

C. William Schwab, M.D. Is Ninth Annual Farrington Visiting Professor

The 1990 Farrington Visiting Professor will be C. William Schwab, M.D., Professor of Surgery, Chief, Division of Traumatology, Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.

Events will begin in the Eye Institute Conference Room at 8:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 27, with Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds and Dr. Schwab's presentation: "Contemporary Urban Warfare: Emergency Department Response." This will be followed by the Rocking Chair Conference at 9:00 a.m., and Case Presentations by residents at 10:00 a.m.

On Wednesday, November 28, at 7:30 a.m., Dr. Schwab will be presenting at the Surgical Grand Rounds, a lecture entitled, "Street Wars: Different Wounds and Different Management."

The American Trauma Society, Wisconsin Division and the Medical College of Wisconsin established this visiting professorship in 1982 to honor the memory and activities of "Deke" Farrington. Deke made his name in Wisconsin and was involved in establishing, supporting and implementing an EMS system, state-wide ambulance licensing, training efforts, and philosophies which are now in vogue.

Please plan to attend one or both of these very interesting days with Dr. Schwab.



Constantine T. Frantzides, M.D., performing laparoscopic laser cholecystectomy

New Laser Allows Laparoscopic Laser Cholecystectomy To Be Performed At FMLH

Approximately 20 million Americans suffer from gallbladder disease, according to recent literature,* and over a half million undergo total cholecystectomy a year. While the procedure has proven safe, the average postoperative stay, nationally, is 6.1 days, with full recovery to normal activities taking up to six weeks. Efforts to reduce invasiveness and resultant morbidity have led to the development of laparoscopic laser cholecystectomy.

Last spring, with the addition of a KTP laser to the Froedtert Hospital O.R. armamentarium, Dr. Constantine T. Frantzides took the initiative of training fellow surgeons and nurses in laparoscopic laser cholecystectomy. Now, along with other members of the MCW surgical staff, Dr. Frantzides has begun to use this new technique in the treatment of patients.

According to Dr. Frantzides, this new technique for the removal of diseased gallbladders is less painful and less costly than the standard operation. The procedure requires only three tiny punctures below the chest, where the instruments are introduced, and a very small incision near the navel, through which the compressed gall bladder is removed. A thin scope also is inserted through the incision to

view the surgical field during the entire procedure.

Because of minimal operative trauma, patients are virtually free of postoperative ileus and pain, and can be discharged from the hospital within one day. Full activity can be resumed, most often, within a week of the operation.

For more information on the procedure, please contact Dr. Frantzides at (414) 257-7025.

*Reddick, E.J., and Olsen, D.O.: *Laparoscopic Laser Cholecystectomy; Surgical Endoscopy* (1989): 131-133.

Dr. Quebbeman To Join Full-Time Trauma/Emergency Surgery Staff

Edward J. Quebbeman, M.D. (Associate Professor of Surgery, Director of the Surgical Intensive Care Unit) has joined the full-time Trauma and Emergency Surgery Staff. Dr. Quebbeman becomes the fourth MCW surgeon committed on a full-time basis to the care of the sick and injured on the Trauma Service.

Dr. Quebbeman's expertise in quality assurance and in computers is a welcome addition to the overall trauma programs, and particularly to the Trauma Registry and Trauma Quality Assurance efforts.

Dr. Quebbeman received his Ph.D. in respiratory physiology in 1978 and completed his surgical residency in the MCW General Surgery Program.