James Ewing, MD
James Ewing, MD, in Westhampton 1932
1884 and 1939 Memorial Hospital

1884—Memorial Hospital was originally located at Central Park West and 106 Street in New York. It was founded as the first hospital in the city to serve the Jewish community.

1939—The present Memorial Hospital was officially opened on June 14, 1939 on 68th Street between First and York Avenues. The 12-story building (plus penthouse) provided for 168 beds, but within a few months had 200 beds in use.

Present Hospital Building Will be 30 Years Old June 14

Nineteen thirty nine was a nervous year for many of the world. Italy invaded Albania; Czechoslovakia was dismem- bered, with Slovakia placed under Ger- man "protection;" Hungary annexed Ruthenia; Germany invaded Poland, pre- cipitating World War II; Japan blockadeed Tientsin; the Spanish Civil War ended, and Franco became Spain’s dictator.

The United States was not yet in- volved in war, but was very concerned. Nevertheless, many persons’ thoughts were on positive constructive ambitions, rather than war. On June 14, 1939, one of the most notable milestones in the history of Memorial Hospital occurred; the new Memorial Hospital on East 68th Street "opened its doors to the public."

The 12-story building and penthouse was officially opened after a two-year construction period. It provided at the outset for 168 beds, and within a few months had 200 beds in use. Memorial Hospital was described at that time as "the largest cancer center in the world, incorporating into its design and equip- ment the experience of other institutions in its field and the most progressive thought and planning for an efficient, modern cancer center."

Dedication took place at 3:00 P.M., and among the many congratulatory mes- sages was one from President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Throughout the greater part of the day, which was a mild, sunny Spring day, throngs of visitors were escorted through the institution by mem- bers of the staff and the Women’s Com- mittee. At noon a buffet luncheon was served in the nurses’ dining room, and the afternoon program was followed by an inspection, reception and tea. Fit- tingly, the first function in the new hospital was a scientific session held in the auditorium at 11 A.M. Speakers discussed such topics as Pioneer Cancer Institutes in America, The Position of Cancer Institutes in Relation to the General Medical Profession, Graduate and Contributions of the Physical Sciences to Cancer Therapy. The audi- ence was composed of a large number of distinguished physicians, surgeons, laboratory workers and scientists from New York and many parts of the country.

The new Memorial Hospital was made possible through the donation of a site by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., a grant of $3,000,000 from the General Education Board and a gift of $500,000 from Ed- ward S. Harkness for the cost of the building.

Ground was broken on June 8, 1937, and the cornerstone laid on May 20, 1938.

The new hospital replaced the original Memorial Hospital at Central Park East and 106th Street — the first special in- stitution in the U.S. devoted entirely to the study and treatment of cancer and allied diseases. Originally known as the New York Cancer Hospital, it was founded in May 1884 and opened in December 1887. The original hospital had outgrown its facilities, and the new institution was erected to meet the in- creasing demands upon it and the ex- panding opportunities for research and education, as well as treatment of patients.

During the past 30 years, more than a quarter of a million patients were admitted to Memorial Hospital, over 210,000 surgical procedures were per- formed and 225,000 outpatients were treated. In addition, many thousands of physicians, nurses and other medical and paramedical personnel were trained at Memorial, and many have served and are serving throughout the world in the fight against cancer.

Although relatively young as New York buildings go, Memorial Hospital once again has "outgrown its facilities." A new building and a new Memorial Hospital will be erected on York Avenue. Construction will begin this year, as soon as demoli- tion work is completed.
1930 Memorial-CPW Building
1931 James Ewing, MD, Cancer Man
1937 Memorial-CPW Building
1938 Memorial Staff: Visionaries of the James Ewing Society
1939 Memorial Hospital
William S. MacComb, MD, James Ewing Society Visionary
Frank Adair, MD, James Ewing Society Visionary
Samuel L. Binkley, MD, James Ewing Society Visionary
Hayes Martin, MD, James Ewing Society Visionary
1940-1942 William S. MacComb, MD
1941 James Ewing, MD, portrait by Ellen Emmet Rand
1941 Memorial Hospital Staff
1942-1947 George Sharp, MD
1947-1948 John Blady, MD
First Annual
Cancer Symposium
Sponsored by the
The James Ewing Society

