The Solly Marks Memorial Lecture 2016



Thursday, 20 October 2016 16h00 Lecture Theatre 2 New Main Building Groote Schuur Hospital

Solly Marks Visiting Professorship

Professor Marks the founder of the UCT GI Clinic at Groote Schuur Hospital and the South African Gastroenterology Society died on 19 October 2012.

His contribution to the development of gastroenterology both locally and internationally is profound in both academic and scientific terms and an accolade to his alma mater The University of Cape Town. In recognition of his contributions, the Division of Gastroenterology under the auspices of the Department of Medicine have raised funds to create a Visiting Professorship on an annual/biennial basis to invite a leading academic gastroenterologist to the Unit.

The aim being to stimulate academic gastroenterology in the Department by interaction with young and mature gastroenterologists regarding clinical and research aspects of gastroenterology.

The individual will give the Professor IN Marks Memorial Lecture and will be presented with a certificate to commemorate the occasion.

The Solly Marks Memorial Lecturer David Metz



"Current Perspectives on the Risk-Benefit Ratio of PPI Therapy?"

Dr. Metz is a Professor of Medicine at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated MBChB at the University of the Witwatersrand's Medical School in 1982 and completed his internship at the Johannesburg General Hospital. He did his residency in internal medicine at Albert Einstein Medical Centre and went on to complete fellowships in Gastroenterology at Georgetown University Hospital and at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Metz's clinical and academic research focuses on; acid-peptic disorders, swallowing disorders, eosinophilic oesophagitis and gastrointestinal neuroendocrine tumours. He is currently the Gastrointestinal Division's Associate Chief for Clinical Affairs and Director of the Acid-Peptic, Oesophagology and Swallowing Programs and the Neuroendocrine Tumour Centre at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Among his several awards for clinical excellence he received the McKeen Cattell Memorial Award from the American College of Clinical Pharmacology. He has 107 peer reviewed publications and 89 editorials. He is on the Editorial Board of Gastroenterology, The American Journal of Gastroenterology and Alimentary Pharmacology and Therapeutics.

Dr. Metz is a member of the American College of Gastroenterology, serves on several committees of the American Gastroenterological Association, and is the Chair elect of the North American Neuroendocrine Tumour Society (NANETS). This is his second period at UCT as in 2005 he spent five months here on sabbatical leave.

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