

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

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2020 Lecturer

Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG

A Septuagenarian's Evolving Reflections on the Practice of Medicine



Lawrence Brandt, MD, MACG, received his MD degree from the SUNY Health Sciences Center in Brooklyn, NY. Dr. Brandt did his residency and fellowship at the Mount Sinai Hospital in NY. He then served in the Army as a gastroenterologist stationed in Stuttgart, Germany. After military discharge, Dr. Brandt joined the staff of Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY, where he currently is Emeritus Chief of Gastroenterology and Professor of Medicine and Surgery at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

Dr. Brandt has authored or edited more than 250 scientific publications and 10 books, one of which, *Sleisenger and Fordtran's Gastrointestinal and Liver Disease* (8th edition), won first prize in the British Medical Association's Medical Book Competition. He has received many awards, chief among which are the Distinguished Educator Award of the AGA, the Distinguished Educator Award of the ASGE, the Clinical Achievement Award of the ACG, the Berk/Fise Clinical Achievement Award recipient from the ACG, the William Dock, MD Master Teacher Award of SUNY, Downstate Medical Center, the Harry S. Gordon Award for Outstanding Clinical Teacher at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, and the Downstate Medical Center Alumni Achievement Medallion for Distinguished Service to American Medicine. He is an honorary NYPD Police Surgeon. Dr. Brandt is a Master of the ACG and served as President from 1992-1993. Dr. Brandt has given over 600 lectures nationally and internationally. He is an honorary member of the Argentine and Dominican Republic's Societies of Gastroenterology. He served 3 terms as a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM, Gastroenterology) and served a 10-year appointment as Editor of the Focal Points section of *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*.

Dr. Brandt's interests include ischemic and vascular disorders of the GI tract, irritable bowel syndrome, *C. difficile* infection, fecal microbiota transplantation, and the doctor-patient relationship.

Past J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturers

- 2019 Linda Rabeneck, MD, MPH, MACG: *Post-Colonoscopy Colorectal Cancer: How Are We Doing?*
- 2018 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *Fake News and Alternative Facts on Personalized Medicine in IBD*
- 2017 John J. Vargo, II, MD, MPH, FACP: *Are Our Patients Sleeping Safely and Soundly? The State of Endoscopic Procedural Sedation in 2017*
- 2016 Kenneth K. Wang, MD, FACP: *Endoscopy 202: Preparing for the Future*
- 2015 David A. Johnson, MD, MACG: *Sleep Effect on GI Health and Disease: Eyes Wide Open?*
- 2014 Richard A. Kozarek, MD FACP: *GI and Endoscopic Training for the Future Gastroenterologist*
- 2013 Christina M. Surawicz, MD, MACG: *Avoiding Burnout: Finding Balance Between Work and Everything Else*
- 2012 Mark Feldman, MD, FACP: *Is Gastric Secretion Still Relevant?*
- 2011 Seymour Katz, MD, MACG: *Management of the Elderly IBD Patient: A Wake-Up Call*
- 2010 Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG: *Academic Mentoring*
- 2009 Michael F. Sorrell, MD, FACP: *Gastroenterologist/Hepatologist: Identical or Complementary?*
- 2008 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACP: *Advances in Colonoscopy: New Platforms, New Techniques, New Imaging Technology: What Do They Mean?*
- 2007 M. Brian Fennerty, MD, FACP: *Alice in Wonderland: The Endoscopist of the Future and the Gastrointestinal Mucosa Through the "New" Looking Glass*
- 2006 Joel E. Richter, MD, MACG: *Eosinophilic Esophagitis: New Disease or Old Friend in Disguise*
- 2005 Bruce R. Bacon, MD, FACP: *Hereditary Hemochromatosis: What We Have Learned Since the Discovery of HFE*
- 2004 Brian P. Saunders, MBBS, MD, MRCP: *Colonoscopy in Evolution*
- 2003 Eamonn M. M. Quigley, MD, FACP: *Demystifying Motility: Gut Motor Dysfunction in Clinical Practice*
- 2002 Roger Williams, CBE, MD: *Improved Treatments for Decompensated Liver Disease Including Liver Support Devices*
- 2001 Richard P. MacDermott, MD, FACP: *Immunology and Therapy of IBD*
- 2000 Lawrence J. Brandt, MD, MACG: *Patients' Attitudes and Apprehensions About Endoscopy: Calming Troubled Waters*
- 1999 Marcia Angell, MD: *Evaluating Media Stories of Health Risk*
- 1998 Kees Huibregtse, MD, PhD: *The Endoscopic Approach to Benign Bile Duct Strictures and Leaks*
- 1997 David L. Wingate, MD: *Small Bowel Motility: Out of the Closet and into the Clinic*
- 1996 Guido N. Tytgat, MD: *Conditions Mimicking Crohn's Disease*
- 1995 David Y. Graham, MD, MACG: *Peptic Ulcer Disease: The Rest of the Story*
- 1994 Eugene R. Schiff, MD, MACG: *Long Term Treatment of Chronic Viral C Hepatitis*
- 1993 Jerome P. Kassirer, MD: *Making Decisions With Patients: Finding and Fixing the Flaws*

