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**Local surgeon admitted into American College of Surgeons
Academy of Master Surgeon Educators™**

DALLAS: John F. Eidt, MD, RVT, RPVI, FACS, a vascular surgeon from Dallas, TX, is among a group of 50 esteemed surgical educators inducted into membership in the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Academy of Master Surgeon Educators™ on September 25 at a Virtual Induction Ceremony. This is the third cohort of members inducted into this prestigious Academy.

Dr. Eidt was inducted as an Associate Member of this highly coveted Academy. He is the current vice chair of vascular surgery and a vascular surgeon on the medical staff at Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas.

Dr. Eidt is a distinguished surgical educator, a Distinguished Fellow of the Society for Vascular Surgery, is co-editor of Scientific American Vascular and Endovascular Surgery, and serves on the editorial board of Vascular Specialist, the official publication of the Society for Vascular Surgery.

“Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas is very proud to have Dr. Eidt as a key member of our medical staff and leadership team,” states Kevin Wheelan, MD, FACC, chief medical officer at Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital. “This national recognition exemplifies the quality of physicians who practice at Baylor Scott & White – Dallas and is a well-deserved honor.”

Developed by the ACS Division of Education, the Academy recognizes surgeon educators who have devoted their careers to surgical education. Individuals are selected as Members, Associate Members, or Affiliate Members following stringent peer review. The Academy’s mission is to play a leadership role in advancing the science and practice of education across all surgical specialties, promoting the highest achievements in the lifetimes of surgeons. Academy membership carries an obligation for commitment to the Academy’s goals, which are to identify, recognize, and recruit innovators and thought leaders committed to advancing lifelong surgical education; translate innovation into actions; offer mentorship to surgeon educators; foster exchange of creative ideas; disseminate advances in surgical education; and positively impact the quality of surgical care and patient safety.

In addition to supporting the mission and goals of the Academy, members must actively participate in Academy programs and activities. “This Academy of preeminent surgeon educators has been making landmark contributions to surgical education and is introducing many transformational changes in surgical education and training that will endure into the future,” said Ajit K. Sachdeva, MD, FACS, FRCSC, FSACME, Director of the ACS Division of Education and co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Academy. “Over the past six months, from the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic,

the Academy has been addressing challenges and opportunities in surgery residency training resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, and has launched several new programs,” said Dr. Sachdeva.

“With highest quality patient care through education being the paramount theme of the American College of Surgeons, the growth of the Academy of Master Surgeon Educators continues to be an important emerging chapter for the ACS, the world’s largest organization for surgeons,” explained L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, DSc(Hon), FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng(Hon), FRCSEd(Hon), FWACS(Hon), FRCSI(Hon), FCS(SA)(Hon), FRCS(Glasg)(Hon), past president of the ACS, and co-chair of the Steering Committee of the Academy.

“One of the Academy’s founding principles is to advance the science and practice of surgical education and training. In the past few months, its members have also shown stellar leadership in another key area. Responding during a crisis. The work the Academy has put forth in identifying educational resources during the COVID-19 pandemic to teach and assess surgical trainees during this crucial time is very important and highly commendable,” said ACS Executive Director David B. Hoyt, MD, FACS. “We welcome the class of 2020 to this unique group of surgeon educators.”

For a listing of the full membership of the Academy, as well as those honored with selection in 2020, visit: <https://www.facs.org/education/academy/member-list>.

About Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas

Founded in a tradition of research and innovation, Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas† opened in 2002 as the region’s first and only dedicated hospital to heart and vascular care. The Dallas hospital is located on the main campus of Baylor University Medical Center, part of Baylor Scott & White Health. Baylor Scott & White Heart and Vascular Hospital – Dallas has cardiology services available at Baylor Scott & White All Saints Medical Center – Fort Worth. With more than 44,000 patient registrations annually, a broad array of advanced cardiac interventional procedures and vascular surgeries are available, as well as diagnostic imaging and cardiac rehabilitative services. Programs on wellness and prevention are offered for the community. Additional information may be found at the hospital’s website, BaylorHeartHospital.com or on the app, Baylor Heart Center, downloaded from the Apple store.

† Joint ownership with physicians.

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About the American College of Surgeons

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and competent practice of surgery. Its achievements have significantly influenced the course of scientific surgery in America and have established it as an important advocate for all surgical patients. The College has more than 82,000 members and is the largest organization of surgeons in the world. For more information, visit www.facs.org.