$75.2 million.

That success led Erlanger CEO Kevin Spiegel to ask Cofer this summer to lead an expanded quality initiative at Chattanooga's biggest hospital.

"We develop the metrics, monitor the results and report the data back to nurses, doctors and others," Cofer says. "These are all becoming far more important now to grade a hospital's performance. We're OK at Erlanger, but we need to do better."

Cofer is studying hospitals across the country as he builds the new quality program and staff. He has consulted with another former surgeon, Dr. Henry Pitt, who is the chief quality officer for Temple University Health System in Philadelphia and previously served in a similar role at Indiana University Hospital in Indianapolis.

"Hospitals have had quality programs for decades, but the focus on quality has become much more intense over the past five years," Pitt says, noting that more data on quality is now measurable and payments by Medicare and other insurers is becoming more dependent upon the quality of care provided by hospitals.

In the past, if a patient checked back into a hospital after surgery then the hospital was paid for even more treatments. But new Medicare rules are limiting what is paid for each procedure and readmissions after surgeries degrade hospital quality ratings and can prove costly for a hospital's bottom line.

Pitt said hospitals and payers are refining definitions and measurements for quality, which now number 2,422.

"We really need to focus on the key measures of quality, which in the long run will result in both better health care outcomes and lower costs," Pitt says. "We're switching from volume to value. Because it was the right thing to do in the past, people worked on quality. But now that the money paid to providers is really related to it, people are paying much more attention now."

Cofer has focused his early quality initiatives where he long trained resident surgeons — north wing 8 at the hospital's main campus in downtown Chattanooga. The new Erlanger quality director has met with nurses and other staff members to develop ways to improve the patients experience and limit chances of errors or oversights in care.

"That has been shown to really improve patient satisfaction," Cofer says. "Patients feel like, 'hey, these patients care about me.'"

The new initiative has pushed hourly rounds to ensure nurses get into patient rooms on a regular basis and made sure all change in nursing shifts is talked about in the patient's room without the interference of new admissions or other distractions during shift turnover. When the nurses finish talking about the shift change, they can ask the patient if they left anything out or if there is some unmet need.

The Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey also provides a portrait of patients' experiences in U.S. hospitals.

"Surgeons, for many years, really never had an objective way to determine whether we were doing good or bad," Cofer said. "All you had was insurance claims data and nobody believes that."

The NSQIP is an accepted prospective data base that collects surgical information tied to 30-day outcomes. "That's something we've never had before," Cofer said.

Patient satisfaction is measured through Hospital Consumer Assessment of Health Care Providers and Systems (HICAHPS) surveys, which was developed by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ask questions of Medicare patients about how they evaluate their care. Erlanger also is sharing more information about outcomes with its surgeons and other doctors.

"As physicians, we love to get a report card, and doctors tend to be highly competitive and 98 percent of physicians come to work every day wanting to do the best job they can," he said. "If there are metrics that fairly judge how you are doing, people will adjust their behavior and how they do their jobs to get better. Physicians are hungry to get data they can believe in."

Data is collected for up to 50 data points, including age, BMIs, smoking, diabetes, blood pressure and about 20 different complications, wounds and blood clots. The data from local surgery outcomes is compared with national and state data.

"I always believe we are not where we want to be because I'm convinced there is no aspect of what we do that we can't do better," Cofer says. "Our goal is to get us to a point where we are acknowledged as the best. It's still a work in progress."

# ABS Welcomes Dr. Joseph B. Cofer as Chair



**JULY 2013**

The American Board of Surgery (ABS), the national certifying body for general surgeons and related specialists, welcomes Dr. Joseph B. Cofer as chair for 2013-2014. Dr. Cofer was elected to the ABS in 2007 as a representative of the Southeastern Surgical Congress. He currently serves as professor of surgery and surgery residency program director at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine (UTCOM) in Chattanooga.

Dr. Cofer was born in Beckley, West Virginia, but grew up in Chattanooga. After obtaining his undergraduate degree at the Georgia Institute of Technology, Dr. Cofer completed his medical degree at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis and then served in the U.S. Navy as a naval flight surgeon with Carrier Air Wing 15 in the Pacific Ocean. He completed his residency in general surgery at UTCOM Chattanooga and also completed a fellowship in liver and kidney transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. His clinical interests focus on general and hepatobiliary surgery. Earlier in his career, Dr. Cofer founded the liver transplant program at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston.

Through the Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society, Dr. Cofer worked to create a community medical assistance program called "Project Access," which provides free medical care to low-income, uninsured residents. He remains involved in the program as a volunteer. Dr. Cofer is also extremely active in the surgical education community and has served as president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery. He also serves as surgeon champion for the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program at Baroness Erlanger Hospital in Chattanooga.

## **About the ABS**

- The American Board of Surgery is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1937 for the purpose of certifying individuals who have met a defined standard of education, training and knowledge in the field of surgery. Surgeons certified by the ABS have completed at least five years of surgical training following medical school and successfully completed a written and oral examination process administered by the ABS. They must then maintain their board certification through ongoing learning and practice improvement activities.
- The ABS offers board certification in general surgery, vascular surgery, pediatric surgery, surgical critical care, surgery of the hand, hospice and palliative medicine, and complex general surgical oncology. It is one of the 24 member boards of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

**Times Free Press**

# Chattanooga's Dr. Joseph Cofer to head American Board of Surgery

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Dr. Joe Cofer

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Dr. Joseph Cofer, of Chattanooga, has been elected head of the American Board of Surgery, the national certifying board for general surgeons and related specialists.

Cofer is a general surgeon with University Surgical Associates who practices at Erlanger hospital. He is the first Chattanooga surgeon to head the 76-year-old doctors' group, the 28,000-member association that oversees the testing and certification of surgeons nationwide.

A native of Beckley, W. Va., Cofer grew up in Chattanooga, graduated from Georgia Tech and the University of Tennessee at Memphis and served as a naval flight surgeon. He completed his residency in Chattanooga and completed a fellowship in liver and kidney transplantation at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.

In Chattanooga, he worked to create the community medical assistance program, "Project Access," which provides free medical care to low-income individuals. Cofer previously served as president of the Association of Program Directors in Surgery and as surgeon champion for the National Surgical Quality Improvement Program at Erlanger

**Joseph B. Cofer, MD - ASA Fellow**

Monday, October 19, 2009

**NEWS RELEASE**

**Chattanooga, TN**

**Joseph B. Cofer, MD, FACS, has been elected a  
Fellow of the American Surgical Association**

Joseph B. Cofer, MD, FACS, Professor and Surgery Residency Program Director for the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga, has been elected a Fellow of the American Surgical Association.

The ASA was founded in 1880 and is the nation's oldest and most prestigious surgical association. Its members include the nation's most prominent surgeons from the country's leading academic medical institutions and includes leading surgeons from around the world. The primary mission of the Association is to be the premier organization for surgical science and scholarship and to provide a national forum for presenting the developing state of the art and science of general and sub-specialty surgery and the elevation of the standards of the medical/surgical profession. To be eligible for Fellowship, a candidate must have established a reputation as a surgeon from contributions as a practitioner, author, teacher, and/or original investigator, and have been recommended by the Council.

