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Dr. and Mrs. Rosato

Francis E. Rosato Sr., MD, has had a long and distinguished career at Jefferson. He was the Samuel D. Gross Professor and Chair of Surgery from 1978 through 2000. His career also included four years as the first Chair of Surgery at the then new Eastern Virginia Medical School and 14 years at the University of Pennsylvania, where he attained the rank of professor. At each location Dr. Rosato found his patient practice was always the most important part of his work.

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Although Dr. Rosato stepped down as chair in 2000, he continues to come in twice a week to the office at 11th and Walnut. He is surrounded by familiar faces there, having created quite a legacy within the department. His son Ernest (Gary) L. Rosato, MD, is currently Jefferson's Director of the Division of General Surgery and his namesake, Francis E. Rosato Jr., MD, joined the faculty in August. His daughter Anne Rosato, MD, is a pediatrician in King of Prussia, PA. "I taught them how to ski, to play tennis, and how to hit a baseball," says Dr. Rosato, "so I wasn't surprised that they followed me into medicine as well."

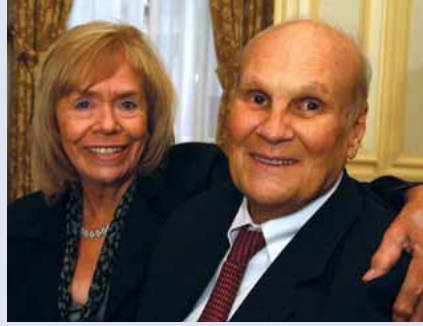
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Drs. Rosato, Cohn and Carabasi

- The Dean's Awards were held on May 24, 2006 at the Union League. Dean Nasca presented Awards for Faculty Mentoring to **R. Anthony Carabasi, MD** and **Murray J. Cohen, MD**. Citations for Significant Contributions to the Advancement of Education were awarded to **Herbert E. Cohn, MD**, **Ernest L. Rosato, MD** and **Andrew deMichele, MD**.
- Francis E. Rosato Jr., MD** (JMC Class of 1999) has joined the Department of Surgery's Division of General Surgery. Dr. Rosato recently completed a fellowship in laparoscopic surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He specializes in minimally invasive surgery.
- Thomas A. d'Amato, MD, PhD** (JMC Class of 1990) has joined the Department of Surgery's Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery. After many years of practice with both the U.S. Navy and as a staff surgeon in California, Dr. d'Amato completed an advanced fellowship in minimally invasive surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He specializes in thoracic surgery.
- Jason Comeau, MD** and **David Rittenhouse, MD**, two of our new interns, were recognized at Jefferson Medical College's Class Day 2006. Dr. Comeau accepted the Philip P. Repepi, MD Prize in General Surgery, awarded to a senior medical student pursuing a career in general surgery and deemed most worthy by the JMC surgical faculty. Dr. Rittenhouse accepted the Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award presented by The Arnold P. Gold Foundation. The award is given to an outstanding student demonstrating exemplary compassion in doctor/patient relations.
- Visit www.jeffersonhospital.org/surgery/news for a list of recent publications by members of Jefferson's Department of Surgery.

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