Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Second Annual Bruce A. Reitz, M.D. Visiting Professor Lecture

Monday, June 4, 2018
8:30-9:30 a.m.

James H. Clark Center Auditorium
318 Campus Drive, Stanford

“Thank you, Bruce Reitz”

Charles D. Fraser Jr., M.D.
Chief of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery
Dell Children’s Medical Center, Austin, Texas

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Dr. Fraser has joined the faculty of University of Texas at Austin where he will lead efforts in building the Texas Center for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Disease. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Fraser was chief of congenital heart surgery at Texas Children’s Hospital from 1995 to 2018, where he built a focused pediatric cardiac care center which has grew to be among the nation’s largest and, in 2017, was ranked first in the nation, according to US News and World report. His clinical focus includes congenital heart surgery, pediatric cardiopulmonary transplantation and mechanical circulatory support. Dr. Fraser was also surgeon-in-chief at Texas Children’s from 2010 to 2018, where he led the entirety of the surgical programs, including 130 full-time faculty surgeons and over 200 advanced practiced providers.
Dear Colleagues and Guests,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the Second Annual Bruce A. Reitz, M.D. Visiting Professor Lecture. We are honored to have Dr. Charles D. Fraser, Jr., Chief of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery, Dell Children's Medical Center to serve as this year's visiting lecturer.

Thank you for being a part of this very special event. Please join me in offering Dr. Fraser a warm welcome.

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Charles D. Fraser Jr., M.D.

Charles D. Fraser, Jr., M.D., is the Chief of Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery at Dell Children's Medical Center, in Austin, Texas. His academic appointments include professor of surgery, Perioperative Care and Pediatrics, University of Texas Dell Medical School. He is also emeritus professor of surgery, Baylor College of Medicine and adjunct professor of bioengineering at Rice University.

Dr. Fraser received a bachelor's degree with honors in mathematics from University of Texas at Austin, a medical degree from University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and completed surgical residencies at Johns Hopkins Hospital in general, cardiothoracic and thoracic transplant surgery. He subsequently completed a fellowship in pediatric cardiac surgery at The Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne.
Bruce A. Reitz, M.D.

Bruce A. Reitz, M.D., was born in 1944 in Seattle, Washington, and grew up in Oakland, California. He graduated from Stanford University with a degree in physiology in 1966. That same year, he entered Yale University School of Medicine. While in medical school, Reitz contacted Norman Shumway, M.D., about conducting research in his cardiac surgery laboratory. Dr. Reitz’s six months in that lab cemented his desire to specialize in cardiac surgery.

Dr. Reitz completed his medical internship at the Johns Hopkins Hospital. He returned to Stanford for his residency, and then pursued a two-year fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Reitz returned to Stanford again in 1974, eventually earning an appointment as Assistant Professor of Cardiac Surgery. In March 1981, Drs. Reitz and Shumway performed the first successful heart and lung transplant for 45-year-old Mary Gohlke.

In 1982, Dr. Reitz became Cardiac Surgeon-in-Charge at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, and his Stanford colleague Bill Baumgartner became director of a new Heart and Lung Transplant Program. Ten years later, when Dr. Shumway retired, Reitz was recruited to Stanford to succeed him as Chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery. He held that position until 2005, and he retired from clinical practice in 2010.

While in medical school at Yale, Dr. Reitz met Nan Norton, another Californian who was then pursuing a Master’s degree in the School of Public Health. They were married in 1970. They have two children: Megan Reitz, a family practice physician in Seattle, and Jay Reitz, who is Vice-President of Engineering for Evidence.com, also in Seattle.