The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga is part of the statewide academic health system, The University of Tennessee Health Science Center. The overall mission of the UTHSC is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service. Offering a broad range of postgraduate training opportunities, the main campus is located in Memphis and includes six colleges: Allied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Graduate Health Sciences, Medicine, Nursing and Pharmacy. UTHSC also has the UT Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville, as well as a College of Pharmacy and an Allied Health Sciences unit there.

The UT College of Medicine Chattanooga campus is separately accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) to sponsor residency and fellowship programs in a variety of specialties. The primary clinical affiliated institution is the Erlanger Health System.

For more information about the UT College of Medicine Chattanooga, visit:  
[www.utcomchatt.org](http://www.utcomchatt.org) or email [utcomc@erlanger.org](mailto:utcomc@erlanger.org).

# Dr. Joseph B. Cofer Elected To American Surgical Association

Wednesday, April 21, 2010



**Dr. Joseph Cofer**

University Surgical Associates announced on Wednesday that Dr. Joseph B. Cofer has been elected a Fellow to the American Surgical Association. Dr. Cofer, a 15-year veteran of USA, was officially inducted during the opening session of ASA's 130th annual meeting this month in Chicago, IL.

"Dr. Cofer's accomplishments both as a surgeon and educator well qualify him for this prestigious membership," said R. Phillip Burns, MD, chairman of the board, University Surgical Associates and chairman of the Department of Surgery, UT College of Medicine - Chattanooga.

"Not only is it an honor for Dr. Cofer, but also for the University of Tennessee College of Medicine and University Surgical Associates. The American Surgical Society, perhaps the most prestigious surgical organization in the world, impacts surgical treatment in virtually every area where surgeons are involved, based on its scientific proceedings and presentation of data that frequently changes or further reinforces surgical treatment. As an elected fellow of ASA, I'm proud to welcome Dr. Cofer to the association and applaud his many years of dedicated and exceptional service in the art and science of surgery."

The American Surgical Association was founded in 1880 and is the nation's oldest and most prestigious surgical organization. Its members include the nation's most prominent surgeons from the country's leading academic medical institutions, many of whom are Chairs of the Departments of Surgery at these institutions. Membership also includes leading surgeons from around the world, making it much more than an American association.

The primary mission of the ASA is to be the premier organization for surgical science and scholarship and to provide a national forum for presenting the developing state of the art and science of general and sub-specialty surgery and the elevation of the standards of the medical/surgical profession.

This mission is accomplished primarily by conducting an annual scientific meeting consisting of selected presentations containing the most current information available on clinical and research topics related to surgery or surgical specialties, including studies on outcomes, practice of surgery and ethical and other issues that affect its practice.

Dr. Cofer is one of only 26 surgeons from the state of Tennessee elected as members to the ASA and joins USA's Dr. R. Phillip Burns as the only representatives from Chattanooga.

# Erlanger honors Sen. Bob Corker, Drs. Cofer and Brown at annual Dinner of Distinction event

Published on Jan 29, 2015 |

The Erlanger Health System Foundations will honor Drs. Hugh Brown and Joseph B. Cofer, and award U.S. Senator Bob Corker with the first “Gordon Street Distinguished Leadership Award” during Erlanger’s annual Dinner of Distinction Friday, February 27, at the Chattanooga.

The 2015 honorees are being recognized for their enduring commitment to foster quality medical services to this community, as well as demonstrating unquestionable character and human compassion.

Dr. Hugh Brown, board certified orthopedic surgeon, taught future surgeons while serving as associate professor with the UT Department of Orthopedic Surgeons and was director of Pediatric Orthopedic Services from 1997 to 2008. He has been honored on numerous occasions for his teaching skills and recognized with the “Outstanding Teacher Award” on three separate occasions from the Orthopedic Surgery Residency Program. For 28 years, Dr. Brown served as Director of the Scoliosis Clinic, and orthopedic consultant to the Walter Boehm Spina Bifida Clinic, in addition to running a private practice for 28 years. Dr. Brown’s influence will be felt within the walls of Erlanger for decades to come.

Board-certified general surgeon Dr. Joseph B. Cofer is a professor of surgery and serves as surgery residency program director for the Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga. He has been recognized on numerous occasions as a champion for Project Access, a program based on donated services and medical care for those in need.

This year, the Distinguished Community Leadership Award will be posthumously awarded to Gordon Street and henceforth known as the Gordon Street Distinguished Leadership Award. Senator Bob Corker is being honored as the first recipient of the Gordon Street Distinguished Leadership Award.

“Gordon Street was a devoted and longtime supporter of Erlanger, serving both as a member and chairman of the Erlanger Baroness Foundation,” said Erlanger Foundations President Julie Taylor. “Since his untimely death last March, Mr. Street left a void that will always be felt by the Erlanger family. We wanted to recognize his impact on Erlanger and his advocacy for improving health of our community,” she said. According to Ms. Taylor, it was the wish of the Erlanger Health System Foundations that Gordon Street’s legacy will continue to live through those recognized in his name.

Senator Bob Corker has been a long-time advocate for improving the health of our region. During his tenure as mayor of Chattanooga, Senator Corker supported numerous wellness initiatives within the city. He has also sponsored several bills to improve healthcare in our nation and help empower all Americans to have access to medical services.

The February 27 event begins with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and program at 6:30 p.m. Table sponsorships are currently available at \$1,500 per table. Individual tickets will be available on February 9, at \$85 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Christian Orth at the Erlanger Health System Foundations at 423-778-9298 or [Christian.Orth@erlanger.org](mailto:Christian.Orth@erlanger.org).

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**NAME:** Joseph B. Cofer, MD, FACS

**HOME ADDRESS:** 2919 Braly Place  
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415

**BIRTH DATE:** April 8, 1951

**BIRTHPLACE:** Beckley, West Virginia

**MARITAL STATUS:** Married - Juanita Wurtz Cofer, November 25, 1978

**CHILDREN:** Jessica Ann Cofer LaFoy, September 28, 1982  
Allison Jane Cofer, December 20, 1988

**EDUCATION:**

High School	McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee September 1962 - May 1968
Undergraduate	Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia September 1968 - December 1972 BIE December 1972  Post Baccalaureate University of Tennessee at Chattanooga Chattanooga, Tennessee 72 Semesters hours - Pre Med January 1973 - October 1975
Graduate	University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences Memphis, Tennessee January 1976 - December 1978 MD December 1978 Honors: Class President (2 terms)
Internship	Basic Surgery Portsmouth Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Virginia January 1979 - January 1980
Other	Naval Flight Surgeon Training Naval Aerospace Medical Institute Pensacola, Florida January 1980 - October 1980

**EDUCATION (Continued)**

Research Fellowship	General Surgery University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga Department of Surgery Chattanooga, Tennessee February 1983 - June 1983
Residency	General Surgery University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga Department of Surgery Chattanooga, Tennessee July 1983 - June 1988
Fellowship	Transplant Surgery Fellowship Baylor University Medical Center Dallas, Texas July 1988 - June 1990

**AWARDS:**

1985 Baroness Award for Teaching Excellence  
(Annual award for outstanding resident teacher)  
December 1985

1999 Baroness Award for Teaching Excellence  
(Annual award for outstanding faculty teacher)  
December 1999

“Commendation Resolution” Board of Trustees  
Chattanooga – Hamilton County Authority  
November 29, 2001

