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LOCAL SURGEON AMONG 1,622 INITIATED INTO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

WASHINGTON, DC- Dr. Clemenza was among 1,622 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (FACS) during the Convocation ceremony at the College's 2013 annual Clinical Congress in Washington, DC, last month. This year's class of Initiates was among one of the largest ever admitted into the College.

Dr. Clemenza received a medical doctorate degree in 1994 from Drexel University College of Medicine and is currently practicing at The Oral and Facial Surgical Center, LLC in Hermitage, PA and New Castle, PA. Dr. Clemenza has a strong professional interest in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and holds membership in other professional societies, including AAOMS and PSOMS.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "FACS" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must fulfill the following requirements: possess the ability to speak and/or write in English; be a graduate of an approved

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medical school; possess documentation of the completion of the basic surgical requirements determined by his or her country; possess a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in the country and state or province in which he or she practices; have completed three years of surgical practice; have a current hospital appointment; have a current surgical practice; and display ethical fitness and professional proficiency as established by references and documentation. Moreover, the surgeon's acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents.

The Convocation ceremony was a highlight of the five-day meeting, which also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 12,407, including approximately 8,310 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media also attended the meeting.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the quality of care for the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 79,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. For more information, visit: www.facs.org (.)