Dean’s Distinguished Lecture

The Wayne State University School of Medicine Dean’s Distinguished Lecture Series is designed to provide students, faculty and colleagues with a unique opportunity to hear internationally prominent persons in the forefront of medicine and research.

About the Speaker

Peter Libby, MD, is the Chief of Cardiovascular Medicine at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. He also serves as the Mallinckrodt Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Libby directs the D.W. Reynolds Cardiovascular Clinical Research Center at Harvard. His current major research focus is the role of inflammation in vascular diseases such as atherosclerosis. Dr. Libby has received numerous awards and recognitions for his research accomplishments. His areas of clinical expertise include general and preventive cardiology.

An author and lecturer on cardiovascular medicine and atherosclerosis, Dr. Libby has published extensively in medical journals including Circulation, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, New England Journal of Medicine, and Nature. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Eighth edition of Braunwald’s Heart Disease. Dr. Libby has also contributed the chapter on the pathogenesis, treatment, and prevention of atherosclerosis to Harrison’s Principles of Internal Medicine. He has held numerous visiting professorships and has been selected to deliver over 60 named or keynote lectures throughout the world.

Dr. Libby’s professional memberships include the Association of American Physicians, the American Society for Clinical Investigation, and an honorary membership in the British Atherosclerosis Society. He recently served as the President of the Association of University Cardiologists. He has served in many roles as a volunteer for the American Heart Association, including chairman of several research committees and member of the executive committees of the Councils on Arteriosclerosis, Circulation, and Basic Science. He has frequently served as a consultant to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), including a 5-year term on the Board of Scientific Councilors. He was the recipient of a MERIT Award from the NHLBI.

Dr. Libby earned his medical degree at the University of California, San Diego, and completed his training in internal medicine and cardiology at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital (now Brigham and Women’s Hospital). He also holds an honorary MA degree from Harvard University, and an honorary doctorate from the University of Lille, France.
Objectives

To acquaint the practicing physicians and researchers with medical concepts, techniques, and research, which lies on the cutting edge of medical research. This Dean’s Distinguished Lecture will focus on vascular biology of acute ischemic syndromes.

At the conclusion of the lecture, participants will be able to:

- To become acquainted with current thinking regarding the pathophysiology of coronary thrombosis.
- To become familiar with the systemic and diffuse nature of atherosclerosis and inflammation in patients with coronary artery disease.
- To understand the distinction between stenosis and risk of myocardial infarction.
- To distinguish between stable and vulnerable atheroma.
- To comprehend the role of inflammation in atherosclerotic complications.
- To appreciate that atherosclerosis therapy must address stabilization of “vulnerable”, high-risk plaques in addition to revascularizing fixed stenoses.

Continuing Medical Education

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Southeast Michigan Center for Medical Education. The Wayne State University School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The Wayne State University School of Medicine designates this educational activity for a maximum of 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Audience

The Dean’s Distinguished Lecture is intended for physicians, residents, basic scientists and faculty researchers with an interest in cardiology and cardiovascular research.

Location

The lecture will take place in 3125 Scott Hall on May 19, 2009 at 4:00 PM

Registration
There is no charge to attend the lecture, however, seating is limited. Please RSVP to Office of the Dean by phone at 577-0184 or by email at rstecko@med.wayne.edu.

For more information contact the Cardiovascular Research Institute at 577-4630 or visit the website at http://cvri.med.wayne.edu/index.php.