2004 Baroness Award for Teaching Excellence  
(Annual award for outstanding faculty teacher)  
December 18, 2004.

Tennessee Medical Association  
Distinguished Service Award  
April 2007

2008 Baroness Award for Teaching Excellence  
(Annual award for outstanding faculty teacher)  
December 13, 2008

National Doctor’s Day 2010 Honoree  
Chattanooga & Hamilton County Medical Society  
March 23, 2010

**AWARDS:**

TMA Quarterly Public Health Champion for 2012  
Tennessee Medical Association, August 2012

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)  
John R. Raymond Fellowship Mentor Award  
2012-2013

McCallie School Alumni Achievement Award  
For Outstanding Accomplishments in Chosen Career  
Class of 1968  
October 5, 2013

2014 ACGME Parker J. Palmer *Courage to Teach Award*  
February 2014.

2014 Elected to The Gold Humanism Honor Society  
(GHHS) by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation  
Englewood Cliffs, NJ

2015 Distinguished Physician Award  
Erlanger Health System Foundation

2015 Baroness Award for Teaching Excellence  
(Outstanding Faculty Teaching) December 19, 2015

2019 TMA Outstanding Physician Award

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

United States Navy, January 1979 - February 1983  
Currently LCDR MC(FS) USNR - Retired

Active Duty

Lemoore Naval Hospital, Lemoore, California  
November 1980 - February 1983

**BOARD CERTIFICATION:**

ATLS Provider, issued September 1990

American Board of Surgery, 2/9/1990  
Certificate #34992, recertified 10/24/97, 5/31/07

Additional Qualifications in Surgical Critical Care,  
10/21/94-2004  
Certificate #1348

Fundamentals in Laparoscopic Surgery  
Certified October 2009

**CERTIFICATIONS/OTHER:**

Fundamental Critical Care Support Provider Certification  
FCCS  
Society of Critical Care Medicine  
March 9, 2004

**MEDICAL LICENSURE:**

Tennessee #MD11700, issued 3/12/1979 – 4/30/2019  
South Carolina #MD 14898, issued 7/23/1990 – 6/30/2017  
Virginia# MD 0101232608, issued 5/16/2002 – 4/30/2017

**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS:**

The American Board of Surgery, Inc. (ABS)

Chairman, 2013-2014

Vice Chairman 2012-2013

Vice Chairman Elect 2011-2012

Executive Committee 2010-2014

Senior Director 2014-2016

Director 2007-2014

Chairman Qualifying Exam Committee 2011 - 2012

Qualifying Exam Committee 2007- 2012

General Surgery Residency Committee 2007- 2012

Transplant Advisory Committee 2007- 2012

ACGME Milestones Committee 2009-2013

Examination Consultant

Qualifying Exam Subcommittee 2001-2003

Associate Examiner, Certifying Examinations

Birmingham, AL, December 2004

Associate Examiner, Certifying Examinations

St. Louis, MO., September 2006

Surgical Council on Resident Education

(SCORE), 2005 – 2006

American Surgical Association (Fellow) 2010-present

The Halsted Society, 2013-present

Society Photographer 2013-present

Southern Surgical Association (Fellow) 1998-present

Second Vice-President, 2013-2014

Local arrangements Chairman 2012-2013

Assistant Local Arrangements Chairman 2011-2012

Audit Committee 2007

The American College of Surgeons (Fellow) 1993-present

Advisory Council for General Surgery (ACGS)2003-2007

Chairman, Leadership Committee

Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative 2008-2012

Committee on Preceptorship 2013-present

Committee on Residency Training (“Fix the Five”) 2013-present

Editor, Surgical Educators Community, ACS Web Portal,  
2006-2007

**SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS (continued):**

Fundamentals in Surgery Curriculum Committee 2005–2009  
Tennessee State Chapter ACS  
    President 2013-2014  
    President-elect 2012-2013  
    Vice President 2011-2012  
    Committee on Applicants 1996 – 2010  
    Councilor 2002-2005  
    Program Chairman 2006  
    Executive Council 2009 - present  
Association of Program Directors in Surgery 1995 - present  
    Treasurer March 2001 – 2004  
    President Elect 2004 – 2005  
    President 2005 - 2006  
    Past President 2006 – 2007  
    Skills Curriculum Committee 2006 –2008  
    Board of Directors 2007 – present  
    Representative to OPDA/CMSS 2011-2013  
American Society of Transplant Surgeons 1990- 2008  
Southeastern Surgical Congress (Fellow) 1994 - present  
    CME Committee, 1994 –1999  
    CME Committee Chairman, 1999 –2000  
    Councilor at Large, 2003 –2006  
    Clinical Review Course, Co-Director 1999 – 2001  
    Representative to ACGS 2003 – 2007  
    Representative to ABS 2007 – 2014  
    Executive Committee 2007 – present  
    Chairman Medical Student-Resident-Fellows Committee  
    2013-present  
American Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association 1995 - 2016  
Tennessee Medical Association 1995 - present  
    Interprofessional Liaison Committee 1998-2006  
    Reference Committee A 2001 – 2002  
    TMA House of Delegates, 2001-2004  
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Society 1995- present  
    Board of Directors 1997 – 2004  
    Managed Care Committee 2001 - 2003  
    President Elect 2001 –2002  
    President February 2002 – 2003  
    Past President February 2003 – 2004  
    Medical Director, Project Access 2003 – 2012  
    Project Access Operations Council, 2003-present  
    Judicial Council 2006-2007  
    Judicial Council 2012-2013  
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Medical Foundation  
    Board of Directors 2003 – 2013

**UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant Professor of Surgery  
Director, Liver Transplantation  
Department of Surgery  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, South Carolina  
July 1990 - June 1995

Associate Professor of Surgery  
Residency Program Director  
Department of Surgery  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Chattanooga Unit  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1995 – June 2000

Professor of Surgery  
Residency Program Director  
Department of Surgery  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine  
Chattanooga Unit  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 2000 – September 2015

Affiliate Professor of Surgery August 2015-present  
University of Tennessee College of Medicine

**HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS:**

House Staff, Portsmouth Naval Hospital  
Portsmouth, Virginia  
January 1979 - January 1980

Carrier Air Wing 15 Flight Surgeon  
Appointment to Naval Hospital  
Lemoore, California  
November 1980 - February 1983

House Staff, Baroness Erlanger Hospital  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1983 - June 1988

Transplant Surgery Fellow  
Baylor University Medical Center  
Dallas, Texas  
July 1988 - June 1990

Attending Surgeon  
Medical University of  
South Carolina Medical Center  
Charleston, South Carolina  
July 1990 - June 1995

Attending Surgeon  
Charleston Memorial Hospital  
Charleston, South Carolina  
July 1990 - June 1995

Attending Surgeon  
Erlanger Medical Center  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1995 - Present

T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital  
Active Staff  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1995 - Present

Attending Surgeon  
Memorial Hospital  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1995 - 2002

Attending Surgeon  
Parkridge Hospital  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
July 1995 – 2015

Consulting Medical Staff and General Surgeon  
Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation  
Chattanooga, Tennessee  
January 2003 – 2016

Baroness Erlanger Medical Center  
Surgeon Champion  
National Surgical Quality Improvement Project (NSQIP)  
Sponsored by the American College of Surgeons  
2005 –2016

Baroness Erlanger Medical Center  
Secretary to the Medical Staff  
January 2009 – December 2010

