2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award Winner

Donald E. Barker, MD, FACS was honored with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center – Chattanooga’s (UTHSC) 2019 Outstanding Alumnus Award. This accolade recognizes a medical professional who has distinguished himself/herself in the areas of community service, leadership in local, state or national health professional organizations, teaching and/or research activities, or in any other area(s) of performance/ accomplishment for which the Alumni Council determines to be of worth.

After graduating high school in 1967, Dr. Barker obtained his Bachelor of Science in Biology from King College in Bristol, TN, followed by a Medical Doctorate at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center, Memphis in 1975. After his general surgery internship and residency at UTHSC in 1980, Dr. Barker served as a US Army Reserve Medical Corps general surgeon attaining the rank of Major. In 1983, he became Assistant Surgery Residency Program Director at UTHSC’s Baptist Hospital in Nashville, TN. Dr. Barker was awarded the General Motors Academic Trauma Research and Critical Care Fellowship at the University of Michigan (UM) Ann Arbor in 1984 and completed his Master’s degree in Clinical Experimental Design/Statistical Analysis at the UM Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies. In July 1986, he joined the University of Kentucky Medical Center Division of General Surgery faculty in Lexington, KY and was actively involved in medical student and resident education while serving as the Level I Trauma Center and air-medical transport program Medical Director. In July 1991, Dr. Barker returned to TN to join the UTHSC Department of Surgery faculty as Medical Director of Erlanger Health System’s Level I Trauma Center and Life Force air-medical program.

Active in Acute Care Surgery, Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, he holds American Board of Surgery certifications in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. Dr. Barker is a member of multiple surgical societies where he has served on both national and regional committees. He is involved in intern, resident, medical student and pre-hospital care provider education and has produced pioneering research in the field of temporary abdominal wound closure.

Here’s what attendees are saying...

“This conference was amazing and I will definitely be attending in the future.”
“Great environment. Case studies provide learners the ability to relate.”
Providing Care for Critically Ill and Injured Children 24/7

Our University Surgical Associates Pediatric Surgeons specialize in trauma surgery and manage trauma care for children throughout the region.

S. Dave Bhattacharya, MD
Joseph "Pete" Kelley, MD, FACS, FAAP
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The Safe Kids Southeast Coalition met August 26, 2019 at the Erlanger Enterprise South location welcoming several new community partners and transitioning leadership roles. Much discussion was held regarding the types of education and outreach the coalition can support throughout the region for various programs such as the following:

- Hands-Free CPR
- Stop the Bleed
- Smoking-Tobacco Cessation
- and more

New officers included Chair Rosalyn Leavell-Rice and Vice-Chair Regena Young. The coalition meets again in December and will be collecting items for a family in need as part of its holiday efforts.

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