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## *The 7th Annual*

*Mark B. Adams, MD, Visiting Professorship*

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Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute  
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**Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

**4:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

Adams Case Conference

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024**

**7:30 - 8:30 a.m.**

Mark B. Adams, MD,  
Memorial Lecture

**8:30 - 9:30 a.m.**

Rocking Chair  
Conference

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Dr. Abhinav Humar is the Clinical Director of the Thomas E. Starzl Transplantation Institute and the Chief, Division of Transplantation in the Department of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. He is also a Professor in the Department of Surgery at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a Staff Physician at the Pittsburgh VA Medical Healthcare System. Dr. Humar received his medical degree from the University of Ottawa, from which he graduated magna cum laude and was the silver medalist of his class. He earned a research and clinical fellowship in transplant surgery at the University of Minnesota in 1996.

### **Clinical interests include:**

- Adult and pediatric abdominal transplants (kidney, liver, pancreas, and bowel)
- Living-related and split liver transplants
- Hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery

### **Research interests Include:**

- Partial liver transplants and studies of hepatic regeneration
- Clinical outcomes both short and long term in donors and recipients of living donor liver transplants
- Clinical studies and trials to promote tolerance after transplant

## The Mark B. Adams, MD, Visiting Professorship in Transplant Fund



The Mark B. Adams, MD, Visiting Professorship in Transplantation, established by the family of Dr. Adams, supports the annual lecture series in tribute to the life and career of Dr. Adams. The annual lecture features a nationally acclaimed visiting professor with extensive experience in organ transplantation. The lectures are meant to inspire generations of medical students and residents (just as Dr. Adams did). Dr. Adams was appointed Chair of the Department of Surgery in 2003 after leading the Division of Transplant Surgery for 17 years. He was Professor of Surgery, Chief of Transplant Surgery, and former Director of the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin's Transplant Program. The Transplant Program was established in 1967 with a focus on kidney, liver, and pancreas transplantation. Beginning in 2005, Dr. Adams served as Chair of the Medical College of Wisconsin Physicians Executive Committee.

During his tenure, Dr. Adams made enormous contributions to medical student and resident education. He directed the student education efforts in the Department of Surgery for many years and inspired the career choices of countless medical students and former surgical residents working across the country today.

Matthew Cooper, MD, who holds the Mark B. Adams Endowed Chair in Surgery at MCW and is Chief of Transplant Surgery and Director of Solid Organ Transplantation, commented on the visiting professorship as a fitting acknowledgment of Dr. Adams' legacy: "I had the privilege of learning the art and science of solid organ transplantation from Dr. Adams as a past MCW surgical resident. He was both committed to his profession and to the education and training of residents and students. He always wanted and expected the best of us. I, among many others, was inspired to become a transplant surgeon because of Dr. Adams and remain forever grateful and humbled to hold the Chair in his name." The Division of Transplant Surgery selects the visiting professor, organizes, and hosts the event.

In addition to giving a formal lecture, the visiting professor will hold a "rocking chair session" during which he or she talks informally with MCW students and residents about topics such as patient care, research, and a physician's life in academic medicine. Including this session in the visit would be especially important to Dr. Adams, who cared deeply about all aspects of a medical career, both in and out of the hospital.

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