Erlanger Health System  
Chief Quality Officer  
September 2015-December 2016

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS:**

July 1992 - June 1995

Member, Board of Directors,  
South Carolina Liver Association

July 1993 - June 1995

Member, Board of Directors,  
Transplant Patient Support Fund  
Health Sciences Foundations

**COMMITTEES AND OFFICES HELD:**

**National:**

May 1992 - May 1993

UNOS Region 11 Representative  
National Education Committee

May 1993 - May 1995

UNOS Region 11 Representative  
Liver and Intestine Committee

Jan 1995 - Jan 1997

UNOS Allocation Modeling Oversight  
Committee

Sept 28, 1999 – Oct 1, 2001

The Southeastern Surgical Congress  
Co-Coordinator and Faculty Member for  
Comprehensive Clinical Review Course in General Surgery,  
jointly sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress  
and Southwestern Surgical Congress

2002 – 2005

Association of Program Directors in Surgery  
Joint Council of Surgical Subspecialties

2003 - 2004

The American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association  
Abstract Review Committee, Biliary Area

May 1-2, 2005

Joint Conference by The American College of Surgeons and  
The Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education  
Committee Member  
A Patient Safety Curriculum for Surgical Residents

1998 - 2016

Member, Editorial Board  
Journal for Surgical Education

2006 – 2016

Editorial Board  
The American Surgeon

2007-2008 Member, Education and Training Committee  
American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association

October 12-13, 2010 General Surgery Think Tank Project  
Chicago, IL

**Regional:**

May 1991 - May 1995 SEOPF Liver Transplant  
Committee, Co-Chairman

May 1994 - May 1995 SEOPF Clinical Trials Committee

2010 Tennessee Center for Patient Safety  
2010 TCPS Advisory Council Member

**Hospital:**

**Medical University of South Carolina Medical Center**

Aug 1990 - June 1995 Infection Control Committee

Sept 1994 - Jan 1995 Medical Records Committee

July 1994 - June 1995 Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee

Jan 1995 - June 1995 MUSC Marketing Task Force

**Baroness Erlanger Hospital/  
T.C. Thompson Children's Hospital**

Nov 1999 - 2002 Documentation & Utilization Workgroup

July 2000 - 2002 Chairman, Documentation & Utilization Workgroup

2005 – 2016 Surgeon Champion, Erlanger Medical Center for  
National Surgical Quality Improvement Project (NSQIP)  
Sponsored by the American College of Surgeons

August 2007 – January 2009 Chief of Surgery

August 2007 – January 2009 Chairman, Surgery Medical Quality Improvement  
Committee (MQIC)

January 2009 – December 2010 Secretary to the Medical Staff

January 2009 - 2011 Medicine Executive Committee

August 2010 – 2016 Quality Oversight Committee

February 2014 – 2016 Privacy Council

September 2015 – 2016 Chief Quality Officer

**Department:**

**Medical University of South Carolina,  
Department of Surgery**

July 1990 - June 1993

AD Hoc Billing Committee

July 1990 - June 1995

Graduate Medical Education Committee

July 1992 - June 1995

Quality Assurance Committee, Department of Surgery

**University of Tennessee, College of Medicine,  
Chattanooga Unit, Department of Surgery**

July 1995 - 2016

Graduate Medical Education Committee

July 2000 - 2006

Retirement Committee

**The University of Tennessee Health Science Center,  
Memphis, Tennessee**

Nov 2006 - 2009

Information Technology Committee of the University of  
Tennessee Health Science Center,  
or CIO Advisory Committee, Memphis, Tennessee

**Medical University of South Carolina**

July 1994 - Dec 1994

Dean's Advisory Committee on  
"Asymmetrical Power Relations"

Nov 1994 - June 1995

Orthopedic Chairman Search Committee

**University of Tennessee, College of Medicine,  
Chattanooga Unit**

Feb 2000 – Feb 2001

Orthopedic Chairman Search Committee

2000 – 2016

Graduate Medical Education Committee

2001 – 2016

Academic Appointment and Promotions Committee

2009 – 2010

Internal Medicine Chairman Search Committee

**EXTRAMURAL GRANTS:**

Sandoz

\$800 to purchase operating room camera, 1991

Glaxo

\$2,500 to fund Liver Transplant Symposium, 1992

Bristol-Myers Squibb

\$1,000 unrestricted grant, 1993

Upjohn

\$44,000 grant to purchase PGE1 for multi-center study:  
A Prostin VR for liver transplantation. "Co-P.I." for study.

Ortho	\$5,000 unrestricted grant, 1994
Ethicon	\$5,000 grant to produce Ethicon Film Award, movie on liver transplantation: "Liver transplantation in the 90's, techniques to decrease blood loss and improve operative survival" for Southeastern Surgical Congress, 1994
Sandoz	\$195,388 grant for multi-center study "A Randomized, Double-Blind Study of Neoral vs. Sandimmune in Primary Liver Transplant Patients", 3/29/94 - 4/15/95 P.I.
Fujisawa USA	\$1,000 unrestricted grant for participating as advisory board member at the Regional Advisory Board in Transplantation, June 1994.
Sandoz	\$2,000 grant for medical education, 1995.
Sandoz	\$111,720 grant for multi-center study "A Randomized, Double-Blind Study of Neoral vs. Sandimmune in Primary Liver Transplant Patients", 4/15/95 - 12/31/95 P.I.
Impra	\$51,500.00 Prospective, Multicenter Evaluation of Venaflo PTFEJ Vascular Graft as Compared to IMPRA ePTFE Vascular Graft in Hemodialysis Applications, 1998-1999.
The Clinical Innovation Group	\$26,250 MIMS – Minimally Invasive Molecular Staging for Breast Cancer. Medical University of South Carolina MUSC Foundation for Research and Development.2000, Co-P.I.
Pharmaceutical Trial	\$5,100 Clot Lysis and Occluded Intravenous Catheters Study. 2002.
Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Foundation	\$335,000 – Funds awarded to Erlanger Health System for participation in the TSQC. Principle Investigator.

**VISITING PROFESSORSHIPS AND INVITED LECTURES:**

1. Late Complications in Liver Transplantation. Surgical Grand Rounds, Louisiana State University, Shreveport, Louisiana, November 21, 1989.
2. Late Complications in Liver Transplantation. Surgical Grand Rounds, University of Oregon, Portland Oregon, December 12, 1989.
3. Liver Transplantation: An Overview. Surgical Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, November 13, 1990.

