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John H. Moore Jr., MD
Clinical Professor of Plastic Surgery and Former Alumni Association President

John H. Moore Jr., MD, longtime clinical professor of plastic surgery at Jefferson and former president of the Jefferson Medical College (JMC) Alumni Association, died at home on September 26, 2011. Born in Pittsburgh in 1953, Moore received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia, where he stayed on for his medical degree. After completing his internship at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 1980, he completed a general surgery residency. He then participated in a fellowship in hand surgery and microsurgery at Jefferson and completed a plastic surgery residency at the Eastern Virginia Graduate School of Medicine.

In 1987, Moore joined the practice of James W. Fox, IV, MD, at Jefferson as an assistant professor of surgery. He was promoted to clinical associate professor in 1994 and clinical professor in 2001. He assumed numerous leadership roles at Jefferson, sitting on the board of directors of the Volunteer Faculty Association and serving on committees such as student affairs; alumni and public affairs; professionalism; patient care services; bylaws; surgical advisory and clinical performance improvement. He was also faculty advisor for the John H. Gibbon Jr. Surgical Society from 1987 to 2005.

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As president of the JMC Alumni Association, Moore worked to engage alumni and promote growth at Jefferson. He used his skills to contribute to communities outside of Jefferson, as well. He served as medical director of the Philadelphia Chapter of Operation Smile and led missions to Liberia, Kenya and Nicaragua to treat children with cleft palates. He was awarded the Star of Africa from the Republic of Liberia and was chosen by surgical residents to receive the Francis E. Rosato Teaching Award from the Department of Surgery in June 2011.

“I remember John most fondly as a guy who smiled a lot, who was happy go lucky and who was happiest when he was with the residents and medical students,” said Dr. Fox, director of the Division of Plastic Surgery. “He truly enjoyed helping young people achieve their training goals and will be deeply missed across the Jefferson community.”

Moore is survived by his wife, Jane, and four children: Molly, Lucy, Nancy and Jake.

For information about the John H. Moore Jr., MD Residency Education Fund, please contact Lara Goldstein in the Jefferson Foundation at 215-955-8879 or lara.goldstein@jefferson.edu.

Alejandro Perez, MD, has joined the Jefferson Vascular Center at Methodist Hospital with a dual faculty appointment in the Departments of Medicine and Surgery at Thomas Jefferson University. Dr. Perez completed his residency and fellowship training in vascular medicine at the Cleveland Clinic. He specializes in deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism and hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Ehyal Shweiki, MD, FACS, has joined the Division of Acute Care Surgery. Dr. Shweiki is fellowship-trained in both cardiothoracic surgery (University of Louisville) and surgical critical care (Washington University/Barnes Jewish Hospital). He also holds an MS in Bioethics. He will serve patients at our Level I trauma center and surgical intensive care unit in Center City as well as our Level II trauma center at Paoli Hospital.

Theresa Zimmers, PhD, has joined the Division of Cancer Biology with a secondary appointment in the Department of Surgery. Dr. Zimmers is a NIH-funded researcher focusing on cancer cachexia and identifying and addressing cancer outcome disparities in breast and lung cancer.

The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery (ASMBS) and Surgical Review Corporation (SRC) have approved Jefferson as a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence®. David Tichansky, MD, FACS, director of Jefferson’s Bariatric and Metabolic Surgery Program, was also named a Bariatric Surgery Center of Excellence® designee.

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