



2022 CWISummit
William B. Long, III Meritorious Achievement Award
Recipient: Raminder Nirula, MD, MPH, FACS

Honoring William B. Long III, MD FACS

Given in honor of William B. Long, III to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of chest wall injury fixation and non-operative management.

Biography:

Dr. Long graduated from the University of Maryland Medical School in 1968. Following an internship in medicine, he began his surgical training at Edinburgh University in Scotland with Dr. R. Adams Cowley, which included a two-year research fellowship in septic shock. He also completed his general surgery training at the University of Maryland.

From 1973-1975, Dr. Long was a clinical research fellow at the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS). From 1980-1982, Dr. Long was a resident in Cardiothoracic Surgery at the University of California, San Diego and became an Assistant Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery and Trauma. In 1982, he was appointed Clinical Director of UCSD Trauma Service.



During these academic adventures, he became an international authority on the mathematics of trauma scores, cardiothoracic trauma resuscitation, and the components of a Level I trauma center. These empowering experiences became a catalyst for Dr. William Long, III, to undertake the scientific and clinical studies that would allow him to develop the only American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACSCOT) Verified Level I Trauma Center in the Pacific Northwest.

Dr. Long became the Trauma Medical Director for Emanuel Hospital in the Fall of 1983. He began building Emanuel's trauma program by establishing an infrastructure that would support technically advanced ways of restoring life and function. His trauma center consisted of the following components: trauma registry, trauma resuscitation nurse program, direct to operating room policy with unstable trauma patients, anesthesia as part of the trauma resuscitation team, massive transfusion protocol, mobile surgical transport team, outreach to rural communities, recruitment of specialists with interest in trauma care, development of a new trauma physical facility, and the Physician Assistant educational program.

Dr. Long's extensive bibliography includes over 130 publications, numerous book chapters, a co-authored book and several papers on medical decision making. His primary clinical activity is thoracic surgery with a focus on chest trauma and chest wall reconstruction. Dr. Long holds several patents for medical devices that have been developed and tested through the Legacy Research Institute, and are now used internationally. Dr. Long devotes hundreds of hours each year providing outreach education and CQI to rural hospital staff in Oregon and Washington.



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D. Rees and Eleanor T. Jensen Presidential Chair in Surgery
Chief, Division of General Surgery
University of Utah

Biography:

Dr. Ram Nirula was born and raised in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He attended Queen's University (BA, Life Sciences), University of Manitoba (MD), Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital (General Surgery Residency), and University of Washington/Harborview Medical Center (Surgical Critical Care Fellowship/MPH).

He has a long track record of peer-reviewed publications spanning Acute care surgery and is a funded researcher from both the NIH and the DoD. He currently serves as Chief, Division of General Surgery and Head of the Acute Care Surgery Section at the University of Utah. He has served on the Board of Managers of the AAST as well as a past Chair of the AAST MITC.



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2020 | John S. Mayberry, MD, FACS

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Nominations for the 2023 William B. Long, III Meritorious
Achievement Award are due September 1.

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