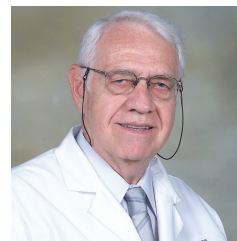


# Dedication

Dr Frederick J Stucker is a paragon from a generation of doctors unique in their work ethic, vision, and approach to life. Dr Stucker leaves a rich legacy as Chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery at Louisiana State University, Shreveport, Louisiana, USA for 32 years and a faculty member for 37 years.



**Frederick J Stucker**

Dr Stucker embodies the highest qualities of an academic physician—always providing personalized care for his patients, serving as a tremendous education resource, and seeking to better his patient’s quality of life through his creative surgeries. Despite his myriad of tangible achievements, it is his intangible qualities of integrity, outspokenness, and his deep faith that is so special and that I feel fortunate to have seen up close.

Dr Stucker has had a long and illustrious career as Chairman and President of the facial plastics society.

Some of his qualities have left a permanent mark on our department, institution, and the facial plastics society, both nationally and internationally. He is surgeon par excellence in facial plastic reconstruction. His creativity has led to operations that have left a lasting impact on the field. Just to give you a bird’s eye view he has more than 200 publications and 400 presentations at National and International meetings.

When it comes to creativity most surgeons if at all would have designed maybe one operation that would impact a field. However here we have a surgeon who was constantly thinking of a new way to fix the problem. It was hard for residents and fellows to be prepared because he had something novel every time he laid hands-on a patient. Some of his operations that have left a lasting impact are the well-known:

- Freddie Flip Flop flap or PCCG flap
- Septal whip stitch
- Rhinophyma ABC coagulator
- Rhinolift
- Static facial nerve rehab operation
- Keloid management
- Conchal cap for nasal collapse
- Flap reconstruction of ear canal stenosis
- Mercedes BAHA approach

Prior to LSU he had served as chair of the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda and Consultant to the General Surgeon. He has attended to four presidents Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Bush, and Gerald Ford and witnessed a missile launch from the submarine he was stationed in. He had numerous Commendations during his Navy career from the Chief of Naval operations for outstanding achievement as Chairman in ENT.

Dr Stucker ushered in an era of facial plastics to the field of Otolaryngology. He is one of the first faces of the American Academy of Facial Plastics Reconstructive Surgery. Here in Shreveport he has been fellowship director from 1984 to 2011, was on the Board of Directors for the AAFPRS from 1980 to 1984, and served as President of the American Academy of Facial Plastics Reconstructive Surgery in 1991. He was directly involved with FACE to FACE International and led the first medical delegation to Russia.

As evidence of his productivity in reconstructive research, Dr Stucker was awarded the Ira Tresley Research Award which recognizes the best original research in facial plastic surgery as deemed by the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. Among other awards were the Dean’s Plaque from Bethesda in 1982, Presidential Award from the Military society of Otolaryngologists and Head and Neck surgeons in 1982, the most distinguished award the American Academy of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery in 1989 and the American Head and Neck Society Presidential citation awarded by Terry Day.

As a remembrance of “An esteemed physician, educator, and researcher” who has devoted more than 3 decades to our institution and to honor the impact Dr Stucker has had on LSU which cannot be measured we would like to dedicate this journal issue to Dr Frederick J Stucker. His residents and fellows have contributed articles to this issue in his honor.

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