

ROSTER OF THE FRED C. WILLIAMS LECTURE

HISTORY:

The Fred C. Williams, MD, Memorial Lecture honors Dr. Williams, who was not a graduate of the UCSF program. Dr. Williams first met Frederick C. Cordes, MD, and the UCSF faculty (as Lieutenant Colonel Fred C. Williams, MD) while stationed with the US Army at Fort Ord, near Monterey, California. He attended the rounds of Dr. Cordes and knew him before 1959, when Dr. Cordes retired.

Dr. Williams began his army career as a fully trained eye specialist as well as a trained ear, nose, and throat specialist. During his Korean War rotation as an army ophthalmologist in Tokyo, he gained tremendous experience with facial, head, and neck trauma and ocular trauma. He became acquainted with many of the top eye surgeons in Japan, including Tsutomu Sato, MD, an early pioneer of refractive keratotomy, and Dr. Nakaizumi, who later had a son in fellowship training at UCSF. Dr. Williams was one of the early faculty connections to the Japanese ophthalmic community so tightly affiliated with UCSF today.

Military assignments kept him moving around the world, but in 1964 he returned to San Francisco as the director of ophthalmology for Letterman Army Medical Center in the Presidio. At that time, he also became an integral part of the residency teaching program at UCSF, serving as a clinical instructor and regularly attending grand rounds.

Dr. Williams's experience in trauma and lid reconstruction was of great value to the UCSF residents in rotation at San Francisco General Hospital (later named Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center), where he developed a close friendship with Crowell Beard, MD, and other faculty members.

He retired from military service in 1969 and began private practice in ophthalmology at the Franklin Hospital (later to become the Davies campus of California Pacific Medical Center). He enjoyed all aspects of ophthalmology, and was equally comfortable performing surgery for congenital glaucoma, cataract, lid reconstruction, and orbital tumor.

Residents over many years remember his cheerful availability and equanimity when called to assist with any type of emergency at all hours and on weekends. He served the UCSF Department of Ophthalmology in this capacity for more than 25 years, retiring in the early 1990s for health reasons.

-A. Sydney Williams, MD

Meeting	Speaker
2001	David F. Chang, MD
2002	John P. Whitcher, MD, MPH
2003	Gary L. Aguilar, MD
2004	A. Sydney Williams, MD
2005	G. Richard O'Connor, MD
2006	J. Earl Rathbun, MD
2007	H. Richard McDonald, MD
2008	Roger Martin, MD
2009	Daniel F. Goodman, MD
2010	William V. Good, MD
2011	David G. Hwang, MD, FACS
2012	
2013	Robert N. Weinreb, MD
2014	Stuart R. Seiff, MD, FACS

2015	Creig S. Hoyt, MD
Dec. 2015	Devron Char, MD
2016	Richard L. Abbott, MD
2017	J. Michael Jumper, MD
2018	
2019	
2020	Eddy Tamura, MD
2021	Ron Melles, MD
2022	
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