4. Liver Transplantation: An Overview. Surgical Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Greenville Memorial Hospital, Greenville, South Carolina, January 8, 1991.
5. Liver Transplantation: An Overview. Surgical Grand Rounds, Department of Surgery, Spartanburg Regional Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg, South Carolina, February 19, 1991.
6. Liver Transplantation: Indications and Results. Orangeburg Regional Medical Center, Orangeburg, South Carolina, April 12, 1991.
7. Liver Transplantation: Indications, Results, and the Medical University of South Carolina Experience. Southern Surgical Club, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, April 15, 1991.
8. Liver Transplantation in South Carolina: South Carolina Surgical Society, Asheville, North Carolina, April 15, 1992.
9. The liver transplant operation, management of perioperative and short term complications. Surgical Grand Rounds, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta, Georgia, November 21, 1992.
10. Current Indications for Liver Transplantation and Retransplantation. Surgical Grand Rounds, Spartanburg Regional Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg, South Carolina, February 1993.
11. Hepatic and Renal Transplantation in the 90's: Dealing with the organ shortage. Annual Symposium of National Kidney Foundation, Chattanooga Chapter, Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 6, 1993.
12. The Development of Liver Transplantation in South Carolina. Augustus McCravey Lecture at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga Unit, Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 4, 1993.
13. Liver Transplantation in the 90's: Techniques to decrease blood loss and improve operative survival. Ethicon Education Video Award - Southeastern Surgical Congress, Orlando, Florida, February 1994.
14. What's New in Transplantation? South Carolina Medical Association Meeting, Charleston, South Carolina, April 26, 1994.
15. Diagnosis and treatment of a solid mass in the liver. Surgical Grand Rounds, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, October 4, 1994.
16. Diagnosis and treatment of a solid mass in the liver. Surgical Grand Rounds, Spartanburg Regional Memorial Hospital, Spartanburg, South Carolina, December 20, 1994.
17. Image Guided Breast Biopsy, by General Surgeons. Medical University of South Carolina, Surgical Grand Rounds. Charleston, South Carolina, October 1999.

18. Management of the Solid Hepatic Mass. East Tennessee State University, James H. Quillen College of Medicine, Department of Surgery, Johnson City, Tennessee, Surgical Grand Rounds, February 22, 2002.
19. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Surgical Grand Rounds at Good Samaritan Hospital, Department of Surgery, 375 Dixmyth Avenue, Cincinnati, OH, March 5, 2004.
20. Surgical Education – 2006: Is Anything New? Masauki Hara Memorial Lectureship, Surgical Grand Rounds, The Department of Surgery, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Little Rock, Arkansas, April 11, 2006.
21. Ongoing Changes in Surgical Education. Surgical Grand Rounds, The Department of Surgery, Hackensack University Medical Center, Hackensack, NJ, April 10, 2007.
22. Professional Organizations. Who Needs Them? Visiting Professor, Surgical Grand Rounds, The University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine of The University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knoxville, Tennessee, March 27, 2008.
23. The SCORE Committee & The New Curriculum and Maintenance of Certification. Keynote Speaker for York Hospital's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Jonathan E. Rhoads, Jr. M.D. Symposium, Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine, York Hospital, York, PA, August 15, 2008.
24. Surgical Workforce, NSQIP: What Surgeons Need to Know, and Maintenance of Certification (MOC): The Board Perspective. Visiting Professor, Surgical Grand Rounds, The University of Mississippi Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Jackson, MS, May 27, 2009.
25. Rural Surgery-General Surgery: The Impending Critical Manpower Shortage. Department of Surgery Grand Rounds presentation at the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) , Charleston, South Carolina, August 18, 2009.
26. Liver Lesions & Biliary Lesions I Have Known. Visiting professor presentation at The Mercer University School of Medicine (MUSM) and The Medical Center of Central Georgia (MCCG), Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Eversole Auditorium, October 8, 2009.
27. Rural Surgery, General Surgery, What's the Difference? (And why on earth would I think this applies to me?) Grand Rounds Visiting Professor at Washington Hospital Center, - MedStar Health, Department of Surgery, True Auditorium, 110 Irving Street, Washington, DC, February 21, 22, 2011.
28. NSQIP: Results for Baroness Erlanger Hospital. The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga, Department of Surgery Grand Rounds, Probasco Auditorium, Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 19, 2011.
29. The Current Status and Future of General Surgery. Visiting Professor, Atlanta Medical Center, Department of General Surgery, "The Annual George Lucas Society Meeting", Atlanta, Georgia, March 3, 2012.

30. The Current Status and Future of General Surgery. Visiting Professor, Grand Rounds, Carolinas Medical Center, Department of General Surgery., Charlotte, North Carolina, May 10-11, 2012.
31. The Current Status and Future of General Surgery. Visiting Professor, Grand Rounds, West Virginia School of Medicine—Charleston Division, Department of Surgery, Charleston, W V, June 14, 2012.
32. Update from the American Board of Surgery. Arkansas State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, September 22, 2012, Little Rock, Arkansas.
33. The Tennessee ACS NSQIP Collaborative. Arkansas State Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, September 22, 2012, Little Rock, Arkansas.
34. The Development of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative, and Lessons Learned. Medical University of South Carolina, Surgical Grand Rounds, December 11, 2012, Charleston, SC.
35. The Tennessee ACS NSQIP Collaborative. *Joseph Marion Donald, MD, FACS Memorial Lecturer*, 2013 annual conference of the American College of Surgeons, Alabama and Mississippi Chapters, Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Point Clear, Alabama, June 15, 2013.
36. An Update on the Chattanooga Transition to Practice Program and Recent Happenings on the American Board of Surgery. Guest Speaker at the Virginia Chapter, American College of Surgeons and Virginia Surgical Society 2014 Annual Meeting, Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, Virginia, May 2-4, 2014.
37. The Development of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative (TSQC) and lessons learned: An update of current activities on the American Board of Surgery. Visiting Professor at the University of Kentucky, Division of General Surgery, Lexington, KY, Chief Resident Graduation, June 12-14, 2014.
38. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative. Grand Rounds Speaker, The University of Tennessee College of Medicine Chattanooga, Department of Surgery, Probasco Auditorium, Chattanooga, TN, August 13, 2014.
39. The Development of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative and an Update from the American Board of Surgery. Visiting Professor at the David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA Health, Los Angeles, CA, September 2-4, 2014.
40. The Development of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative (TSQC) and Current Outcomes Data. Grand Rounds Visiting Professor at Albany Medical Center, Department of Surgery, Albany, NY, October 23, 2014.
41. Liver Surgery for the Practicing General Surgeon, Grand Rounds Speaker. Visiting Professor, Portsmouth Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, VA, June 23, 2015.

42. Liver and biliary Lesions. Invited lecture. Georgia Surgical Society 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Jekyll Island, Georgia, September 17-20, 2015
43. Formation of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative. Invited lecture. Georgia Surgical Society 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Jekyll Island, Georgia, September 17-20, 2015
44. Update on the American Board of Surgery. Invited lecture. Georgia Surgical Society 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Jekyll Island, Georgia, September 17-20, 2015
45. Quality, Outcomes and their Effect on Reimbursement: Proposed Methods for Improved Surgical Outcomes. Annual Arlie R. Mansberger, Jr. Lecture for the Moretz Society, Medical College of Georgia, Augusta University, Augusta, GA, February 18, 2017

**EDUCATIONAL LECTURES, PANELS, POSTGRADUATE COURSES:**

1. Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support Provider Course, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, Tennessee May 22-23, 1986.
2. Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support Provider Course, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 12-13, 1986.
3. Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support Provider Course, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, Tennessee, September 14-15, 1987.
4. Instructor, Advanced Trauma Life Support Instructor Course, University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga, Tennessee, December 1987.
5. Fluid Therapy in the Critically Ill, Seminar - Department of Anesthesiology, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, December 15, 1990, Moderator.
6. Variceal Hemorrhage: Transplantation vs. Shunt. Post Graduate Course in Surgery, Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, May 12-15, 1991.
7. Management of the donor in the operating room. Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation, Medical College of Georgia, Savannah, Georgia, March 28, 1992.
8. Video presentation on Liver Transplantation by Healthsource with Dr. Marion Anderson and Dr. Robert Galbraith, May 1992.
9. Current Topics in Transfusion Medicine: Transfusion in Surgery: On the Cutting Edge. Panel Moderator: The massively bleeding patient. Medical University of South Carolina, May 13, 1992.

