

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.

The Division of Transplant Surgery hosts the event which, in addition to Grand Rounds, includes a Rocking Chair Conference during which the visiting professor talks informally with 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.

The Medical College of Wisconsin Department of Surgery sponsors eight annual lectures, each honoring the lectureship's namesake for their significant contributions to education, research and patient care:

Mark B. Adams Transplant Lectureship	Carl W. Eberbach Lectureship
Edwin H. Ellison Lectureship	Marvin Glicklich Lectureship
Milton A. Lunda Trauma Lectureship	Gale L. Mendeloff Lectureship
Jonathan B. Towne Lectureship	C. Morrison Schroeder Lectureship



The Sixth Annual Mark B. Adams, MD, Memorial Lectureship in Transplantation

December 12-13, 2023

Robert A. Montgomery, MD, DPhil, FACS

H. Leon Pachter, MD Professor of Surgery
NYU Grossman School of Medicine
Chair, Department of Surgery
Director, NYU Langone Transplant Institute

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Dr. Robert A. Montgomery is the Chairman and Professor of Surgery at NYU Langone Health and the Director of the NYU Langone Transplant Institute. He received his Doctor of Medicine with Honor from the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He received his Doctor of Philosophy from Balliol College, The University of Oxford, England in Molecular Immunology. Dr. Montgomery completed his general surgical training, multi-organ transplantation fellowship, and postdoctoral fellowship in Human Molecular Genetics at Johns Hopkins. For over a decade he served as the Chief of Transplant Surgery and the Director of the Comprehensive Transplant Center at Johns Hopkins.

Dr. Montgomery was part of the team that developed the laparoscopic procedure for live kidney donation. He and the Hopkins team conceived the idea of the Domino Paired Donation, the Hopkins protocol for desensitization of incompatible kidney transplant patients, and performed the first chain of transplants started by an altruistic donor. He led the team that performed the first 2-way domino paired donation, 3-way paired donation, 3-way domino paired donation, 8-way multi-institutional domino paired donation, and co-led the first 10-way open chain. He is considered a world expert on kidney transplantation for highly sensitized and ABO incompatible patients.

Dr. Montgomery has had clinical and basic science research supported by the NIH throughout his career. He has authored over 300 peer reviewed articles, cited more than 30,000 times and has an h-index of 95. His academic interests include HLA sensitization, tolerance protocols including simultaneous solid organ and bone marrow transplantation, bioartificial organs and xenotransplantation. Dr. Montgomery became the recipient of a heart transplant in 2018 and has become known for his advocacy for transplant patients.

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Schedule of Events

Tuesday, December 12

4:00 - 5:00 PM CST

Hub for Collaborative Medicine, A5520/5628

Transplant Case Conference

Wednesday, December 13

7:30 – 8:30 AM CST

Helpaer Auditorium, Froedtert Hospital

The Sixth Annual Mark B. Adams,
MD, Memorial Lecture

*"The Story of an Unlikely Personal
and Professional Transplant Odyssey"*

8:30 – 9:30 AM CST

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Rocking Chair Conference