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From the President

Jonathan Levison, MD

It is with great sadness, that we report the recent loss of one our colleagues, Robert DeGroot, MD. He was known by the many he worked and trained with as a talented surgeon and true humanitarian.

In addition to his many contributions as a surgeon Dr. DeGroot was a proponent of physicians being accountable for the economics of their respective private practices. He demonstrated to us that the value of the services that we provide for our patients could and should be dictated by the physician, not by the for-profit managed health care organizations.

In order to continue practicing medicine at the level we have grown accustomed to, we have to ensure that we maintain fiscally sound practices. A departure from the enrollment as providers for private health care organizations has been one vehicle that has allowed us to continue to provide the same level of care to our patients.

As the economics of medicine continue to evolve we will look back on this particular issue as one that was championed by Dr. DeGroot in an effort to protect the patients access to the high level of care that they currently receive.

SAVE THE DATE!

The **Sixth Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory Symposium** will be held Friday, September 28, 2007 at The Parsippany Hilton. This event will be co-sponsored by VSNJ and Overlook Hospital and members will, again, be entitled to a \$50 fee reduction.

This year, a companion symposium, **Perspectives in Vascular Nursing 2007** will run concurrently at the same location. We encourage you to alert those colleagues in the nursing profession to this unique opportunity.

For more information contact VSNJ at 609-392-7553.

Have an older child coming off your health insurance? A new college graduate? New Jersey has a new law that permits dependents under the age of 30 to remain on your health insurance plan. Check out <http://www.state.nj.us/dobi/dependentsunder30.htm> for more information. It doesn't apply to self-insured ERISA plans.

Fight Prostate Cancer on June 15 – “Sneakers @ Work Day”

New Jersey ranks first in the nation in newly diagnosed cases of prostate cancer, with more than 7,000 men diagnosed in 2006. That’s why Gov. Jon Corzine has proclaimed Thursday, June 15, 2007 as “**Sneakers @ Work Day**,” an awareness and fundraising campaign in registered workplaces across New Jersey. Employees will wear sneakers to work and receive a pair of blue shoelaces with a \$5 online contribution. The money raised will go directly for prostate cancer awareness, education and research programs in New Jersey. For more information, or to register your workplace, call 1-888 582-0173 or go to www.sneakersatwork.org.

Coming up in 2007/2008...

Friday	September 28	Non-Invasive Vascular Conference Parsippany Hilton
Thursday 6:30 pm	November 1	Fall Dinner/Membership Meeting The Manor, West Orange

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Wednesday	March 12	Annual Scientific Meeting Location TBD
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