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**Editor's note:** The following is an edited version of the Presidential Address that Dr. Pellegrini delivered at the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Convocation Ceremony, October 6, during the 2013 Clinical Congress in Washington, DC. In addition to the text below, Dr. Pellegrini presented a short video that centered on the significance of ACS







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