10. The transplant operation and management of short term complications -presented at GI Aspects of Liver Transplantation Symposium at Medical University of South Carolina, November 7, 1992.
11. Current Indications of Liver transplantation and Retransplantation: Southeastern Organ Procurement Foundation Tri-Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, January 14, 1993.
12. Advances and New Applications in Transplantation: The Liver Transplant Process. Medical University of South Carolina, November 11, 1994.
13. AIDS Symposium 1994: AIDS and the health care worker. A panel discussion. Medical University of South Carolina, November 11, 1994.
14. Criteria and Indications for Liver Transplantation. Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation, Medical College of Georgia, Savannah, Georgia, March 26, 1994.
15. The Liver Transplant Selection Committee. Organ and Tissue Procurement and Transplantation, Medical College of Georgia, Savannah, Georgia, March 26, 1994.
16. Indications for Transplanting: Patient Selection and Listing. Southeastern Organ Procurement Foundation Tri-Annual Meeting, Organ Procurement and Preservation Workshop, Jacksonville, Florida, September 21, 1994.
17. Predictors of Poor Outcome in Liver Transplantation. Developments in Digestive Diseases, Charleston, South Carolina, March 20-31, 1995.
18. Liver Transplantation: Internal Medicine Update, Kiawah Island, South Carolina, August 8, 1995.
19. Principles of organ transplantation: Complications of antirejection drugs. Second Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery, The Southeastern Surgical Congress, and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Westin Tabor Center, Denver, Colorado, September 18-21, 1997.
20. Complex surgery of the liver and biliary tree. Second Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery, The Southeastern Surgical Congress, and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Westin Tabor Center, Denver, Colorado, September 18-21, 1997.
21. Acute surgical disease: How I do it - assessment, specific operative technique, and postoperative management. Coordinator for the Southeastern Surgical Congress 66th Annual Scientific Postgraduate Course, Atlanta, Georgia, January 31 - February 4, 1998.
22. Image Guided Breast Biopsy for the Surgeon. Coordinator for the Southeastern Surgical Congress 66th Annual Scientific Postgraduate Course, Atlanta, Georgia, January 31 - February 4, 1998.

23. Principles of organ transplantation: Complications of antirejection drugs. Third Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery, The Southeastern Surgical Congress and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Sheraton Colony Square, Atlanta, Georgia, September 24-27, 1998.
24. Complex surgery of the liver and biliary tree. Third Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery. The Southeastern Surgical Congress and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Sheraton Colony Square, Atlanta, Georgia, September 24-17, 1998.
25. Principles of organ transplantation: Complications of antirejection drugs. Fourth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery. The Southeastern Surgical Congress and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Adams Mark Hotel, San Antonio, TX, September 15-18, 1999.
26. Complex surgery of the liver and biliary tree. Fourth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery. The Southeastern Surgical Congress and The Southwestern Surgical Congress, Adams Mark Hotel, San Antonio, TX, September 15-18, 1999.
27. Principles of Organ Transplantation: Complications of Standard Immunosuppressive Drugs. The Fifth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review Course, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, New Orleans, Louisiana, September 2000.
28. Gallbladder and Common Bile Duct. The Sixth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review Course, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Denver, Colorado, September 2001.
29. Organ Transplantation. The Sixth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review Course, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Denver, Colorado, September 2001.
30. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. The Sixth Annual Comprehensive Clinical Review Course, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Denver, Colorado, September 2001.
31. The Management of Perioperative Anticoagulants. Panel participant at the General Session of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual 2001 Clinical Congress of The American College of Surgeons, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 11, 2001.
32. Residency Match Data: Standard Deviation or a Call to Arms? Panel participant at the Association of Program Directors in Surgery 2002 Joint Spring Meeting, Baltimore, Maryland, April 3, 2002.
33. Special Considerations. Fundamental Critical Care Support Course faculty member, sponsored by Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 2, 2002.

34. Surgical Treatment of Biliary Disease. Seventh Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Atlanta, Georgia, September 19-22, 2002.
35. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Seventh Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Atlanta, Georgia, September 19-22, 2002.
36. Special Considerations in Gastrointestinal Bleeding. Fundamental Critical Care Support Course, Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee, June 6, 2003.
37. Surgical Treatment of Biliary Disease. Eighth Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, San Antonio, Texas, September 18-21, 2003.
38. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Eighth Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, San Antonio, Texas, September 18-21, 2003.
39. Surgical Treatment of Biliary Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, New Orleans, LA, September 9-12, 2004.
40. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, New Orleans, LA, September 9-12, 2004.
41. Surgical Treatment of Biliary Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Westin Tabor Hotel, Denver, Colorado, September 15-18, 2005.
42. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review In General Surgery, sponsored by The Southeastern Surgical Congress and the Southwestern Surgical Congress, Westin Tabor Hotel, Denver, Colorado, September 15-18, 2005.
43. American College of Surgeons 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Clinical Congress, General Session Moderator and Introduction. Resident Reforms: What Product over the Next Five Years? Sponsored by the Association of Program Directors in Surgery, San Francisco, California, October 18, 2005.
44. American College of Surgeons 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Clinical Congress. General Session Panel Participant, GS49 Meeting the Learning Needs of the Rural Surgeon. General Surgeon, Rural Surgeon: What's the Difference? Sponsored by the Advisory Council for General Surgery, San Francisco, California, October 19, 2005.
45. Annual Joint Meeting of The Association of Program Directors in Surgery and Association for Surgical Education. Welcoming Remarks and Report on the Strategic

- Plan for the Association of Program Directors in Surgery 2006-2008. Westin LaPaloma Resort and Spa, Tucson, Arizona, March 21-25, 2006.
46. Annual Joint Meeting of The Association of Program Directors in Surgery and Association for Surgical Education. Panelist: Panel I: British and American Surgical Education 2006. Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa, Tucson, Arizona, March 21-25, 2006
  47. Annual Joint Meeting of The Association of Program Directors in Surgery and Association for Surgical Education. International Panel Moderator: "The British Experience with Surgical Education in the Era of Resident Work Hour Restrictions". Westin La Paloma Resort and Spa, Tucson, Arizona, March 22, 2006.
  48. American College of Surgeons 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Clinical Congress. General Session Moderator. Fundamentals of Hepatic Surgery for the General Surgeon. Hilton Anatole, Dallas, Texas, April 23-26, 2006.
  49. New National Education Initiatives. The University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Graduate Medical Education Retreat, Fogelman Executive Conference Center, April 28, 2006.
  50. Practical Approaches to Healthcare Quality Improvement. Surgical Perspectives on Quality Improvement Network Scatter Roundtable Session, sponsored by the University of Tennessee - Chattanooga Unit at Erlanger Medical Center, Chattanooga, TN presented at the Chattanooga Hotel & Conference Center, October 20, 2006.
  51. Surgical Treatment of Liver Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2-5, 2006.
  52. Surgical Treatment of Biliary Disease. Comprehensive Clinical Review in General Surgery, sponsored by the Southeastern Surgical Congress, Hyatt Regency Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2-5, 2006.
  53. "Some Thoughts on Your Process of Residency Education". 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Multi-specialty Conference for Programme Directors and STC Chairs, London, United Kingdom, February 9, 2007.
  54. Co-moderator "Parallel Free Paper Session: Liver II". Annual meeting of The American Hepato-Pancreato Biliary Association, Las Vegas, NV, April 22, 2007.
  55. Moderator, Session GS23 - "Management of Common Post-operative Complications", and gave lecture on "Specific Complications Associated with Cholecystectomy, Mastectomy, Inguinal Hernias, and Colectomy". Spring Meeting of The American College of Surgeons, Las Vegas, NV, April 24, 2007. PMID:21824597
  56. Rural Surgery/General Surgery: What's the Difference? Where's the Shortage? South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, South Carolina Surgical

