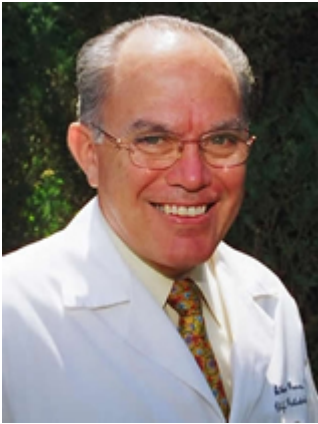


# Section on Surgery Award Winners

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**Alberto Pena, MD**

The **William E. Ladd Medal** represents the highest honor that the Section on Surgery bestows on a physician in recognition of outstanding contributions to the field of pediatric surgery. The Section awards the 2008 Ladd Medal to **Dr Alberto Peña**.

Dr Alberto Peña, born in Mexico City, studied medicine at the Military Medical School and trained in surgery at the Military Hospital (Mexico), subsequently training in pediatric surgery at Boston Children's Hospital. He then became Surgeon-in-Chief of the National Institute of Pediatrics (Mexico) until June 1985 when he became Chief of Surgery of Schneider Children's Hospital, Long Island, New York. In June 2005, he joined Cincinnati Children's Hospital as a Director of the first Colorectal Center for Children.

Dr Peña has been a lecturer or visiting professor 534 times, published 132 papers and more than 66 book chapters.



**Prem Puri, MS, FRCS, FRCS (ED), FACS**

The **Stephen L. Gans Distinguished Overseas Lectureship** is given to encourage sharing between Section members and pediatric surgeons from other countries and to recognize achievements in the field of Pediatric surgery in other countries. The 2008 Gans Award was presented to **Prem Puri, MS, FRCS, FRCS (ED), FACS**.

Dr Puri currently serves as Newman Clinical Research Professor, University College Dublin, and Director of Research & Consultant Paediatric Surgeon, Children's Research Centre, Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Dublin. In addition he is President, World Federation of Associations of Pediatric Surgeons (WOFAPS), President-Elect, European Paediatric Surgeons Association (EUPSA), Chairman, Scientific Office of the European Association of Paediatric Surgeons (2003-2009), and Secretary, International Board of Pediatric Surgical Research.

Dr Puri is a member of 23 International learned medical and scientific societies, including Honorary Member of the American, Argentinean, Austrian, Czech, South African and Indian Associations of Paediatric Surgeons. He is Editor-in-Chief, Pediatric Surgery International and Associate Editor, Journal of Pediatric Surgery. He has published nine books/monographs, 89 chapters in textbooks, and over 430 articles in peer reviewed journals. He has also made 492 presentations at international scientific meetings, including 57 at the American Academy of Pediatrics.



**Peter Altman, MD**

The **Arnold M. Salzberg Mentorship Award** recognizes a pediatric surgeon who has distinguished him/herself as a mentor of pediatric surgical trainees. The 2008 Salzberg Award was presented to **Dr Peter Altman**.

Dr Altman trained in pediatric surgery at the Children's Hospital Medical Center in Washington DC. He remained on the staff at Children's Hospital until 1980 when he was recruited to the then Babies Hospital, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, as Chief of Pediatric Surgery and Surgeon-in-Chief. Dr. Altman is Professor of Surgery, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia University. He has served both the Surgical Section, American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Pediatric Surgical Association as Chair of the Education and Program Committees. Dr Altman was President of the American Pediatric Surgical Association in 2003. He enjoys a national and international reputation for his contributions in the field of hepatobiliary surgery in infants.

Hanna, Dr Altman's wife of 43 years, is an art educator at the Solomon Guggenheim Museum in New York. They have two married sons, one, a television newscaster living in Hartford, CT, and the other, an investor residing in Manhattan. They have four grandchildren.

## Rosenkrantz Resident Research Award Winners 2008

<b>Clinical Research</b>	<b>\$300</b>	A multivariate model for predicting recurrence in congenital diaphragmatic hernia. <b>Jason C Fisher, MD, presenter</b>
<b>Basic Science Research</b>	<b>\$250</b>	Tissue-engineered arterial grafts: evaluation using a small animal model. <b>Tamar L. Mirensky, MD, presenter</b>
<b>Poster Presentation</b>	<b>\$100</b>	P21WAF1/CIP1 deficiency does not perturb the intestinal crypt stem cell population. <b>Shannon W Longshore, MD, presenter</b>

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