
The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer

The J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer, formerly known as The Stuart Lecturer, is a person prominent in gastroenterology or a related area. This individual is nominated by the President and the appointment is subject to approval by the Board of Trustees.

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2010 Lecturer

Donald O. Castell, MD, MACG

Academic Mentoring



Dr. Donald O. Castell has been a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology, and the Director of the Esophageal Disorders Program at the Medical University of South Carolina since October 2001.

Internationally recognized as a leading authority on diseases of the esophagus and esophageal function, Dr. Castell has authored or co-authored more than 500 scientific publications. He is also the editor and principal contributor of *The Esophagus*, the primary text on this subject, a definitive 714-page text published by Little, Brown, and Company, which is currently in its fourth edition.

A 1960 graduate of the George Washington University School of Medicine, Dr. Castell served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy from 1959 to 1979. Before retiring with the rank of Captain, he spent his last four years of active service as Chairman of Medicine at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. He has held faculty positions at George Washington University School of Medicine, the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, NC, and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, PA. From April 1992 through September 2001, he was the Kimbel Professor and Chairman of the Department of Medicine at Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia, PA and Professor of Medicine. Dr. Castell was President of the American Gastroenterological Association from 1998-1999.

The College is pleased to present Dr. Donald O. Castell as the 2010 J. Edward Berk Distinguished Lecturer for his outstanding service within the field and his contributions to clinical gastroenterology, education and research.