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LOCAL SURGEON AMONG 1,291 INITIATED INTO AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

CHICAGO-Dr Manish Raj Gupta was among 1,291 Initiates from around the world who became Fellows of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) during convocation of ceremonies at the College's recent 93rd annual Clinical Congress in New Orleans in November 2007.

Dr. Manish Gupta completed his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Boston University. Upon completion of his Medical Degree, he began training in surgery and completed his General Surgery residency from Huron Hospital-Cleveland Clinic Health System.

He currently has a private practice at Artisan Cosmetic Surgery located in Oregon, Ohio (www.ArtisanCosmeticSurgery.com). Dr Gupta attained board certification from both the *American Board of Plastic Surgery* and the *American Board of Surgery*. Dr Gupta has a strong professional interest in plastic and cosmetic surgery and holds membership in other professional societies, including the American Society of Plastic Surgeons and the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He is the Chief of Plastic Surgery at St. Charles Hospital and is on staff at multiple Toledo area hospitals including Toledo Hospital, Bay Park Community Hospital, St. Anne's Hospital in Sylvania, St. Vincent's Hospital and St Luke's Hospital.

By meeting the College's stringent membership requirements, Fellows of the College have earned the distinguished right to use the designation of "F.A.C.S" (Fellow, American College of Surgeons) after their names. An applicant for Fellowship must be a graduate of an approved medical school; must have completed advanced training in one of the 14 surgical specialties recognized by the College of Surgeons; possess certification by an American surgical specialty board or appropriated certification by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada; and must have been in practice in the same geographic location for at least one year at the time of his or her application. Before admission into the Fellowship, the surgeon must further demonstrate ethical fitness and professional proficiency, and his or her acceptance as a Fellow of the College must be approved by three-fourths of its Board of Regents. The convocation ceremony was a highlight of the five-day meeting, which also featured reports on research-in-progress, postgraduate courses, panel discussions, symposia, and scientific and industrial exhibits. Total estimated attendance at the Congress was 11, 266, including approximately 6,577 physicians. Allied health professionals and members of the scientific and consumer media attended the meeting.

The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College is dedicated to the ethical and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 72,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

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