

FALL MEETING IN HONOR OF HOWARD SMITH

The Academy is pleased to announce that the Fall Meeting in San Francisco will be held in honor of Howard W. Smith, MD, DMD, who has made outstanding contributions to the field of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Former president of the AAFPRS, Dr. Smith exemplifies the belief that education never ceases. The path that led to facial plastic surgery started with attending Teacher's College, then Kene State College for dentistry, an oral surgery internship, Yale University for a degree in medicine, and then an internship in otolaryngology with John Kirchner, MD.

Dr. Smith worked at Andrews Air Force Base as the assistant to the medical chief, and then became Chief of Otolaryngology. The two years in the Air Force was recognized by otolaryngology boards as equal to two full years spent in residency training. Dr. Smith returned to New Haven to complete his residency training at Yale and was Chief Resident. By this time, he had already published many articles.

The next step was his own private practice of otolaryngology. Dr. Smith also took on the position of Chief of Otolaryngology at the Hospital of St. Raphael. After welcoming a new associate to his practice, Eiji Yanagisawa, MD, they established the New Haven

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ENT, the Maxillofacial Surgery Center, the Hearing and Speech Center, and the Head and Neck X-ray Section.

As the demand became greater, Dr. Smith expanded his professional associates to include Robert Rosnagle, MD; Keat-Jin Lee, MD; and Gordon Strothers, MD. Each doctor brought a new strength to the group and affected Dr. Smith. He learned to work longer, harder; to sharpen his teaching skills; and to seek new aspects of their practice, such as facial plastic surgery. Additional educational training was obtained in plastic surgery by taking a series of summer programs with Eric Peet, MD, Chief of Plastic Surgery at Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Dr. Smith's practice continued to expand with publications, teaching, and leadership in national academies. He became a consultant to several state hospitals, served on the Credentials Committee as Chairman for AAFPRS, Secretary to the Eastern Section of the Triological Society, vice president and later president of the AAFPRS, member of the Board of Governors of the American College of Surgeons, Audit Committee Chairman for the AAO-HNS, president of the Horace Wells Anesthesia Society, visiting professor for the AAFPRS, and ABFPRS honorary treasurer.

When Dr. Smith approached the age of 70, he closed his association with the New Haven ENT and Facial Plastic Surgery Center. He continues to pursue his own education through the AAFPRS Foundation meetings and courses.

To Dr. Smith, "Thank you for your diligence and dedication to the profession and the field of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery. You are truly deserving of this recognition and we are proud to honor you at the Fall Meeting."