

## **Paul H. Sugarbaker, MD**

Paul H. Sugarbaker was born in Baltimore, Maryland on November 28, 1941. He graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois obtaining a BS in Chemistry in 1963. In 1967 he graduated from Cornell University Medical College in New York and joined the Surgical Residency Program at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in Boston where he eventually served as the Surgical Chief Resident in 1973. He completed his surgical research training at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in 1976. At the same time he was a graduate student in Basic Sciences at Harvard College from which he graduated with a Masters Degree in Immunology in 1983. From 1976 to 1986 he was Senior Investigator of the Surgery Branch at the National Cancer Institute, NIH in Bethesda, Maryland. From 1981 to 1986 he also served as Head of the Colorectal Cancer Section. In 1986 he was appointed as the Director of Surgical Oncology at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1989 he returned to Washington, DC and became the Medical Director of the Washington Cancer Institute. From 1993 up to the present time he has been the Director, Program in Peritoneal Surface Malignancy at the Washington Cancer Institute.

Dr. Sugarbaker is a mentor, investigator, and has lectured extensively, both nationally and internationally, earning numerous awards and citations. Clinically he is best known for his expertise in GI surgical oncology specializing in cancer with peritoneal metastases such as colorectal cancer surgery and in rare diseases such as pseudomyxoma peritonei, peritoneal mesothelioma, abdominal sarcomas, and peritoneal metastases from ovarian and colorectal malignancies. He has pioneered treatment procedures such as cytoreductive surgery with heated intraoperative intraperitoneal chemotherapy and early postoperative intraperitoneal chemotherapy. He has published more than 800 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, numerous books, book chapters and textbooks. He is a member of eight editorial boards. His most recent publications have focused on pharmacologic studies of the hyperthermic intraperitoneal chemotherapy.

In the past, his clinical and research interests have included innovative surgical treatments of liver metastases and sarcomas. Over the last 20 years the focus has been the clinical and investigative work in peritoneal metastases, primary appendiceal mucinous malignancy, peritoneal mesothelioma, but also from gastrointestinal and gynecologic malignancies. Innovative surgical procedures and techniques such as peritonectomies and electroevaporative dissection have been developed and widely publicized. The concepts of complete versus incomplete cytoreductive surgery and the quantitative assessment of extent of peritoneal involvement have originated with Dr. Sugarbaker. The infusion of hyperthermic intraoperative chemotherapy has shown to be effective in patients with small volume and microscopic residual disease. He is actively disseminating these advances in the treatment of peritoneal surface malignancies worldwide. He is both a traditional and nontraditional surgeon always searching for answers.

Because of his long-standing dedication and contribution to the field of cancer surgery he was awarded the Doctor Honoris Causa at the Universite de Liege, Belgium on March 1999, Fellowship ad eundem at The Royal College of Surgeons of England in September 1999, the Distinguished Service Award by the American Society of Abdominal Surgeons in May 2001, the Fellow qua Surgeon at The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of



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Glasgow, England in November 2003, the Merium Ann Simone Distinguished Service Award - International Spirit of Life Foundation at Washington, DC in June 2006, Honorary Professor at Universidad Nacional de Cordoba, Argentina in November 2006 and Doctor Honoris Causa in University of Lyon, France in November 2008.