

## FMC MSA Service Recognition Awards 2017

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**24 Years**

**1. What is your fondest memory of your time at Foothills?**

I have many very fond memories of my time at the Foothills. I think very fondly of the the colleagues I have been so fortunate to work with, some some of whom are sadly no longer with us. But I think the fondest memory I have is the day Dr. Mcfadden joined me as a partner. Not only is he an outstanding surgeon and a fine person, but it meant I was no longer in solo practice.

**2. Of all your contributions at Foothills, what are you proudest of?**

The establishment of the Division of Thoracic Surgery with 5 colleagues, each of whom I am proud and honored to work with.

**3. What advice would the “you of today “give the younger version of yourself at the start of your practicing career?**

Always take the high road, in our case, the patient comes first. This is a sometimes overused phrase, but when the final determinate of what you do is what is best for the patient, problems become easier to address and solutions seems easier to reach.