January 16-17, 1948

Memorial Cancer Center
New York 21, New York
1948-1950 Edgar L. Frazell, MD
1951-1952 Thomas J. Anglem, MD    1952-1953 Robert Brown, MD
1953-1954 Douglas Sunderland, MD
1954-1955 Gordon P. McNeer, MD
1954 Lexington Hotel
Donald Morton, MD and Alfred Ketcham, MD, at NCI
1955-1956 Frank W. Foote, Jr., MD
1956-1957 Elliott Scarborough, MD
1957-1958 Joseph H. Farrow, MD
James Ewing, MD, etched by Bob Hoke
1958-1959 Ralph R. Braund, MD
1959-1960 John L. Pool, MD
1960-1961 William S. MacComb, MD
1961-1962 Maus W. Stearns, Jr., MD
1962-1963 Calvin T. Klopp, MD
1963-1964 Ashbel C. Williams, MD
1965-1966 Glenn H. Leak, MD
1966-1967 Theodore Winship, MD
1967-1968 Theodore R. Miller, MD
1968-1969 Sam A. Wilkins, Jr., MD
1969-1970 Guy F. Robbins, MD
1970-1971 Arthur G. James, MD
1971-1972 Stuart H.Q. Quan, MD
1972-1973 Arthur I. Holleb, MD
1973-1974 Robert J. Schweitzer, MD
1975 Annual Cancer Symposium in New Orleans, Feature Lecturer, Charles Huggins, 1966 Nobel Laureate
1975-1976 Lewis W. Guiss, MD
1976-1977 William R. Nelson, MD
1977-1978 Harvey W. Baker, MD
1978-1979 LaSalle D. Leffall, Jr., MD
1979-1980 Walter Lawrence, Jr., MD
1981-1982 Jerome J. DeCosse, MD
1982-1983, Gerald P. Murphy, MD, DSc
1983-1984 Robert J. McKenna, Sr., MD
Executive Council Report

MINUTES of the Executive Council Meeting; Saturday, February 11, 1984, Laguardia Marriott Hotel, New York, New York. Submitted by Dr. Charles M. McBride, Secretary.

1. An interregnum meeting of the Executive Council of The Society of Surgical Oncology, Inc. was called to order at 10:05 am in the Forest Hills Room of the Laguardia Marriott Hotel, New York, NY, by the Chairman of the Executive Council, Gerald P. Murphy, MD, DSc, with the following members present:

   - Chairman of the Executive Council: Gerald P. Murphy, MD, DSc
   - President: Robert J. McKenna, MD
   - President-Elect: Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD
   - Vice-President: Victor D. Dembrow, MD
   - Secretary: Charles M. McBride, MD
   - Treasurer: Robert V.P. Hunter, MD

2. Report of the President: Dr. Robert J. McKenna noted that the proceedings of the Workshop conducted at Roswell Park Memorial Institute in September had received wide distribution and complimentary comments. Drs. Gerald P. Murphy and Hiram C. Polk, Jr. had joined him and Mr. Maloney at a meeting with Dr. Vincent T. DeVita at the National Cancer Institute in December to maintain the momentum developed at that meeting. The two Societies joined together in the 1987 meeting with the British Association for Surgical Oncology in Great Britain.

   IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to extend an invitation to The Society of Head and Neck Surgeons to join in the activity.

3. Report to the Secretary: IT WAS MOVED, SECONDED, AND UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to accept the resignation of Professor Carsten's from the Society.

4. Report of the Executive Director: Mr. William T. Maloney informed the Executive Council that his office had assisted Dr. Murphy in the development of the Newsletter, supported the activities of the various Officers of the Society, and participated in the meeting of the Officers with Dr. Vincent T.
1984-1985 Hiram C. Polk, Jr., MD
1985-1986 Victor D. Dembrow, MD
Lexington Hotel
49th Annual Cancer Symposium draws nearly 1,250; breaks attendance record second consecutive year

