

## JONATHAN B. TOWNE, M.D.

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*Jonathan B. Towne, M.D., Professor Emeritus in the Division of Vascular Surgery, retired June 30, 2007 having spent his entire professional career of more than 30 years at the Medical College of Wisconsin.*

*Dr. Towne joined the MCW faculty in 1975 and founded the Vascular Surgery Service at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. In 1981, he was appointed Director of the Vascular Surgery Service at the Milwaukee County General Hospital. For more than 25 years, he served as Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery at MCW.*

*Prior to his tenure at the Medical College, Dr. Towne completed his general surgery residency at the University of Nebraska, served as the Chief of General Surgery in the United States Air Force at the USAF Hospital on Vandenberg Air Force Base, and completed his vascular surgery fellowship at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas with Dr. Jesse E. Thompson.*

*Dr. Towne earned numerous honors from the College and his students, including the Medical College's Distinguished Service Award and the Department of Surgery Teacher of the Year Award.*

*Dr. Towne was a dedicated leader for many local, regional and national committees, societies and professional organizations. He served as the President of the Society of Vascular Surgery from 1999-2000, President of the Central Surgical Association from 2002 to 2003, and Chair of the Vascular Surgery Board of the American Board of Surgery.*

*Dr. Towne fostered the development of a multidisciplinary model of care for vascular disease at the College, Froedtert Hospital and the Zablocki VA Medical Center with collaboration between Vascular Surgery and Interventional Radiology dedicated to advancing the quality of patient care and professional training.*

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*The Fifteenth Annual*  
**Jonathan B. Towne**  
**Visiting Professor**  
**May 16-17, 2023**

Presented by:

**Thomas L. Forbes, MD**

Surgeon-in-Chief  
James Wallace McCutcheon Chair  
*Sprott Department of Surgery*  
*University Health Network*

Professor  
Vice Chair, Finance and Advancement  
*Department of Surgery*  
*Temerty Faculty of Medicine*  
*University of Toronto*

# The Fifteenth Annual Jonathan B. Towne Visiting Professor

## Thomas L. Forbes, MD, FRCSC, FACS, DFSVS

Dr. Thomas L. Forbes is the Surgeon-in-Chief & James Wallace McCutcheon Chair of the Sprott Department of Surgery at the University Health Network, and Professor & Vice-Chair, Finance & Advancement, of the Department of Surgery, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto. He is also the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Vascular Surgery, and a Section Editor of Rutherford's Textbook of Vascular Surgery. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed papers, editorials and book chapters and given over 100 invited lectures or guest professorships. He is a Distinguished Fellow of



the Society for Vascular Surgery where he is Chair of the Quality Council and a Fellow of the American Surgical Association. He is also Past-President of the Canadian Society for Vascular Surgery, a former Residency Program Director and former Vice-Chair of the Vascular Surgery Specialty Committee of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. He obtained his medical degree in 1990 from the University of Toronto and completed his general surgery and vascular surgery training at Western University.

Previous positions include R. Fraser Elliott Chair and Division Head of Vascular Surgery at University Health Network (2018-2022) and Professor of Surgery and Chair of the Division of Vascular Surgery at the University of Toronto (2014-2022). He began his surgical career at Western University from 1998 to 2014. At Western, he served as Chair/Chief of the Division of Vascular Surgery (2005-2014) and the inaugural Graduate Program Chair of the Masters of Science in Surgery program. He was the founding Program Director of the Advanced Aortic Surgery Fellowship at the University of Toronto, a joint fellowship between vascular and cardiac surgery in open and endovascular therapies for thoracoabdominal aortic pathologies. His academic interests include clinical outcomes research as well as combining engineering principles with complex surgery.

### *Schedule of Events:*

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

HUB A5520/5628

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

**Case Conference**

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**The 15th Annual Towne Lecture**

*“Four Seconds”*

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

Helpaer Auditorium

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

**Surgery Grand Rounds**

*“My Aortic Journey & What’s Next?”*

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

**Rocking Chair Conference**

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