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Health and healthcare



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Health and health care are obviously similar especially in English where the same word is repeated.

In French there is a slight difference because we use two different words "santé et soins".

Nevertheless, most people don't make distinction between the two words.

I would like to stress the impact of word and how a slight semantic slip can have dramatic repercussions.

The health system concerns the health of the population. Health is a big entity including distinct sub-entities such as prevention, epidemiology, social sciences and health care.

Health care deals with one patient, with one individual patient, usually in bad health.

For the physician, it is his job to put all his "savoir faire" at the disposition of the patient whatever the sex, the race, the religion, the professional status.

This is our Hippocratic Oath.

Can we confuse multitude and unit? In Mathematics no, in Medicine we do!

"Medicine and health are not interchangeable", so changing scales means changing laws.

In fact a similar bureaucratic organization governs medicine, health care, health.

University hospitals are moving from health care centers to health centers.

This semantic change has led to a change in its actors' role and place.

This word confusion is in fact a smart move to shift power.

Speaking of health policy, the politician and the bureaucratic take over the health care system.

Not only do they have an upper-hand position with respect to the Medical Doctors; but they also convince us that they help us.

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Please insert the dates into your calendar:

**29. Politzer Society Meeting
14-17 November 2013—Turkey**

Hot topic:

Official Biannual Meeting of the Politzer Society

28TH POLITZER SOCIETY MEETING CHANGES VENUE!

In order to better meet the needs of the Meeting it has been decided to change the venue of the Conference. The new venue, Astir Palace Resort, was carefully selected to accommodate the expanded scientific program.

Astir Palace is member of Starwood Hotels & Resorts and is considered to be one of the top hotels in Europe. Hidden in green surrounding, with a fantastic view to the Saronic Gulf, the luxurious resort possesses guest rooms and suites of high aesthetics that will offer you a stay with unique experiences.

Experience Athens in a unique way by staying in the lush, relaxed resort atmosphere of Astir Palace Resort, just 20 minutes from the nightlife of Athens, located in the privileged area of the Athenian Riviera, where some of the Mediterranean Sea's best beaches are located. The resort is situated across 75 acres of sun-drenched gardens on a pine-dotted private peninsula. The luxurious resort complex combines elegance with luxury, relaxation and unique facilities.

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Preliminary Scientific Program is available now. Please visit:

www.politzer-athens2011.gr

Global Anatomy Dissection Network

Surgery and surgeons require a profound knowledge of anatomy. It is common sense to have mandatory training in an anatomy laboratory. Generations of surgeons have confirmed that learning process in an anatomy laboratory improves performances in the operating room for both juniors and seniors. Contrarily, from a practical and ethical viewpoint, the operating room cannot be considered the sole place for learning surgical techniques.

However, it is a common fact that teaching and training on cadaver specimens are not easily done, and even impossible in many centres and many countries.

Why such a gap between wishes and reality? And how to solve this contradiction?

Surgeons are no longer the charismatic leaders in the medical field. Non surgical procedures are more and more promoted as conservative *versus* radical and invasive surgery.

Conservative procedures present the additional advantage of not requiring long training and being supported by powerful companies. Consequently there is a trend in official institution to not highlight surgical training. There are so many good reasons (legal, religious, economic, structure, time...) to make access to anatomy inaccessible.

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to join us on a very interesting journey through the latest developments in the field of Otology and Neurotology, guided by 180 renowned scientists from 32 countries. A World Class Faculty, International Leaders and Decision Makers will exchange scientific information, share their experience with the most updated available advances in the field of our specialty.

The scientific program of the 28th Politzer Society Meeting has been structured in such a way that covers all the critical aspects both in basic and in clinical research. Apart from the 24 Keynote Lectures, 12 Mini Seminars, 28 Round Tables, 8 Plenary Sessions, 1 Instructional Course, 1 Brainstorm Session, Sponsored Symposia will be integrated in the program, innovative ways of communication with interactive sessions (ARS system) and vivid exchange of knowledge will also be established. The program is designed to provide in depth, understanding of the pathophysiology and treatment options for patients suffering from pathologies of the respective anatomic areas. It will highlight clinical issues and advances in the diagnosis and treatment of otologic and neurotologic conditions.