- Society, 2007 Joint Annual Meeting, Marriott Resort at Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC, May 11, 2007.
57. Educating and Training General Surgeons: Present and Future. South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, South Carolina Surgical Society, 2007 Joint Annual Meeting, Marriott Resort at Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC, May 11, 2007.
  58. Management of Common Postoperative Complications. South Carolina Chapter of the American College of Surgeons, South Carolina Surgical Society, 2007 Joint Annual Meeting, Marriott Resort at Grand Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC, May 12, 2007.
  59. Rural Surgery: There Is a Future! Session: "The Impact of the Surgical Workforce Shortage on Rural Americans". American College of Surgeons 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Clinical Congress, New Orleans, LA, October, October 9, 2007.
  60. "Rural Surgery: Attracting New Talent". Association of Program Directors in Surgery (APDS) Panel Session 1. Surgical Education Week, the eighth annual combined meeting of the APDS, the Association of Residency Coordinators in Surgery (ARCS), and the Association for Surgical Education (ASE), Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, April 15, 2008.
  61. Prevention and Management of Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy Common Bile Duct Injuries. Thirty-Seventh Annual Postgraduate Course in Surgery sponsored by the Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Doubletree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina, April 18, 2008.
  62. Rural Surgery—General Surgery: What is the Difference? Thirty-Seventh Annual Postgraduate Course in Surgery sponsored by the Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Doubletree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina, April 18, 2008.
  63. Education and Training General Surgeons: Present and Future, followed by panel discussion. Thirty-Seventh Annual Postgraduate Course in Surgery sponsored by the Department of Surgery, Medical University of South Carolina, Doubletree Guest Suites, Charleston, South Carolina, April 18, 2008.
  64. Portal Hypertension: Incidence and Clinical Implications. 2008 Vascular Ultrasound Conference: Update in Vascular Surgery and Ultrasound, sponsored by University Surgical Associates, PLLC, Vascular Diagnostic Services, Erlanger Medical Center, Probasco Auditorium, Chattanooga, TN, August 2, 2008.
  65. Evolving Modalities in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Appendicitis: Does Everyone Need an Operation? Moderator of session, Scientific Program, American College of Surgeons 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Congress, Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California, October 13, 2008.

66. Unexpected Findings During Exploration for Appendicitis. Panel discussion participant, Scientific Program, American College of Surgeons 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Clinical Congress, Moscone Convention Center, San Francisco, California, October 13, 2008.
67. The case against modular recertification. Presented January 11, 2009, at the Retreat on Maintenance of Certification at The American Board of Surgery, Board of Directors Meeting, J. W. Marriott, Cancun, Mexico, January 10-14, 2009.
68. Impact of the Certification in Surgical Oncology on General Surgery. Presented at Clinical Affairs Committee Presents: American Board Certification in Surgical Oncology: Are We Almost There? Society of Surgical Oncology, 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cancer Symposium, Phoenix Convention Center, Phoenix, AZ, March 5, 2009.
69. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative. Erlanger Case Study – Using NSQIP data to Improve DVT care. Tennessee Chapter, American College of Surgeons 2009 Annual Meeting, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN, May 22-24, 2009.
70. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative: How We Did It. Presented at the 2009 American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS/NSQIP), Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA, July 20, 2009.
71. NSQIP: A National Overview, Our Experience in Chattanooga, and the History of the Tennessee NSQIP Collaborative. Presented at the Better Health Outcomes for Tennessee – Hospital Quality-The Leadership Imperative Conference sponsored by Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Tennessee and THA, Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, Nashville, TN, November 4, 2009.
72. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative meeting moderator. Tennessee State Chapter Meeting of the American College of Surgeons, Paris Landing State Park, July 23, 2010.
73. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative. Presented at the 2010 American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP) National Conference at the Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL, July 25-27, 2010.
74. Rural General Surgery Shortage. Presented at General Surgery Think Tank, American Surgical Association, O'Hare Hyatt, Chicago, IL October 12-13, 2010.
75. Current Management of Copperhead (Agkistrodon contortrix contortrix) Snakebites. J. Patrick Walker. Discussant. Southern Surgical Association, The Breakers, Palm Beach Florida, December 6, 2010.
76. General Surgery at Rural Tennessee Hospitals: A Survey of Rural Tennessee Hospital Administrators. 2011 Annual Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course, Southeastern Surgical Congress, Marriott Chattanooga and Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 12-15, 2011.
77. Feliciano DV, **Cofer JB**. Fellow, Resident, and Medical Student Committee: "General Surgeons as Superheroes". Round Table Luncheon Speaker at the 2011 Annual

Scientific Meeting and Postgraduate Course, Southeastern Surgical Congress, Marriott Chattanooga and Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 12-15, 2011.

78. TN Surgical Quality Collaborative Meeting, An Update on the NSQIP Initiative in TN. Tennessee Chapter, American College of Surgeons, 2011 Annual Meeting in conjunction with Tennessee Committee on Trauma and Tennessee Committee on Cancer/Cancer Liaison Physicians in Tennessee, The Westin Hotel – Beale Street, Memphis, TN July 29-31, 2011.
79. ACS NSQIP: How We Do It. 97<sup>th</sup> Annual American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA, October 25, 2011.
80. Picking the Right Residents: Do's and Don'ts of Winning the Match Game. Panel Session PS325 "Predictors of Attrition in Surgical Residency". 97<sup>th</sup> Annual American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress, Moscone Center, San Francisco, CA, October 26, 2011.
81. The Program Director's Perspective. APDS Panel Session IV: Intersection of Surgical Outcomes and Medical Education. Surgical Education Week, the 12<sup>th</sup> annual combined meeting of the APDS, ASE, and ARCS, Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, San Diego, CA, March 20-24, 2012.
82. The Tennessee ACS NSQIP Collaborative. Visiting Professor, 2012 Joint Annual Meeting, South Carolina & North Carolina Chapters of the American College of Surgeons, July 13-15, 2012, Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC.
83. Update from the American Board of Surgery. Visiting Professor, 2012 Joint Annual Meeting, South Carolina & North Carolina Chapters of the American College of Surgeons, July 13-15, 2012, Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC.
84. The Current and Future Status of General Surgery. Visiting Professor, 2012 Joint Annual Meeting, South Carolina & North Carolina Chapters of the American College of Surgeons, July 13-15, 2012, Marriott Resort and Spa at Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC.
85. Surgical Site Infection (SSI). Moderator of General Session. 2012 ACS NSQIP National Conference, July 21-24, 2012, The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.
86. Providing Resident Specific Outcomes Data to Senior Residents in Chattanooga, TN. Breakout Session 4: Quality in Training with Q&A Panel Discussion. 2012 ACS NSQIP National Conference, July 21-24, 2012, The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.
87. Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative (TSQC). General Session: ACS NSQIP Collaborative Updates. 2012 ACS NSQIP National Conference, July 21-24, 2012, The Grand America Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.

