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Director of Trauma Services Chosen

John Fildes, M.D., has been chosen to direct the trauma services at University Medical Center (UMC) in Las Vegas. For the first time, this position is also accorded faculty rank with the School of Medicine and will train students in trauma and emergency medicine; he is a full professor of Surgery.

Dr. Fildes earned his medical degree, "M.D. meritisimus" from the University of Santo Tomas, Manila, Philippines; completed an internship and residency in general surgery at Bronx-Lebanon Hospital, NY,; was chief resident in general surgery from 1986-87; and completed a fellowship in surgical critical care and trauma at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL.

Before accepting the UMC and medical school positions, Dr. Fildes was assistant professor of surgery at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Chicago, attending surgeon of general surgery and attending physician of emergency medicine at Bronx-Lebanon, and attending physician for trauma and critical care at Cook County Hospital. He also directed the Trauma Basic Research Laboratory at Hektoen Institute for Medical Research in Chicago, has received funding for nine research projects involving trauma and emergency medicine since 1991, and has published 41 papers or chapters about his field since 1986.