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**DR. JEAN BERNARD FLAMENT OF FRANCE
TO RECEIVE GEORGETOWN LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD IN ABDOMINAL WALL RECONSTRUCTION**

Jean Bernard Flament, MD, of Reims, France, will receive the first Georgetown University Hospital Lifetime Achievement Award in Abdominal Wall Reconstruction, according to organizers of the Georgetown Abdominal Wall Reconstruction conference. The award will be presented during the conference June 15-18, 2011, at the JW Marriott Washington DC, said Dr. Stephen R.T. Evans, conference co-chair.

Dr. Flament is an internationally renowned surgeon, educator and author. A co-founder and past president of the European Hernia Society, he is professor of surgery at Reims School of Medicine and Odontology and chairman of the surgical department of Reims University Hospital.

With several other surgeons, Dr. Flament in 1979 helped organize Groupe de Recherche et d'Etudes sur la Paroi Abdominale (GREPA) with the aim of sharing ideas and techniques on hernia surgery. GREPA expanded and became the European Hernia Society. Dr. Flament served as secretary general of the European Hernia Society from 2002 to 2004 and as president from 2004 to 2007. He is an active member of many other scientific societies in Europe, the United States and elsewhere. Dr. Flament is the author of more than 350 articles, textbook chapters and other professional publications.

Dr. Flament graduated from the University of Lille School of Medicine in 1968. He was appointed professor of anatomy of the University of Reims in 1980. From 2001 to the present, he has been professor of surgery. For most of his career, Dr. Flament's surgical work has been focused on general and digestive surgery and colorectal surgery and, since 2000, especially dedicated to abdominal wall and endocrine surgery.

The Georgetown Abdominal Wall Reconstruction conference is the world's largest and most comprehensive ABR program of its type.

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