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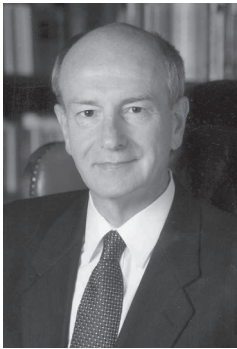
## David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education

The David Sun Lectureship in Postgraduate Education was established by Mrs. Sun in memory of her husband. Dr. Sun died at the peak of his career. He was an outstanding gastroenterologist and investigator. The 2010 speaker, with a distinguished background in gastroenterology or an allied field, is chosen by the Course Directors of the Postgraduate Program subject to the approval of the Educational Affairs Committee and the Board of Trustees.

### 2010 Lecturer

#### **Tom R. DeMeester, MD, FACG**

##### *Detente in the Therapy of GERD*



Dr. Tom R. DeMeester is currently the Jeffrey P. Smith Professor, General and Thoracic Surgery, and Chairman Emeritus, Department of Surgery, at the University of Southern California (USC). He received his medical degree from the University of Michigan and completed his surgical residency in general and thoracic surgery at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. After serving as assistant chief, Thoracic-Cardiovascular Surgery Service at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, he joined the University of Chicago, where he rose to the rank of tenured professor and chief of the Thoracic Surgery Division. He spent seven years at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska, as professor and chairman of the Department of Surgery before joining USC as chairman of the Department of Surgery in 1990. In 2009, he retired from the chair to focus on clinical practice, teaching and research.

Dr. DeMeester's interest is in foregut and pulmonary disease. He is the originator and developer of the field of non-invasive foregut ambulatory monitoring and has made a number of important contributions to the understanding of the physiology and pathophysiology of diseases of the esophagus and their surgical correction. In the area of oncology, he has focused on malignant degeneration of Barrett's esophagus, esophageal tumors and lung cancer. His studies have resulted in 434 publications in peer-reviewed journals, 161 book chapters and 9 books, and he has been invited to present 37 named lectures. He received an honorary Doctorate of Medicine degree from Linköping University, Sweden, Lund University, Sweden, the University of Athens, Greece and the University of Padua, Italy. Dr. DeMeester was elected a member of The Johns Hopkins University Society of Scholars, and honorary membership in the German Society of Visceral Surgery, the Spanish Association of Surgeons, the Association of Upper Gastrointestinal Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Hungarian Surgical Society. He is an Officer of the French Order of the Academic Palms, Paris. He serves on the editorial board and as an ad hoc reviewer of many surgical journals, and is past president of 5 societies.