We expect that the 28th Politzer Society Meeting will engender productive discussions, novel hypotheses and will foster new collaborations, all of which are critical to the development of our field. It will allow the participants to keep abreast of the rapidly evolving trends in these fields and also equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to perform at an even higher level in their clinical practice. Considering the value and the demanding need for continuing education we have guaranteed accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Participants will receive CME credits, which are also recognized by the AMA towards the Physician's Recognition Award (PRA).

AWARDS

Politzer Society wishing to support and promote research, will award 2 prizes of 1.000 Euros each to the best clinical and the best basic science paper, presented at the meeting by candidates not exceeding 40 years of age.

The **28th Politzer Society Meeting** will award the 3 best Poster Presentations. All abstracts will be anonymously reviewed while then the Award Committee, consisting of eminent scientists, will select the highest ranking abstracts, irrespective of topic.

The winners will be informed on July 16th, 2011 and they will be invited to present their paper in a 15-minute lecture and receive their award, during the Opening Ceremony of the 28th Politzer Society Meeting, on Wednesday, September 28th, 2011.

John Xenelis

IMPORTANT DEADLINES:

Abstract Submission:

March 31st, 2011

Guaranteed Hotel Accom.

June 30th, 2011

Politzer prize:

A special abstract of 600 words, including the purpose, material, methods, results and conclusion should be submitted earlier than March 31, 2011. For further information and submission please visit

the Congress website: www.politzer-athens2011.gr

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Nevertheless, here or there, some public or private centres of excellence try to develop as well as they can anatomy dissection courses on temporal bone. Only a few of them are privileged to be allowed to collect great amount of cadaver specimens.

With globalisation, it seems self-evident to link up different centres and to set up a global anatomy network for surgical training via advertisements, promotion, exchanges and videoconferencing. Our professional societies (regional, national, international) have learnt how to promote scientific meeting, but still have to do the same for anatomy dissection courses which are still confidential.

Politzer society could be the international platform for listing the calendar and organization of the different temporal bone and skull base dissection courses, especially those using heads from fresh cadavers allowing to study skull base and neurotologic surgery. This is of course a completely non profit group.

The goal is to be grateful to the centres offering anatomy dissection and regular courses, and to support them. It is also a way to lobby institutions to develop such anatomy structures and programmes to allow better anatomosurgical know-how and to gain time for the learning curve.

The final purpose is that all Head & Neck surgeons and each component of ORL, otology, rhinology, laryngology, get at least minimal anatomical and surgical training. For those who would like to extend their expertise to neurotologic and skull base surgery could benefit from anatomy laboratories to perform all surgical approaches reaching deep and delicate vasculoneural structures. Thus they will become more familiar with advanced microsurgical and endoscopy procedures.

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On one hand Medicine loses its autonomy, on the other hand the physician loses his independence and freedom. Public health policy in general and "securite sanitaire" in particular, although necessary and useful, have as side effect "to domesticate" Medicine.

This trend to control and domesticate is achieved through complex and finicky management and accounting rules which distracted the physician and his team from their real medical expertise and mission.

Technocrats have very skillfully brought the physician onto their technocratic playing field, "health policy", and so they have weakened the medical power. It is a bite like a football team which never plays at home, but always in the other team's stadium.

Once in your heart, always on your mind.

Prof. Dr. Jacques Magnan
Past President, Politzer Society

The chairmen of the regularly performing, institutional temporal bone courses

Please check for the new website to find the link for submitting your course to Politzer Society.

A survey request from the International Working Group on Endoscopic Ear Surgery (IWGEES)

www.endoscopicearsurgery.com

To identify the patterns of endoscopic skills and utilization of endoscopic technique in ear surgery it will be appreciated to complete the form in the link below. All responses will be confidential and will be analyzed to gain better understanding of where we are with the endoscope in otology. "IWGEES" is an international grouping of otologists dedicated to exploring the role of the endoscope in ear surgery.

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dFJpMWVnYmVZU3ZvdmpzNmdCVXhIOUE6MA>

The new website of Politzer Society will be effective soon.

The new interface will serve for the active forum, online membership payments, members area, special pages for otologic meetings, other announcements. The abstracts of the oral and poster presentations made in the last 12 years' Politzer Society Meetings will be easily accessible. The website will be actively updated for you to find everything that you need from the Otology World. Please check our website regularly.

The nonmember visitors will also be able to subscribe to the forum by the confirmation of the moderators.