Emily Couric Memorial Lecturer

The Emily Couric Memorial Lecture was developed by the ACG, the Virginia Gastroenterogical 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.

2012 Lecturer
Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP

Optimizing the Diagnosis and Management of Patients with Hereditary Colorectal Cancer

Dr. Carol A. Burke, MD, FACP, FACP, is the President of the Collaborative Group of the Americas on Inherited Colorectal Cancer. She has been a staff member in the Department of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at the Cleveland Clinic since graduating from her fellowship there in 1993. She holds a joint appointment in the Taussig Cancer Center and the Department of Colorectal Surgery. She is the Director of the Center for Colon Polyp and Cancer Prevention and the Head of the section of Polyposis in the Sanford R. Weiss Center for Hereditary Colorectal Neoplasia.

She is internationally known for her expertise in the inherited colon cancer syndromes and the prevention of colorectal neoplasia. Her area of clinical and research interests include the prevention of colorectal neoplasia both in sporadic individuals and those with the inherited colorectal cancer syndromes. She has funding for her research through the NCI, NIH, USDA and industry.

She has been involved in the education of medical students, residents and fellows since 1991 and has developed and coordinated the digestive disease curriculum for trainees in the in and out-patient setting in the Department.
She is the author of *Colonoscopy for Dummies* and has authored or co-authored over 50 publications. She is a visiting professor, and invited speaker at national and international conferences on the prevention of colorectal neoplasia and the inherited colon cancer syndromes. She is on the Board of Trustees for the American College of Gastroenterology, past associate editor for the *American Journal of Gastroenterology* and is reviewer for many journals including *Gut, Gastroenterology, Gastrointestinal Endoscopy*, and the *American Journal of Gastroenterology* to name a few.

**Past Emily Couric Memorial Lecturers**

2011  Robert H. Hawes, MD, FACG: *Current Diagnosis and Management of Cystic Neoplasms of the Pancreas*

2010  David A. Johnson, MD, FACG: *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, FACG: *What is Needed to Transform Colonoscopy into a Truly Protective Strategy Against Colorectal Cancer*