47th Annual Cancer Symposium Draws Nearly 1,000 Physicians, Guests to Houston

Annual Meeting Draws Record Attendance

Pharmaceutical Company CYTOGEN CORPORATION, "Grantsmanship in the 1990s."
"Carcinoma of the Breast," featured during a special breakfast meeting.
1986-1987 Robert V.P. Hutter, MD
1987-1988 J. Bradley Aust, MD, PhD
1987 Annual Cancer Symposium in London
Front row (L to R) Drs. Balch, Dembrow, Hutter;
Back row Drs. Hill, Schweitzer, Cady, Wilson
1988-1989 Blake Cady, MD
1989-1990 Benjamin F. Rush, Jr., MD
1991-1992 Charles M. Balch, MD
BMS was the first corporate sponsor of the Society
1992-1993 Donald L. Morton, MD
1993-1994 Samuel A. Wells, Jr., MD
1993 Annual Cancer Symposium in Los Angeles
Judy and William Wood, MD
1993 James Ewing Layman's Award
1993 Annual Cancer Symposium in Los Angeles, Drs. Morton and Balch
1993 Annual Cancer Symposium in Los Angeles, Drs. Morton and Steele
1993 Annual Cancer Symposium
Drs. Copeland & Bland
1994, James Ewing Layman Award Recipient Nancy Brinker, founder of Susan G. Koman
1994-1995 Bernard Gardner, MD
1995-1996 Murray F. Brennan, MD
1996-1997 Kirby I. Bland, MD
1996 James Ewing Layman’s Award Recipient, Evelyn Lauder
1997-1998 David P. Winchester, MD
1997 John Wayne Clinical Research Lecturer
Charles Balch, MD
1998-1999 Edward M. Copeland III, MD
1998 Annual Cancer Symposium
Drs. Copeland and Wood
1999-2000 Glenn D. Steele, Jr., MD, PhD
Drs. Copeland, Steele, and Winchester
1999 James Ewing Layman’s Award Recipient Professional Golfer Arnold Palmer
1999 Annual Cancer Symposium
Dr. & Mrs. David Winchester
with Professional Golfer Arnold Palmer
1999 James Ewing Award Recipient
Timothy Eberlein, MD
2000-2001 William C. Wood, MD
2001 First SSO Heritage Award presented to LaSalle Leffall, MD
2001-2002 John E. Niederhuber, MD
2004 Annual Cancer Symposium
Drs. Niederhuber, Morton, Michelassi, Cohen
2004 Annual Cancer Symposium
Drs. Cance and Bland
2005-2006 Timothy J. Eberlein, MD
Messrs. Jim, Rick and Mike Slawny from EAI Management SSO’s management company
Raphael Pollock, MD, PHD, receives Presidential Gavel from Timothy Eberlein, MD
2006-2007 Raphael E. Pollock, MD, PhD
2006 Annual Cancer Symposium
Drs. Eberlein, Pollock, Cance and Michelassi
2006 Presidential Address
Timothy Eberlein, MD
2007-2008 Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD
2008-2009 William G. Cance, MD
2009-2010, Fabrizio Michelassi, MD
Dr. Michelassi at SOAC at time of conferment by ABMS to SOP
2010 First Best of SSO in Cancun, Mexico
Scientific Program at the Annual Cancer Symposium
2011-2012 James S. Economou, MD, PhD
2011 SSO Staff Under EAI Management
2011 Best of SSO in Cairo, Egypt
2011 Best of SSO in Cancun, Mexico
2012-2013 Monica Morrow, MD
2012 SSO Staff Under Self-Management
SSO 2013 Exhibit Hall
2013 First Indian Cancer Congress
SSO & IASO Delegates
ESSO Advanced Course on Surgical and Medical Management of Melanoma

In association with SSO (Society of Surgical Oncology)

In memoriam of Natale Cascinelli

10-13 October 2013
SANTORINI

2013 First Joint SSO & ESSO Melanoma Meeting in Santorini, Greece
SSO Leaders in the Practice of Surgical Oncology
2013-2014 V. Suzanne Klimberg, MD
2014 SSO recognized Charles Balch, MD, and Deb Whippen, Editorial staff of the *Annals of Surgical Oncology* for 25 years of service,
Carcino-Embryonic Antigen (CEA)

In current guidelines, CEA is included since it detects recurrences in an earlier stage.

- CEA is sensitive, cheap, available and valid

But how to use CEA?

[Graph showing CEA levels over time]

SSO 2014 Scientific Program
SSO 2014 IASO Delegates from India
SSO 2014 SSO & IASO Delegates from India
2014-2015 Ronald Weigel, MD, PhD
2014 Headquarter Staff
2014 Best of SSO in India
M. Eileen Widmer, SSO Executive Director
Inaugural Surgical Oncology Board

2015 Inaugural Surgical Oncology Board
2015 Planning Meeting prior to CGSO Oral Certifying Exam
2015 American Board of Surgery of the first examiners for the CGSO Oral Certifying Exam
SSO 2015 Presidential Address
Ronald Weigel, MD, PHD, in Houston, Texas
SSO 2015 James Ewing Lecture on the 75 Year History of the SSO
SSO 2015 James Ewing Lecturer Charles Balch, MD
EDITORIAL
Retraction Science and the Retraction Index

Arts and retraction when their findings are no longer considered trustworthy due to scientific misconduct or error, they plagiarize previously published work, or they are found to violate ethical guidelines. Using a novel measure that we call the “retraction index,” we found that the frequency of retraction varies among journals and shows a strong correlation with the journal impact factor. Although retractions are relatively rare, the retraction process is essential for correcting the literature and maintaining trust in the scientific process.

The higher the impact factor, the higher the retraction index (also in the New York Times)

“A man who has committed a mistake, and doesn’t correct it, is committing another mistake.”
—attributed to Confucius

SSO 2015 Scientific Program
SSO 2015 Fellows Lounge
SSO 2015 Membership Booth
2015 SSO Executive Council
Anniversary Celebration at SSO 2015 in Houston, Texas
2015 SSO 75th Anniversary Celebration
75th Anniversary Task Force under the leadership of Charles Balch, MD, SSO Historian