- 1992 Willis Crocker Maddrey, MD, MACG: *Chronic Liver Disease – 1992*
- 1991 Robert H. Blank, PhD: *Rationing Medicine: Hard Choices in the 1990's*
- 1990 Vay Liang Go, MD: *Brain-Gut Interaction: Relevance to Clinical Gastroenterology*
- 1989 Professor Dame Sheila Sherlock: *Liver Disease: The Next Decade*
- 1988 Thomas Almy, MD (Hon.): *The Gastroenterologist and the Graying of America*
- 1987 John Fordtran, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Recent Insights into the Pathogenesis of Chronic Diarrhea*
- 1986 Henry D. Janowitz, MD, FACG: *The Natural History of Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Therapeutic Decisions*
- 1985 Norton J. Greenberger, MD, FACG: (Hon.): *Pathophysiological Approach to the Patient with a Diarrheal Disorder*
- 1984 Henri Sarles, MD: *Management of Pain in Chronic Pancreatitis*
- 1983 Denis P. Burkitt, MD: *The Role of Fiber in the Prevention of Common Intestinal Disease*
- 1982 Howard M. Spiro, MD, MACG: *From Parsnips to Pomegranates – A Look Back at Gastroenterology*
- 1981 Basil I. Hirschowitz, MD, MACG: *Clinical Perspectives of Gastric Secretion*
- 1980 Charles E. Code, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The InterDigestive Gastrointestinal Housekeeper*
- 1979 Baruch S. Blumberg, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Relation Between HbsAG and Hepatic Carcinoma*
- 1978 Charles S. Lieber, MD, FACG: *Alcohol and the Liver – Progress Through 1978*
- 1977 Joseph B. Kirsner, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Biomedical Problems Presented by Inflammatory Bowel Disease*
- 1976 Basil C. Morson, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Biopsy of the Colon and Rectum in Inflammatory Disease*
- 1975 Thomas C. Chalmers, MD, FACG (Hon.): *What Should Distinguish a Gastroenterologist?*
- 1974 Lloyd M. Nyhus, MD, FACG (Hon.): *New Frontiers in Treatment of Duodenal Ulcer*
- 1973 Henry L. Bockus, MD, FACG: (Hon.): *The Doctor Image*
- 1972 Henry Colcher, MD, MACG: *Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, 1972*
- 1971 Irving M. Arias, MD, FACG (Hon.): *Jaundice – 1972*
- 1970 Hans Popper, MD, FACG (Hon.): *The Problem of Hepatitis*
- 1969 Richard Marshak, MD, FACG: *Ulcerative Granulomas and Ischemic Colitis*
- 1968 David A. Dreiling, MD, MACG: *Basic Mechanism in Pancreatic Secretion*