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## AAS Founders Lecture



A United Voice for Academic Surgery

#### John L. Cameron, MD



Dr. John L. Cameron was born and raised in Michigan. He received his undergraduate degree from Harvard University in 1958. His medical degree was obtained at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1962. Upon graduating, Dr. Cameron completed all of his surgical training at The Johns

Hopkins Hospital. In 1971, he was appointed assistant professor of surgery at Hopkins; he was promoted to associated professor in 1974 and to full professor in 1978. In 1984, he was named Surgeon-in-Chief of The Johns Hopkins Hospital and Chairman of the Department of Surgery in the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 2003, Dr. Cameron stepped down from his position as Surgeon-in-Chief to assume the position of The Alfred Blalock Distinguished Service Professor. Dr. Cameron remains active as a clinical surgeon operating 5 days a week, as a teacher and as an investigator. His career at Johns Hopkins spans a 48-year period.

Throughout his career, Dr. Cameron's interests have primarily focused in the field of alimentary tract surgery. He has made many contributions to the understanding of the pathophysiology and management of a variety of benign and malignant pancreatic diseases. He is most often associated with the Whipple procedure, a complex operation used to treat a variety of pancreatic diseases including pancreatic cancer. He has performed more of these operations than any other surgeon in the world. Dr. Cameron belongs to all of the surgical associations and societies in this country and has served as President of the Halsted Society, the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, the Society of Clinical Surgery, the Society for Surgical Chairmen, the Southern Surgical Association, and most recently the American Surgical Association. He has published over 300 articles, over 90 book chapters and is the editor of nine books. He is on the editorial board of several journals, is the co-editor of the Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery and the Editor of Advances in Surgery.

## SUS Lifetime Achievement Award

### Basil A. Pruitt, Jr., M.D., FACS, FCCM



Dr. Pruitt graduated from Harvard College in 1952. After a year as a geology graduate student at Harvard University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Pruitt changed careers and entered Tufts University School of Medicine from which he received the M.D. degree in 1957. Dr. Pruitt began his surgical residency under Dr. Charles Gardner Child at the Boston City Hospital but in 1959 he was

drafted and began a lifelong affiliation with the Army's burn center when he was assigned to the U.S. Army Surgical Research Unit at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Dr. Pruitt completed his surgical residency at Brooke General Hospital in 1964 following which he was reassigned to the burn center initially as Chief of the Burn Study Branch and shortly thereafter as Chief of the Clinical Division. Following a year's tour in Vietnam, where he served as Chief of Professional Services at the 12th Evacuation Hospital and Chief of the Trauma Research Team, Dr. Pruitt returned to the burn center now called the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research as Commander and Director, a post he held for 27 years. Dr. Pruitt retired from the Medical Corps in December 1995 and accepted a faculty position as Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He has held an appointment as Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences since 1978.

Dr. Pruitt's clinical activities have placed emphasis on the surgical care of burn and trauma patients and his research activities have extended and complemented those interests. Dr. Pruitt is a member of 38 professional societies and has held elected or appointed office in many of those societies including the presidency of the American Burn Association, the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Surgical Infection Society, the North American Burn Society, the Halsted Society, the Western Surgical Association, the International Society for Burn Injuries, the American Trauma Society, the Southern Surgical Association, and the American Surgical Association. He was recently elected President-elect of the Shock

Society. Dr. Pruitt has served on eleven Editorial Boards, and is presently the Editor of the Journal of Trauma. He has authored and co-authored over 440 published papers, 162 textbook chapters, and 13 books and monographs.

Dr. Pruitt has fulfilled numerous visiting professorships and presented a large number of eponymic lectures including the A.B. Wallace Memorial Lecture for the British Burn Association, the Scudder Oration for the American College of Surgeons, the Churchill/Excelsior Surgical Society Lecture for the American College of Surgeons, the Semmelweis Lecture for the Surgical Infection Society - Europe, the William T. Fitts Lecture for the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, the Gordon Murray Lecture at the University of Toronto, and the 2001 Francis D. Moore, Sr. Distinguished Surgical Lecture. Dr. Pruitt's awards include 11 honorary memberships, the Metcalfe Award, the Curtis P. Artz Memorial Award, the Harvey Stuart Allen Distinguished Service Award, the Baron Dominique Larrey Award for Surgical Excellence, the National Safety Council's Surgeons' Award for Distinguished Service to Safety, an International Honorary Professorship of Surgery at the Third Military Medical College People's Republic of China, the Danis Award from the Societe Internationale de Chirurgie, the American Surgical Association's Medallion for Scientific Achievement, the 2000 Distinguished Investigator Award from the American College of Critical Care Medicine, the 2000 G. Whitaker International Burns Prize, and the 2006 Tanner-Vandeput-Boswick Burn Prize.

Dr. Pruitt has been a member of the American Board of Surgery and has served on the NIH Surgery, Anesthesiology and Trauma Study Section, the VA Merit Review Board for Surgery, as an external reviewer for the John Sealy Memorial Endowment Fund, and as an ad hoc referee for the Hong Kong Research Grants Council, and the British Columbia Research Foundation. Dr. Pruitt served on the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children Burns Advisory Board/ Medical Advisory Board from 1985 to 1995 and is presently a member of the Shriners Hospitals Research Advisory Board and a member of the Shriners Hospitals Clinical Outcomes Studies Advisory Board.