

The Mark B. Adams, MD, Visiting Professorship in Transplant Fund

The Mark B. Adams, MD, Visiting Professorship in Transplant Fund, established by the family of Dr. Adams, supports the annual lecture series in tribute to his life and career. Each lecture will feature a visiting professor with extensive experience in organ transplantation. The lectures are meant to inspire generations of medical students and residents (just as Dr. Adams did).



Dr. Adams was appointed Chair of the Department of Surgery in 2003 after leading the Division of Transplant Surgery for 17 years. He was Professor of Surgery, Chief of Transplant Surgery and former Director of the Froedtert and Medical College of Wisconsin's Transplant Program. The Transplant Program was established in 1967 with a focus on kidney, liver, and pancreas transplantation. Beginning in 2005, Dr. Adams served as Chair of the Medical College of Wisconsin Physicians Executive Committee.

During his tenure, Dr. Adams made enormous contributions to medical student and resident education programs. He directed the student education efforts in the Department of Surgery for many years and inspired the career choices of countless medical students and former surgical residents working across the country today.

Johnny C. Hong, MD, who holds the inaugural Mark B. Adams Chair in Surgery at MCW and is Chief of Transplant Surgery and Director of Solid Organ Transplantation, commented on the visiting professorship as a fitting acknowledgment of Dr. Adams' legacy.

"He was one of the pioneers of the transplant program at MCW and a leader in patient care and instruction," Dr. Hong said. "We are committed to inviting professors who carry these same characteristics to come and share their knowledge with our Medical College of Wisconsin trainees."

The Division of Transplant Surgery selects and invites the visiting professor and organizes/hosts the event. In addition to giving a formal lecture, the professor will hold a "rocking chair session" during which he or she talks informally with MCW students and residents about topics such as patient care, research, and a physician's life in academic medicine. Including this session in the visit would be especially important to Dr. Adams, who cared deeply about all aspects of a medical career, both in and out of the hospital.

Date	Visiting Professor	Institution/Title
2017	Peter Friend, MD, FACS (PDF) (Grand Rounds lecture video)	Professor of Transplantation Director of Oxford Transplant Centre University of Oxford
2016	A. Joseph Tector, III, MD, PhD (PDF) (Grand Rounds lecture video)	Professor of Surgery Director of Xenotransplantation Program University of Alabama at Birmingham