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*'Patient Safety  
Beyond Our Borders:  
Different But the Same'*

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# ASA/APSF Ellison C. Pierce, Jr., Patient Safety Memorial Lecture

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**The 2016 ASA/APSF Ellison C. Pierce Patient Safety Memorial Lecture will be delivered by Alexander A. Hannenberg, M.D.** Dr. Hannenberg has chosen the topic, "Patient Safety Beyond Our Borders: Different But the Same," for his lecture.

This annual honorary lecture was established by the Anesthesia Patient Safety Foundation (APSF) and ASA to recognize and sustain the memory of the founding president of APSF and past president of ASA (1984), Ellison C. (Jeep) Pierce, Jr., M.D. It was Dr. Pierce's vision and unwavering commitment to anesthesia patient safety that led to the formation of APSF in 1985 as the first medical specialty foundation devoted solely to addressing patient safety. Today, the medical specialty of anesthesiology, ASA and APSF are recognized as pioneers in advocating for patient safety, as APSF strives to achieve its vision that "no patient shall be harmed by anesthesia."

APSF is the largest private funding source for anesthesia patient safety research, having provided more than \$9.7 million in support of 105 anesthesia patient safety research awards since the inception of the APSF award program in 1987. A byproduct of the APSF research award program is the development of a cadre of anesthesia safety scientists who can trace their early investigative careers to seed money provided by APSE. The foundation was an early supporter of research directed toward the value of simulation in anesthesia patient safety. The APSF Newsletter, with a circulation of 122,210 recipients, provides rapid and international dissemination of current and evolving anesthesia patient safety information.

Dr. Hannenberg is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and a graduate of Tufts University School of Medicine. He completed his anesthesia residency at Harvard's Beth Israel Hospital. Currently, Dr. Hannenberg



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is a Clinical Professor of Anesthesiology at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston and serves as the Associate Chair, Department of Anesthesia, Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Newton, Massachusetts, a position he has occupied since 1991.

In 2014, Dr. Hannenberg joined the faculty of Ariadne Labs, a joint innovation center sponsored by the Harvard School of Public Health and Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. At Ariadne, he is leading research on implementation and use of surgical checklists. Dr. Hannenberg is a member of the Steering Committee of the Emergency Manual Implementation Collaborative.

Dr. Hannenberg served as the 74th president of ASA in 2010. He began his volunteerism with ASA as a delegate from Massachusetts in 1987. In 2004, ASA created a new officer position, the Vice President for Professional Affairs, with oversight of activities in governmental affairs, economics, practice management, patient safety and professional standards. Dr. Hannenberg was the first individual elected to this position, which he held for four years. He led ASA's efforts to create performance measures for Medicare's physician quality program and to establish the Anesthesia Quality Institute (AQI) and its National Anesthesia Clinical Outcomes Registry. He has twice chaired the AMA Physician

Consortium for Performance Improvement's Anesthesiology and Critical Care workgroup.

Dr. Hannenberg is a founding director of the Lifebox Foundation U.S., a global health organization focused on improving surgical safety worldwide. Recently, he founded and became president of the ASA Charitable Foundation, which leads the ASA campaign for Lifebox.

Dr. Hannenberg has served on the board of directors of FAER and APSF and currently is a member of the board of directors of AQI and the Council on Surgical and Perioperative Safety. In 2013, he was appointed to the faculty of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement.

Dr. Hannenberg and his acclaimed international contributions for advocating worldwide initiatives to enhance anesthesia patient safety make him an outstanding selection to deliver the 2016 ASA/APSF Ellison C. Pierce, Jr., Patient Safety Memorial Lecture in honor of "Jeep" Pierce.

Dr. Hannenberg's topic for this honorary lecture, "Patient Safety Beyond Our Borders: Different But the Same," is a fitting tribute to the memory and contributions of APSF's founding president and past ASA president, Dr. Ellison C. Pierce.



*Dr. Hannenberg conducting a Lifebox training session in the Dominican Republic in 2014.*