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DR. GARY W. GIBBONS HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS 2010 GEORGETOWN DIABETIC LIMB SALVAGE AWARD

Gary W. Gibbons, MD, FACS, an internationally renowned vascular surgeon from Massachusetts, has been awarded the 2010 Georgetown University Hospital Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage.

The award was presented by Dr. Richard Goldberg, president of Georgetown University Hospital/MedStar in Washington, DC, at ceremonies October 15, 2010, at the fourth annual Georgetown Diabetic Limb Salvage Conference held at the JW Marriott Washington DC.

In presenting the award, Dr. Goldberg said: “Dr. Gibbons is the thinker who helped to develop many of the multi-disciplinary care models and algorithms we use today in the treatment of diabetic patients, who was one of the first to develop report cards for quality of care as a way to measure patient outcomes and to reduce health care costs, and who is the pioneer of the Doralis Pedis Bypass, the lower extremity peripheral arterial bypass procedure that works to restore circulation.”

“Dr. Gibbons has focused his surgical career on advancing the treatment of diabetic patients with lower extremity wounds and vascular disease,” said Dr. Christopher E. Attinger, co-chair of the DLS conference and division chief, Center for Wound Healing, and professor at Georgetown University Hospital. John S. Steinberg, DPM, and Richard F. Neville, MD, also are co-chairs of the conference.

More than 1,100 physicians, surgeons and other diabetic limb salvage specialists from 39 U.S. states, five Canadian provinces and 35 countries attended the 2010 Georgetown DLS conference.

After graduating summa cum laude from the University of Maine and from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine and doing his surgical residency and chief residency at New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, Dr. Gibbons went on to distinguished senior positions at several of the country’s top medical institutions and facilities, including being director of the New England Deaconess/Joslin Diabetic Foot Center, executive director of Foot Care Specialists of Boston Medical Center and CEO of Quincy Medical Center in Quincy, Mass.

Dr. Gibbons now is in clinical vascular surgery and wound healing/limb preservation practice at the South Shore Hospital Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine in Weymouth, Mass. He also is professor of surgery at Boston University School of Medicine and assistant professor at Harvard Medical School.

An international lecturer and author of hundreds of articles and book chapters on the diabetic foot and vascular surgery, Dr. Gibbons has received many other national and international awards including

Physician of the Year from Rofeh International and the Edward James Olmos Award for Advocacy in Amputation Prevention from DFCon Global Diabetic Foot Conference. He has been named to *Boston Magazine's* annual list of "Boston's Top Doctors" and has been listed and recognized in "America's Best Doctors" and "America's Top Surgeons."

Past Georgetown Diabetic Limb Salvage Achievement Award recipients include David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, 2007; Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM, 2008; and Peter Sheehan, MD, 2009.

The next Georgetown DLS conference is set for September 22-24, 2011, again at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC.

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2010 Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage Honoree Dr. Gary Gibbons receives award from Georgetown University Hospital President Dr. Richard Goldberg, flanked by Co-Chairmen Dr. Richard Neville (left) and Dr. Christopher Attinger. Missing is Co-Chair Dr. John Steinberg.