Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Fifth Annual Dr. Lawrence H. and Mrs. Roberta Cohn Visiting Professor Lecture

“Adverse Events After Mitral Valve Repair for Leaflet Prolapse”

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Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto
Melanie Munk Chair of Cardiovascular Surgery

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8:30-9:30 a.m.
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318 Campus Drive, Stanford

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Dr. Cohn proudly served as a Board member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and established a gallery in the American Wing of the Museum of Fine Arts. He was a collector of rare cardiology and cardiac surgery books, and in 2008, he created the Lawrence H. Cohn Library at BWH for this history. He was a Board Member of the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, a member of the Massachusetts Historical Society and on the corporation of the Winsor School. He served on the advisory board for Brandeis’ Heller School’s Health Industry Forum as well as MIT Collaborative Initiatives Visionary Council.

Dr. Cohn resided in Chestnut Hill, MA and was married for 56 years to his childhood sweetheart, Roberta, has two daughters, Leslie and Jennifer, sons-in-law, Stephen and Jeffrey, and three grandchildren, Carly, Rachel, and Cameron.
Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to the Fifth Annual Dr. Lawrence H. and Mrs. Roberta Cohn Visiting Professor Lecture. We are honored to have Dr. Tirone E. David, Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto and the holder of the Melanie Munk Chair of Cardiovascular Surgery at the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre, to serve as this year's visiting lecturer. Thank you for being a part of this memorable event.

Sincerely,

Joseph Woo, M.D.

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Dr. Lawrence H. Cohn was a pioneer in adult cardiac surgery known for his contribution to the field. He published over 550 original scientific articles, 105 book chapters and 12 books, including five editions of Cardiac Surgery in the Adult, the most referenced textbook in adult cardiac surgery today. An excellent public speaker, Dr. Cohn delivered more than 1000 lectures worldwide. He held office on the American Board of Thoracic Surgery, the American College of Cardiology, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery (President), the American College of Chest Physicians (President), the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (President) and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery (President). He was a member of 20 other professional organizations, both locally and internationally known. Dr. Cohn's prolific research and writing led him to be the editor of the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, in addition to serving on the editorial board of 23 other prestigious journals.

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Tirone E. David, M.D., is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto and the holder of the Melanie Munk Chair of Cardiovascular Surgery at the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre. Dr. David has published 385 scientific papers, 35 chapters in medical textbooks as well as 5 surgical textbooks. He has developed numerous operative procedures to treat patients with heart valve disease, complications of myocardial infarction, and thoracic aneurysms. One of these procedures is known as the “David operation”.

He has been a member of the editorial board of several medical journals. In addition, he is a member of numerous surgical and medical societies and is an honorary member of the European Cardio-Thoracic Association, Brazilian Cardiovascular Society, Italian Society for Cardiac Surgery, Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, German Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular, Society of Cardiac Surgeons, and Japanese Association for Thoracic Surgery.

He was elected honorary member of the Brazilian National Academy of Medicine in 2013. He was President of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in 2004-2005 and the recipient of its Scientific Achievement Award in 2016. He received the Order of Ontario in 1993 and the Order of Canada in 1996, the highest honor given to civilians in Canada. He was elected University Professor in 2004, the highest honor the University of Toronto bestows to its professors.

Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.

Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D., was born in San Francisco in 1937. He earned his B.A. in History from University of California, Berkeley, with honors, his M.D. from the Stanford School of Medicine (AOA), and completed graduate training at Boston City Hospital, National Heart Institute, University of California, San Francisco, and Stanford University. He joined the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in 1971 and was appointed Chief of the Division and Director of the Cardiothoracic Residency Program in 1987. From 1971-2000 he directed the Cardiac Surgery Laboratory at Harvard Medical School. He was appointed Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School in 1980, and in 2000 he was awarded the first Harvard endowed Chair in Cardiac Surgery and was appointed the first Chair of the Brigham and Women’s Physicians Organization. He served as Chair of the Physician and Scientist Fundraising at BWH and was a founding member of the Hippocrates Society. He served as Physician Director of Medical Device Technology for Partners HealthCare Systems.

Dr. Cohn performed over 11,500 cardiac surgical operations and was a world-renowned expert in the field of valve repair and replacement surgery. At BWH, he pioneered the process of minimally invasive heart valve surgery along with many other innovations including New England’s first heart transplant, bioprosthetic porcine valve and computer-assisted robot surgery. Dr. Cohn’s clinical and research interests spanned the