

**Dr. David J. Schoetz, Jr,
Mentor Award ASCRS
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A mentor has been described as a wise and trusted counselor or guide. As such, Dr. David Schoetz is a well deserving recipient of the mentor award of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, having had a profound effect on developing, stimulating and mentoring medical students and physicians in the field of Colon and Rectal Surgery. Since joining the Lahey Clinic in 1982, he has been a major driving force behind the Colon and Rectal Residency and as Program Director, Department Chair, and Chair of the Division of Education, has trained over 65 clinical and research residents who have made major contributions to advancing the specialty of colon and rectal surgery.

Born in Madison, Wisconsin, David graduated from Holy Cross College and subsequently earned his MD at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He completed his general surgery residency at Boston University in 1981 and following completion of his colon and rectal surgery residency at Lahey Clinic, joined the faculty and was appointed Program Director in 1983. He was Department Chair 1987-2002. He is currently a Professor of Surgery at Tufts University and Chair of the Division of Medical Education.

David is a highly sought after visiting professor, having delivered over 300 presentations. He is the author or coauthor of over 200 peer-reviewed articles, reviews and textbook chapters. He has served on many editorial boards including Diseases of the Colon and Rectum, Colorectal Disease, and is the Editor of Seminars in Colon and Rectal Surgery since 1995. David has been President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and the New England Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. He is currently the Executive Director of the American Board of Colon and Rectal Surgery and is a Governor of the American College of Surgeons.

David's passion has been in teaching on the hospital wards, operating room and clinics. Six of his trainees have become program directors in colon and rectal surgery and four have established new colon and rectal residency programs. He is the recipient of numerous teaching awards including the Boston VA medical center teaching award, the teacher of the year award from the New England Deaconess Surgical Service, the Sedgwick Mentor's award and the Tufts University School of Medicine Excellence in teaching for the surgery clerkship.

We are proud to present this award to Dr. David Schoetz in recognition of his passion, commitment and dedication to the training and mentoring of young surgeons.