



GUEST EDITOR DR. JOHN MCCARTHY LENDING EXPERTISE ON HEMATOLOGY ISSUE

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The *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal* gives a special thanks to John McCarthy, M.D., for serving as guest editor of this issue on hematology. As a practicing clinician-educator at the Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center and associate professor of hematology and internal medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College and Baylor College of Medicine, McCarthy has instructed thousands of students and medical residents through basic and clinical sciences, residencies, and fellowships. His clinical interests encompass a broad range of entities in medical education and internal medicine, including topics in curriculum design, physical diagnosis, benign hematology, coagulation, hematologic malignancies, platelet disorders, myeloproliferative diseases, and transplantation. Born in America's heartland in Indianapolis, McCarthy spent his formative youth in Indiana and New Jersey before attending the University of Notre Dame as an undergraduate. He went on to earn his medical degree at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, which he has called "home" for the past 40 years, having attended Baylor as a medical student and continuing on as a resident, hematology fellow, chief resident, and faculty member. McCarthy has received many special recognitions throughout his career, among them the Notre Dame Baldinger Award and a number of teaching accolades in basic sciences and internal medicine while at Baylor. McCarthy has presided over several Houston medical societies and, while at Weill Cornell, has been repeatedly recognized as one of the region's best physicians. He was recently included on the 2011 *U.S. News & World Report* "Top Doctors" list.

DR. WILLIAM WINTERS RECEIVES THE FIRST GEORGE P. NOON, M.D. AWARD

William L. Winters, M.D., distinguished cardiologist and editor-in-chief of the *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal*, became the first recipient of the George P. Noon, M.D. Award at this year's National Doctors Day celebration held at The Methodist Hospital. The award was established at the 2009 Leading Hearts Gala when Noon was honored by the Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center (MDHVC). Thereafter in his name, the George P. Noon, M.D. Award honors a physician, individual, or organization that has a relationship with The Methodist Hospital and who, through leadership, service, and lifelong commitment, has made significant contributions to the advancement of care in the field of cardiovascular disease. The awardee is determined by the executive committee of the MDHVC, which selects a candidate that exemplifies integrity, compassion, accountability, respect, and excellence in service to fellow human beings — the principles that exemplify the values of The Methodist Hospital.

With more than 40 years of service in Houston, Winters has accrued a long list of accomplishments that epitomize these values and highlight his dedication to patients, students, colleagues, and the field of cardiovascular medicine.

"The nominating committee could not think of anyone more deserving of this award than Dr. Winters," says Miguel Quiñones, M.D., chairman of the Department of Cardiology at The Methodist Hospital and a member of the MDHVC Executive Committee. "For over 40 years of service at The Methodist Hospital, Dr. Winters has taken care of the wealthy and the poor, seeing each patient as a complete human being, providing them the benefit of his technical expertise and, most importantly, his personal touch. As a teacher, he has shared with students and trainees his medical and technical knowledge and taught them the art of medicine. He is a natural leader who, in a quiet, friendly, and consistent manner, has influenced the medical community in our own hospital and in the nation — the latter through his leadership in the American College of Cardiology."

Winters holds the John S. Dunn Foundation Chair for Clinical Cardiovascular Research and Education at The Methodist Hospital and is director of The Methodist Hospital Education Institute. In addition to a busy clinical practice, he makes time to teach medical students, residents and fellows, participates in clinical research, and serves in leadership positions at the local and national level. This includes positions such as past president of The Methodist Hospital Medical Staff; president and founder of the Houston Cardiology Society; president of the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate; governor for South Texas for the American College of Physicians; chairman of the Board of Governors of the American College of Cardiology; and past president of the American College of Cardiology. Winters serves as Emeritus Trustee of the American College of Cardiology and is named Master of the American College of Cardiology.