88. The Survival of General Surgery in 2012 and Beyond: Employment Issues for General Surgeons: Negotiating Pay for Call, Hospital Employment Models, Locum Tenens/Surgical Hospitalists. Panelists. The American College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress, September 30-October 4, 2012, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL.
89. Challenging Surgical Emergencies: What to do in the Middle of the Night: Co-Chair, and Session 1, 2, and 3 Moderator. The American College of Surgeons Annual Clinical Congress, September 30-October 4, 2012, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL.
90. The Southern Surgical Association 124<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. Coordinator of Activities. The Breakers, Palm Beach, Florida, December 2-5, 2012.
91. The Southeastern Surgical Congress, American College of Surgeons Session: Co-Moderator of Round Table for Fellow, Resident and Medical Student Committee "Surviving Your Residency and Fellowship", February 9-12, 2013, Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, Florida.
92. The Southeastern Surgical Congress, American College of Surgeons Session: Panelist, ACS Quality Initiatives: Importance for the Practicing Surgeon? February 9-12, 2013, Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville, Florida.
93. The Association of Program Directors in Surgery, 2013 Surgical Education Week. Panel 1: What is Our Mission Statement? April 23-27, 2013, Gaylord Palms Hotel, Orlando, Florida.
94. The Association of Program Directors in Surgery, 2013 Surgical Education Week. Our Mission is to Prepare Our Graduates for Examination by the American Board of Surgery. April 23-27, 2013, Gaylord Palms Hotel, Orlando, Florida.
95. 2013 ACS NSQIP National Conference, Moderator Breakout Session 6: ACS NSQIP Collaborative Updates, Q&A Panel, Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA, July 15, 2013.
96. 2013 ACS NSQIP National Conference. Leading Change on a Collaborative Level, Speaker at Surgeon Champion & Quality Improvement Session, Hilton San Diego Bayfront, San Diego, CA, July 13-16, 2013.
97. 2014 Annual Meeting of Virginia Chapter, American College of Surgeons and Virginia Surgical Society, Panel discussion: Virginia Surgical Quality Collaborative: VSQC, What's in it for me? Wintergreen Resort, Wintergreen, Virginia, May 2-4, 2014.
98. 2014 Annual Meeting South Carolina/North Carolina Chapters of ACS, South Carolina Vascular Surgical Society and Bariatric Society of the Carolinas. American Board of Surgery: Maintenance of Certification. Marriott Resort and Spa –Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC, July 19, 2014.
99. 2014 Annual Meeting South Carolina/North Carolina Chapters of ACS, South Carolina Vascular Surgical Society and Bariatric Society of the Carolinas. ABS – Changing

Case Requirements for Eligibility. Marriott Resort and Spa –Grande Dunes, Myrtle Beach, SC, July 19, 2014.

100. Daley B, **Cofer JB**. Participation in the statewide collaborative of surgeons, hospitals, and insurers leads to improved patient outcome and financial savings in surgical care. Presented at the 2014 ACS NSQIP National Conference, attended as Surgeon Champion for Erlanger Medical Center, New York Hilton Midtown, New York, NY, July 26-29, 2014.
101. Behrman S, **Cofer JB**. Applying statistical analysis to the American College of Surgeons-National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (ACS-NSQIP) to identify outliers as a peer review process toward quality improvement. Presented at the 2014 ACS NSQIP National Conference, attended as Surgeon Champion for Erlanger Medical Center, New York Hilton Midtown, New York, NY, July 26-29, 2014.
102. Cecil WT, Clarke PC, Daley BJ, Guillamondegui O, Martin BJ, Gibson W, Copeland SA, **Cofer JB**. Key elements of a successful surgical improvement collaborative. Presented at the 2014 ACS NSQIP National Conference, attended as Surgeon Champion for Erlanger Medical Center, New York Hilton Midtown, New York, NY, July 26-29, 2014.
103. 2014 Tennessee Chapter of the American College of Surgeons (TNACS) Meeting - President. Discussant: "Isolated Limb Infusion as Limb Salvage Therapy for Recurrent Unresectable Extremity Sarcoma". Paris Landing State Park, Buchanan, TN, August 8-10, 2014.
104. 88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Halsted Society, High Hampton Inn & Country Club, Cashiers, NC, September 10-11, 2014. Scientific Program Presentation: "The Formation of the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative".
105. American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2014. Moscone Center, San Francisco, California, October 26-30, 2014. DC20/How to Use ACS NSQIP-TQIP, CQIP, and SSR in Your Institution, Session II: Now That You Have the Data, What to Do with it? "Join or Start Collaborative: Discussion of State Collaboratives".
106. Southeastern Surgical Congress, 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, Marriott Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 19-24, 2015. "Up Close and Personal – A Statewide Collaborative's Effort to get Individual Surgeon Quality Improvement Data to the Practitioner". BJ Daily; O Guillamondegui; C Clarke; W Cecil; **JB Cofer**, Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative, Nashville, TN.
107. Southeastern Surgical Congress, 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, Marriott Chattanooga, Tennessee, February 19-24, 2015. Moderator of Panel: Fellow, Resident and Medical Student Committee "Pitfalls of a New Job".

108. 2015 ACS NSQIP National Conference. Co-author of presentation at Breakout Session 4: How Slow is Too Slow? Correlations of Operative Time to Complications. Ana Analysis from the Tennessee Surgical Quality Collaborative. Chicago, IL, July 26, 2015.
109. 2015 ACS NSQIP National Conference, Ask the Expert Panel Member: Adult Surgeon Champion: The SC as a Leader. Chicago, IL, July 27, 2015.
110. 2015 ACS NSQIP National Conference, Panel Moderator: Lesson Learned from Four Collaboratives. Chicago, IL July 27, 2015.
110. 2015 ACS NSQIP National Conference, Panel Member of Facilitating the Key Aspects of a Collaborative: It's All About Leadership. Chicago, IL July 28, 2015.
111. Moderator/Residents' Forum: American College of Surgeons 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, February 20-23, 2016
112. Guest Speaker, UTHSC, Chattanooga, Family Medicine Update. *Workup of a Solid Liver Lesion*, **JB Cofer**, Chief Quality Officer, June 17, 2016
113. 2016 ACS NSQIP Annual Conference, Guest Speaker, Perspectives of the Experienced Surgeon Champion, *Eleven Years a Surgeon Champion*, San Diego, CA, July 16-19, 2016
114. 2016 ACS NSQIP Annual Conference, Guest Speaker, Ask-the-Expert Luncheons, *Adult Surgeon Champion (SC)*, *The SC as a Leader*, San Diego, CA, July 16-10, 2016
115. 2016 Georgia Society of the American College of Surgeons Annual Meeting and Day of Trauma, Guest Speaker, *The Evolution of Surgical Quality and Patient Outcomes in Tennessee, and Implications for the Future of Us All*, Savannah, GA, August 19-21, 2016
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