

The C. Morrison Schroeder Memorial Lectureship

Morrison Schroeder was born on July 11th, 1908 in Dixon, Illinois. Shortly after, his family moved to Racine, Wisconsin where he graduated from Racine High School in 1926. He attended the University of Wisconsin, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in 1931. He then went on to attend medical school at Washington University, graduating with an MD in 1933. As so often happened in that era of surgical training, he trained at several different hospitals including a rotating internship at the Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia, from January 1, 1934 to December 31, 1935. He then took a surgical internship at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee from November 1936 to June of 1937. He spent six months at the Presbyterian Hospital in San Juan, Puerto Rico and finished his surgical residency at the Louisville City Hospital in 1939.

He served in the army from 1940-1946. Rumor has it that he thought physicians were not worthy of automatic rank, so he went in as an enlisted man. However, he was soon promoted to the rank of an officer. He entered private practice in 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he was an attending at Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee County General Hospital, St. Luke's Hospital, and the Veterans Administration Hospital. It was at the latter institution that he spent considerable amount of time as a consultant running his surgical service. Every surgical resident at the old Marquette (later to become The Medical College of Wisconsin) surgical service rotated through Dr. Schroeder's service. He was a tough and demanding teacher whose interest was in the best care for the patient, as well as making sure that the young men he trained got the very best he could offer. He had strict criteria, holding the senior resident responsible for any and all activities on his service. Although the rotation was difficult and the men who trained under him may have disliked his rigidity, they are all grateful for his teaching. He is often commended as one of the shining lights in their surgical education.

His effort in the general community of surgery was in the ethical practice of surgery. He became a member of Wisconsin Surgical Society and sat on their ethics committee. As one of the senior members of the present Milwaukee surgical community relates, during ethics committee meetings, if you did not go along with Dr. Schroeder's opinion you spent lengthy hours in discussion as he persuaded you the right way of thinking. Wherever the Wisconsin Surgical Club went in the United States, surgeons knew and respected him.

Past Speakers

2023

Carrie Cunningham, MD, MPH
Associate Professor of Surgery, Harvard Medical School
Section Head, Massachusetts General Hospital
Endocrine Surgery Unit
Associate Director, Massachusetts General Hospital
Institute for Technology Assessment

2022

Yue-Yung Hu, MD, MPH
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital
Associate Program Director, General Surgery, Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University

2021

John Liddicoat, MD
Shark Tank Conference with special guest Dr. John de Csepel
Executive Vice President and President
Medtronic Americas Region

2020

Kimberly A. Davis, MD, MBA, FACS, FCCM
Professor of Surgery
Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs
Chief of the Division of General Surgery, Trauma,
and Surgical Critical Care
Department of Surgery
Yale School of Medicine

2019

John H. T. Waldhausen, MD
Division Chief, Pediatric General and Thoracic
Surgery
Seattle Children's Hospital
Professor of Surgery
University of Washington School of Medicine

2018

David McFadden, MD, MBA, FACS
Professor and Chairman
Department of Surgery
University of Connecticut

2017 - Cancelled**2016**

Steven K. Libutti, MD
Director, Montefiore-Einstein Center for Cancer
Care
The Marvin L. Gliedman, MD Distinguished
Surgeon
Professor and Vice Chair, Department of Surgery
Professor, Department of Genetics
Albert Einstein College of Medicine
Montefiore Medical Center

2015

Pierre Alain Clavien, MD

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Anna M. Ledgerwood, MD

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Ronald W. Busittil, MD, PhD

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Timothy C. Flynn, MD

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Keith D. Lillemoe, MD

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David A. Geller, MD

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John A. Aucar D, MSHI

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John G. Hunter, MD

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James P. Neifeld, MD

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Gary Dunnington, MD

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Shurki F. Khuri, DM

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Wallace P. Ritchie, Jr., MD, PhD

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Russell G. Postier, MD

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John H. Ricotta, MD

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John L. Tarpley, MD

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Joseph C. Darin, MD

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Wayne Boulanger, MD

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David Skinner, MD

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Lawrence Rikkers, MD

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Claude Organ, MD

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Ward Griffin, MD

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Tom Shires, MD

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C. Rollin Hanlon, MD

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David Sabiston, Jr., MD

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William P. Longmire, MD

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Arthur J. Donovan, MD

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Lloyd Nyhus, MD

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Mark Ravitch, MD

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Eugene M. Bricker, MD