

The 62nd Annual Carl W. Eberbach, MD, Memorial Lectureship



Ronald P. DeMatteo, MD, FACS is the John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery, and Chair of the Department of Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. DeMatteo is a surgical oncologist who is nationally recognized for his expertise in treating diseases of the liver, bile duct, gallbladder, pancreas, abdominal sarcomas, and gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). His clinical research is focused on liver, bile duct, gallbladder, and pancreas cancers. Dr. DeMatteo completed his surgical residency and two postdoctoral fellowships at Penn Medicine – in Molecular Biology and Virology with Steven E. Raper, MD and James M. Wilson, MD, PhD; and in Immunology and Transplantation with Clyde F. Barker, MD – and returned in July 2017 as Chair of Surgery, after 20 years spent at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC).

Dr. DeMatteo has made significant research advances studying the immune environment of the liver and tumor immunology. He has served as the principal investigator on three national trials of the adjuvant drug imatinib following surgery to remove GIST, leading to its approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and a new standard of care for the disease. A well-respected educator, Dr. DeMatteo was Director of the Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program for seven years at MSKCC, and he has mentored more than 135 clinical and laboratory fellows.

June 13-14, 2023

Ronald P. DeMatteo, MD

John Rhea Barton Professor of Surgery
Chair, Department of Surgery
University of Pennsylvania

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

4:00 - 5:00 PM CDT

HUB A5520/5628

Educational Case Conference

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

7:30 – 8:30 AM CDT

Helpaer Auditorium

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*"Surgical, Molecular, Metabolic, and
Immunologic Attack of GIST"*

8:30 – 9:30 AM CDT

Helpaer Auditorium

Rocking Chair Conference

12:00 - 2:00 PM CDT

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Research Competition

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Every medical school graduate, in order to achieve his proper goal as a physician, must remain a dedicated student and teacher throughout his lifetime.
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- Carl W. Eberbach, MD

In 1928, Carl W. Eberbach, MD, came to Milwaukee after an already distinguished career as a researcher, Associate Professor of Surgery, and Acting Dean at the University of Michigan Medical School. While there, he worked closely with Dr. Hugh Cabot, a pioneer in the field of Urology. Dr. Eberbach made substantial contributions to the field, publishing widely throughout the 1920s on genitourinary anomalies; his monograph on renal tuberculosis was widely quoted. However, it was his interest and expertise in General Surgery that led him to accept a position with the Department of Surgery at the age of 37.

During his long career in Milwaukee, Dr. Eberbach demonstrated great dedication to the medical school, serving as Chairman of the Department of Surgery from 1950 to 1958. He was then instrumental in the recruitment of his successor as Chair, Dr. Edwin H. Ellison from Ohio State University. Dr. Eberbach's clinical expertise was legendary, particularly in thyroid, breast, and gallbladder surgery. He also continued his research, making notable discoveries in the fields of biliary tract surgery and the management of breast cancer.

The Carl W. Eberbach Visiting Professor Lectureship was established by a generous donation from the Dr. Carl W. and Elisabeth Falk Eberbach Foundation. Dr. Eberbach and his wife, Elisabeth Falk Eberbach, supported and led dozens of charitable causes, many focused on their passion for the fight against cancer. The Dr. Carl W. and Elisabeth Falk Eberbach Foundation, now part of the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, was established in 1961 to provide funding in the greater Milwaukee area for graduate medical education in surgery, general medicine, and for cultural purposes.

The Eberbach Visiting Professor Lectureship allows the Department of Surgery to bring national experts and educators in the fields of surgical science to the Medical College of Wisconsin. The lectureship encourages meaningful professional collaboration and provides educational opportunities for physicians, residents, and medical students; a purpose Dr. and Mrs. Eberbach strongly supported. In addition, the lectureship is timed to mark the end of the academic year and provides a forum for honoring the graduating chief surgical residents.

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 Memorial Lectureship
- Edwin H. Ellison Memorial Lectureship
- Marvin Glicklich Lectureship
- Milton A. Lunda Trauma Lectureship
- Gale L. Mendeloff Lectureship
- C. Morrison Schroeder Lectureship
- Jonathan B. Towne Lectureship