

Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage



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Georgetown University Hospital Conference on the Team Approach to Diabetic Limb Salvage is pleased to present the **2011 Georgetown Distinguished Achievement Award in Diabetic Limb Salvage** to **William J. Ennis, DO, MBA, FACOS**. Dr. Ennis is Professor of Clinical Surgery, Division of Vascular Surgery, and Chief, Section of Wound Healing and Tissue Repair at the University of Illinois at Chicago; Medical Director, Comprehensive Wound and Disease Management Center at St. James Hospitals and Medical Centers, Crestwood Care Sub-acute Wound Unit; and Chief Medical Officer, Accelecare Wound Centers.

For more than two decades, Dr. Ennis has been at the leading edge of wound care medicine. An internationally known educator and speaker, he is the immediate Past President of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care. At the University of Illinois at Chicago he founded the nation's first academic, physician-based fellowship in wound care.

"Bill Ennis has advanced the science of wound healing by using science in approaching every wound problem, by reporting his data with brutal honesty and by being a superb teacher. His contributions cannot be overlooked as we have all sought to emulate in some way his approach to wound care," said Dr. Christopher E. Attinger, DLS Conference Co-Chair.

Conference Co-Chair Dr. John S. Steinberg said: "Bill has practiced and taught under the key principles of evidence-based medicine and a patient-focused treatment plan. He has always been on the cutting edge of new technology for wound healing, but at the same time is grounded in outcomes and data in medical decision making. He represents and embraces the multidisciplinary team approach that is so essential to diabetic limb salvage."

"Bill is a recognized thought leader in wound healing and limb salvage. We all look forward to his continued contributions to this field," said Conference Co-Chair Dr. Richard F. Neville.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Dr. Ennis earned his medical degree at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. He completed residencies in and is board certified in General Surgery, Vascular Surgery and Family Medicine. Dr. Ennis also earned an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago.

A member of the editorial boards of several publications, Dr. Ennis is the author of more than 75 articles in professional journals, book chapters and abstracts. He has spoken and lectured widely on wound care and other subjects and has been involved as lead or principal investigator in many clinical trials.

Dr. Ennis resides with his wife, Mary, and their two children in Palos Heights, Illinois. Mary Ennis has devoted her attention to the spectrum of autistic disorders. Their son Liam, 13, has made significant strides into mainstream schools and social circles as a result of these efforts. Gabrielle is their 15-year-old volleyball player. Dr. Ennis is interested in triathlon racing, jazz, guitar and the Chicago Bulls.

Past Award Recipients: Gary W. Gibbons, MD, 2010; Peter Sheehan, MD, 2009; Lawrence B. Harkless, DPM, 2008; David G. Armstrong, DPM, MD, PhD, 2007.