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The M. Gage Ochsner, M.D. Institute for Injury Research and Prevention

As you may be aware, Dr. Mims Gage Ochsner left us too soon after a short battle with cancer. He leaves behind many grateful patients and students. Gage Ochsner Jr., M.D. had a major impact on Memorial Health University Hospital, the trauma /critical care service, and the surgical residency training program as well as the lives of all those he touched. He will remain in our hearts and minds for many many years to come.

I am writing to ask that you help us continue his legacy through The M. Gage Ochsner, M.D. Institute for Injury Research and Prevention. Dr. Ochsner's vision for an institute with a multidisciplinary team of healthcare professionals working together to research, identify, and educate the community on the leading causes of preventable injury had an original goal of \$ 1 million dollars, and we have raised nearly half of that thus far. Included in the Institute's goal to advance injury research is the M. Gage Ochsner, M.D. Annual Lectureship in Trauma and Critical Care Surgery.

Also, I have written a book on the history of surgery that features Gage and his two sons on the cover and is dedicated to him. All proceeds gained from the sale of the book, *Echoes from the Operating Room*, will go to the Ochsner Institute. To order books and/or to make a gift, type this URL, www.memorialhealth.com/foundation into your Internet browser. I do think a gift of this little book would be the perfect introduction for the surgical resident to their historical heritage

I have included some biographical information on Dr. Ochsner and also a description of the book.

Thank you once again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

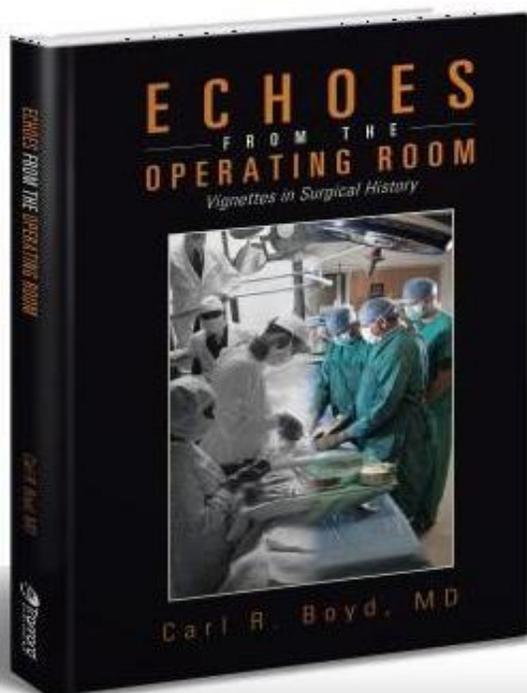
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl R. Boyd".

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About the Book: *Echoes from the Operating Room*

Everyday in every operating room the same names are spoken over and over again. These names are the names of the great surgical innovators and teachers of the past. Surgeons call out for Kocher clamps and Deaver retractors. They perform Billroth gastric resections and Bassini hernia repairs. Those names have echoed from the sterile environments of operating rooms for over a hundred years. In *Echoes from the Operating Room*, Dr. Boyd tells the stories of the principal events and great men of surgery and science and their accomplishments in a concise and compelling style. From the sad story of the men who discovered anesthesia to the romantic reason rubber gloves were first worn by surgeons, the historical highlights that form the basis of modern surgery are brought to life. Every historical vignette concludes with a famous aphorism. Surgeons, nurses, medical students, and surgeons in training will find these stories essential to their heritage and the public will be drawn in to that sacred and serious place where the stories unfold. To purchase books or to make a donation to the Ochsner Institute, go to www.memorialhealth.com/foundation.



Mims Gage Ochsner, Jr. was born in New Orleans, Louisiana to his urologist father M. Gage Ochsner and mother Paddy Ochsner on May 10, 1953. He was named for the best friend and colleague of his grandfather Dr. Alton Ochsner, who was one of the founders of the Ochsner Clinic. Gage attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and then was graduated from Tulane University School of Medicine in 1979. During his medical school years, he was awarded the United States Naval Reserve Health Professions Scholarship. He completed a surgical internship at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. He completed his residency in surgery at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego, Ca. In 1985, Dr. Ochsner then became the Chief of General Surgery and Director of Intensive Care at the Naval Hospital at Subic Bay, Philippines. From 1988-1990, he completed a fellowship in Trauma Critical Care at the Washington Hospital Center under the tutelage of his longtime friend and colleague Dr. Howard Champion. Following his fellowship training, he stayed on there to become an attending surgeon in trauma critical care and an Associate Professor of Surgery. In 1994, Dr. Ochsner left the military and moved to Savannah, Georgia to become Chief of Trauma and Surgical Critical Care at Memorial Health University Hospital. He became a full Professor of Surgery and was then appointed as Academic Chairman of the Mercer University School of Medicine Department of Surgery in 2011.

Dr. Ochsner served on numerous surgical society boards of directors and played a leadership role in many national surgical organizations. He was the president of the Ambrose Pare Society, the president of the Western Trauma Association, the president of the Georgia Surgical Society, the vice president of The American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the vice president of the Southeastern Surgical Congress, and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Georgia Surgical Society. M. Gage Ochsner, Jr. authored more than 50 peer reviewed scientific publications and contributed eleven book chapters in major texts on trauma surgery. He was the principal investigator on four grant-funded studies at Memorial Health and directed fifteen separate educational courses in Savannah.

During his tenure at Memorial University Medical Center, Dr. Ochsner grew the Trauma Service from 900 admissions per year to 2,700 admissions per year, developed a respected and admired surgical critical care service, developed an Orthopedic Trauma Service, and expanded the full time Trauma Faculty from 3 to 9 surgeons. He played a major role in the development of the statewide Georgia Trauma System.

Dr. Ochsner received many awards and accolades, including the Memorial Health Lifetime Achievement Award and the Georgia Medical Society Health Hero Award. A \$300,000 gift was donated in his name to start the M. Gage Ochsner, M.D. Institute for Injury Research & Prevention.

Always the professor, Gage was a commanding presence on rounds, in the operating room, or running a meeting. His patients appreciated his skill and bedside manner; the medical students adored him and always asked him to be part of their graduation ceremony. His residents hung on his every word, and their great fear was that they would disappoint his expectations.

Some men make a difference in this world and M. Gage Ochsner, Jr., M.D. was certainly one of them. M. Gage Ochsner Jr., M.D. had a major impact on Memorial University Medical Center, the trauma/critical care service, and the surgical residency training program as well as the lives of all those he touched. He will remain in our hearts and minds for many, many years to come.