

Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterological Society (VGS) and the Old Dominion Society of Gastroenterology Nurses and Associates (ODSGNA) to honor Virginia State Senator Emily Couric, who lost her battle with pancreatic cancer in October of 2001. Senator Couric was a strong advocate for healthcare issues, particularly in her instrumental work to pass the nation's first legislation mandating health insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screening. The Emily Couric Lecturer is someone prominent in the field of GI cancer related topics. This individual is nominated by the President following consultation with the VGS and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

2019 Lecturer

Suresh T. Chari, MD, FACC

Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer: Problems, Promise, and Prospects



Suresh T. Chari, MD, FACC, trained in internal medicine and gastroenterology in India. He then completed the Alexander von Humboldt Fellowship in Mannheim, Germany. He moved to the United States in 1993, where he completed a residency at the University of Arizona and a Fellowship in Gastroenterology at the Mayo Clinic, before joining the faculty at Mayo Rochester in 1999.

Dr. Chari is currently Professor of Medicine, and Consultant in Gastroenterology and Hepatology, at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, where he has previously served as Director of the Pancreas Clinic. He is past Councilor and President of the American Pancreatic Association and International Association of

Pancreatology. He is the Editor-in-Chief of *Pancreatology*, the journal of the International Association of Pancreatology.

Since 2003, NIH has funded Dr. Chari's work to study the relationship between diabetes and pancreatic cancer. Currently, he is the PI of Mayo Clinic's U01 Consortium on the Study of Chronic Pancreatitis, Diabetes and Pancreatic Cancer (CPDPC), a co-investigator in Pancreatic Cancer Detection Consortium (U01), and a member of the Steering Committee of the Early Detection Initiative, a collaborative effort among NCI, Pancreatic Cancer Action Network and CPDPC to launch an early detection protocol for pancreatic cancer. He co-leads the Diabetes-Pancreatic Cancer Working Group in the U01.

Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers

- 2018 David A. Greenwald, MD FACP: *80% Colorectal Cancer Screening by 2018: How Did We Do and Where Do We Go From Here?*
- 2017 Mark B. Pochapin, MD FACP: *Colon Cancer: Polyps, Prevention and Progress*
- 2016 David E. Fleischer, MD, FACP: *Why the Esophageal Health of a Masai Tribesman in Kenya Matters to GI Docs in the U.S.*
- 2015 Irving M. Pike, MD, FACP: *National Registry Benchmarking for Colonoscopy Quality: The "High Road" Toward Improving the Performance of Colonoscopy and Cancer Prevention*
- 2014 Stephen B. Hanauer, MD, FACP: *Cancer in IBD: The Colon and Beyond*
- 2013 Nicholas J. Shaheen, MD, MPH, FACP: *Can We Prevent Cancer in Barrett's Esophagus?*
- 2012 Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP: *Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer*
- 2011 Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACP: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*
- 2010 David A. Johnson, MD, FACP: *Colon Cancer Screening: Evolution to Eradication...*
- 2009 Dennis J. Ahnen, MD: *The Adenoma-Carcinoma Sequence Revisited – Has the Era of Genetic Tailoring Finally Arrived?*
- 2008 Kenneth E. L. McColl, MD, FRSE: *Why has Adenocarcinoma Moved from the Stomach to the Esophagus and Where Does Sex Come In To It All?*
- 2007 Peter A. Banks, MD, MACG: *Pancreatic Cancer: Present Understanding and Future Prospects*
- 2006 Douglas K. Rex, MD, FACP: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer?*