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Jeffrey M. Isner, M.D. 1947–2001

Jeffrey M. Isner, M.D. played a pioneering role in developing gene therapies for obstructive atherosclerosis and peripheral vascular disease. This work, as well as his groundbreaking studies revealing that endothelial progenitor cells can arise from adult bone marrow, provide the conceptual and scientific underpinnings for several fields of basic and clinical cardiovascular research.

Dr. Isner graduated from Tufts University School of Medicine (TUSM) in 1973 and pursued his residency in internal medicine at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center, followed by a cardiology fellowship at Georgetown University Hospital. After several years at the NIH Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Dr. Isner returned to Boston as Professor of Medicine and Pathology at TUSM. In 1988 he became Chief of Cardiovascular Research and Director of the Human Gene Therapy Laboratory at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center.

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Dr. Isner received many awards, including the American Medical Association’s William Beaumont Award in Medicine, and authored 400 research publications before his untimely death at age 53. A caring physician and groundbreaking researcher, Dr. Isner was above all a devoted and loving family man.

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William C. Roberts, M.D., M.A.C.C., graduated from Southern Methodist University and from Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Roberts received his training in internal medicine at the Boston City Hospital and at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and his training in pathology at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). From 1964 to 1993, he was chief of pathology in the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the NIH. He has published more than 1,600 articles, authored or edited 25 books, and lectured in more than 2,200 cities throughout the world. He has contributed information on many cardiovascular conditions.

During the past 42 years, Dr. Roberts has been program director for the annual Williamsburg Conference on Heart Disease (Williamsburg, Virginia). Since March 1993, he has been executive director of the Baylor Heart and Vascular Institute at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He is also the editor-in-chief of the Baylor University Medical Center Proceedings and dean of the A. Webb Roberts Center for Continuing Medical Education for the Baylor Health Care System. He has been the editor-in-chief of The American Journal of Cardiology since June 1982.

Dr. Roberts has received many honors, including the Gifted Teacher Award of the American College of Cardiology, the College Medalist Award of the American College of Chest Physicians, the Richard and Hilda Rosenthal Foundation Award from the Council of Cardiology of the American Heart Association, the Public Health Service Commendation Medal, and an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Far Eastern University, Manila, Philippines.