

# Pediatric surgeons to receive awards

HOLYOKE – Dr. Richard A. Courtney, of Wilbraham, and Dr. Barry F. Sachs, of Longmeadow, will each be awarded the 2008 Community Clinician of the Year Award at the Hampden District Medical Society Annual District Meeting on April 29 at the Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House.

The Community Clinician of the Year Award was adopted at the Massachusetts Medical Society Interim House of Delegates meeting in November 1998. It was established to recognize a practitioner from each district medical society in Massachusetts who has made significant contributions to patients and the community.

Each district is encouraged to identify a deserving physi-



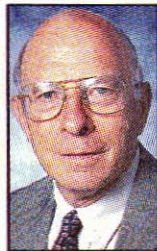
**Richard A.  
Courtney**

cian each year.

Courtney was the first pediatric surgeon to come to Hampden County more than 38 years ago, in 1969. Prior to Courtney's

arrival, the surgical care of children in Western Massachusetts was performed by adult-oriented general surgeons and urologists and often sent to Boston for care.

Sachs joined the practice, Pediatric Surgical Services Inc., two years later in 1971. They were pioneers in the surgical community and staunch advocates for children.



**Barry F. Sachs**

Courtney and Sachs have taken care of generations of children in the community, often operating on the children of their former

patients.

The annual meeting will feature speaker John Elder Robison, local author of "Look Me In The Eye: My Life With Asperger's." Registration is from 6 to 7 p.m. For information, contact Suzanne Skibinski at (413) 736-0661 or by e-mail to [hdms@massmed.org](mailto:hdms@massmed.org)