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## Jay Jindal, M.D. Wins Fifth Lee G. Eby Resident Award

Jay Jindal, M.D. (PG IV), Department of Otolaryngology & Human Communication, received the fifth annual Lee G. Eby Resident Award at the May, 1993 meeting of the Milwaukee Society of Head and Neck Medicine and Surgery. The award was given for best paper by an Otolaryngology resident in 1992-93. Dr. Jindal's paper was entitled "Idiopathic Subglottic Stenosis and Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease."

## Awards Announced at Eberbach Banquet

The Department of Surgery was pleased to announce the following awards at the annual Eberbach Banquet and Senior Resident Graduation:

**GOLDEN CANE AWARD** – Constantine Frantzides, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, General Surgery;

chosen by the junior and senior medical students.

**JUNIOR RESIDENT OF THE YEAR** – David Traul, M.D.; chosen by the senior general surgery residents.

**TEACHER OF THE YEAR** – Charles Aprahamian, M.D., Professor and Chief of Trauma Surgery; and James Woods, M.D. Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Surgery; chosen by all graduating senior residents.

**BARNEY B. BECKER M.D. PRIZE** – Christopher Glaser, M.D.; chosen to honor the best surgical resident teacher, as determined by senior medical students.



*Golden Cane Award Winner, Constantine Frantzides, M.D., Ph.D., Associate Professor, General Surgery. The award is given annually at the Eberbach banquet, with the winner selected by the junior and senior medical students.*

## Breast Cancer Prevention Trial Update

The National Breast Cancer Prevention Trial (BCPT) has enrolled 8,000 women, half of those needed to complete the study. Among the participants are 42 women from southeastern Wisconsin. According to William L. Donegan, MD, Professor of Surgery, who heads the Milwaukee portion of the study, it is hoped that at

least another 42 patients will be accrued by June of 1994.

The BCPT began in June 1992 to determine whether the drug tamoxifen will prevent breast cancer. This is the first large-scale breast cancer prevention trial in the world. Research has shown that taking tamoxifen tablets after surgery for breast cancer prevents recurrence of the development of new cancers to the opposite breast, which is why it is being tested as a preventive agent in women who qualify for the trial.

Women ages 35 and over who are at increased risk for developing breast cancer are eligible to participate. Divided into groups randomly, half of the women in BCPT take tamoxifen and half a placebo (an inactive tablet that looks like tamoxifen) every day for at least five years. The BCPT is being conducted by the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast and Bowel Project (NSABP) and is funded primarily by the National Cancer Institute. It is endorsed by the American Cancer Society and numerous breast cancer patient advocacy groups.

For the 8,000 women already enrolled, researchers note that the drug has been well tolerated, and the participating women have shown a high degree of commitment to the study.

In the U.S. and Canada this year, BCPT physicians have evaluated almost 50,000 women. As part of these evaluations, it is estimated that more than 100 breast cancers have been discovered that might otherwise have gone undetected.

Women interested in participating in the trial can contact either Alonzo P. Walker, M.D., Associate Professor (General Surgery), or Philip N. Redlich, M.D., Ph.D., Assistant Professor (General Surgery and Microbiology) at 454-5803.