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He has received numerous awards and is a member of the medical honor society Alpha Omega Alpha; he has served as a Consultant to the American Board of Surgery for 14 years as a Qualifying Examination writer and reviewer. Dr. McClurken has made nearly 300 presentations including internationally, has numerous publications, has reviewed for 6 peer-review journals, and has served as a federal grant reviewer. He has been president of several regional surgical organizations and has served the American College of Cardiology in several roles, including the International Council, Myocardial Ischemia and Infarction Topic Working Group, Surgeons Council, Strategic Development Working Group, ACCF Accreditation Committee, Education Oversight Committee, and was the Program Chair for ACC.10, the 59th Annual Scientific Session in Atlanta, GA. He has also participated on the European Society of Cardiology Congress Programme Committee.

He remains an active operating member of the cardio-thoracic transplant team at Temple since its inception over 1000 heart transplants ago and has experience with many ventricular assist device systems. Surgical interests also include adult cardiac and thoracic procedures, both primary and complex reoperations. Quality improvement and analysis in cardiovascular care have been keen areas of interest. Dr. McClurken has been active in multiple strategies to improve patient care outcomes both intra-institutionally and regionally, serving on the Editorial Advisory Board of the PA Patient Safety Advisory. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Valley Society of Thoracic Surgeons Quality Improvement Initiative, a consortium of 46 regional hospitals' cardiovascular teams. He has consistently been listed in Best Doctors in America, Top Physicians in America, and Top Docs in Philadelphia.