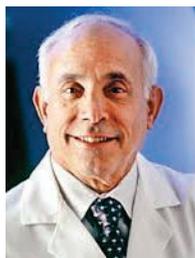


Albert E. Raizner Receives Master Interventionalist Designation



A. E. Raizner, M.D.

Dr. Albert E. Raizner, M.D., was honored as a Master Interventionalist of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (MSCAI), which is the primary professional association for invasive and interventional cardiologists. The highest distinction given by the society, the MSCAI is awarded to SCAI fellows who are nominated by their peers for outstanding clinical and research credentials. To be considered for the MSCAI designation, fellows must have earned their FSCAI designation 10 or more years

ago, been active in SCAI during that time, and have outstanding credentials in scientific achievement, innovation and technical developments, teaching, leadership, and the clinical practice of interventional cardiology.

Dr. Raizner was the director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories at Houston Methodist Hospital for 25 years and was a founder and the first medical director of the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center, where he currently serves as vice-chairman of the Department of Cardiology. He was among the first to perform angioplasty and stent implantation in the United States, and his research contributed to the validation and use of stents in coronary arteries and has led restenosis prevention techniques. In addition to having served on the editorial boards of major cardiology journals, Dr. Raizner has authored more than 500 manuscripts, abstracts, and book chapters and has been an advisor to NASA, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Houston Methodist Hospital Recognizes Outstanding Cardiology Fellows During Annual Awards Dinner



H. L. Beazley, M.D.

On June 5, Houston Methodist Hospital held its annual Cardiology Fellows Graduation Dinner and Award Ceremony to honor this year's cardiology fellows and recognize two graduates who exemplify excellence and dedication in clinical research and practice. At this year's ceremony, the H. Liston Beazley Award for Clinical Excellence was given to Paulino A. Alvarez, M.D., for his excellence in clinical practice, professionalism, and humanitarianism. The Award for Clinical Research was given to Robert Clark Schutt, III,

M.D., whose efforts were determined to be of the highest standard in terms of originality and impact. Dr. Alvarez completed his internal medicine residency in 2013 at Houston Methodist Hospital, and Dr. Schutt from the University of Virginia.

The Beazley award is named in honor of H. Liston Beazley, whose 21 years of practice at Houston Methodist Hospital were punctuated by numerous teaching awards from his colleagues, students, residents, and fellows. Established by Beazley's widow, Dora Kathryn "Dodie" Beazley, the awards recognize fellows in the hospital's cardiology training program who epitomize the clinical and humanitarian skills manifested in Dr. Beazley himself.

The hospital's cardiovascular fellowship training program is designed to fulfill the general cardiovascular training requirements for physicians who are pursuing a career in clinical, academic, or investigative cardiology. The program is overseen by Craig M. Pratt, M.D., an internationally recognized researcher who also serves as vice chairman of research and education for the Department of Cardiology, director of research for the Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center, medical director of the Coronary Intensive Care Unit, and the Electrocardiography and Exercise Testing Laboratories at Houston Methodist Hospital.