Announcement/Call for Papers, Posters, and Registration

CONFERENCE ON THE MOLECULAR BASIS OF CANCER: AN INTERDISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION ON BASIC AND APPLIED ASPECTS OF CANCER

May 30–June 2, 1984

Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Buffalo, New York

Invited speakers:

A. Block—Buffalo
S. Broyde—New York
C. Cantor—New York
E. Clementi—Poughkeepsie
D. Crothers—New Haven
C. DeLisi—Bethesda
T. Dougherty—Buffalo
W. Duax—Buffalo
M. Feldman—Rehovot
R. Feldmann—Bethesda
I. Hertman—Ness-Ziona
A. Hopfinger—Skokie
T. Hopp—Seattle
J. Kaufman—Baltimore
S. Kim—Berkeley
P. Kollman—San Francisco
J. Ladik—Erlangen
M. Liebman—New York

G. Loew—Menlo Park
K. Miller—Troy
S. Neidle—London
T. O'Connor—Buffalo
W. Olson—New Brunswick
G. Pack—Rockford
M. Pincus—New York
P. Politzer—New Orleans
A. Pullman—Paris
B. Pullman—Paris
R. Rein—Buffalo
R. Sarma—Albany
H. Scheraga—Ithaca
R. Schwartz—Bethesda
D. Stoll—Boston
A. Wada—Tokyo
R. Wells—Birmingham
C. Wenner—Buffalo

Organizing Committee: R. Rein (Chairman), C. DeLisi, P. Lowdin, T. O’Connor, B. Pullman, H. Weinstein

This conference will provide a forum for a dialogue on topics which are in the forefront of cancer research by investigators from various areas of natural sciences. The conference will bring together experimental biologists, theoreticians, and structural chemists for a discussion centered around gene function and expression, drug design, immunological probes, and membrane properties underlying the cancerous process.

The invited and contributed papers will be promptly published. Papers for the proceedings should be submitted no later than the finish of the conference. Abstracts are due by April 1 and should include the name of the author(s), institution, and a summary of the work to be presented. Send to R. Rein, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, Cancer Cell Center, Buffalo, New York 14263.

The number of participants will be limited to 400. Inquiries about details of the program and registration should be addressed to Kevin A. Craig, Medical & Scientific Communications, Roswell Park Memorial Institute, 666 Elm Street, Buffalo, New York 14263.
The first successful pneumonectomy for cancer of the lung was performed by Evarts A. Graham (1883–1957), professor of surgery at Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri. The achievement was published (J. Am. Med. Assoc., 101: 1371–1374, 1933) and was commemorated in Cancer (24: 236–242, 1974).

Operative removal of the lung for cancer improved technically, but the salvage rates continued to be distressingly low except among the small proportion of patients who were found at operation to have localized, resectable lesions. Among American thoracic surgeons, Alton Ochsner of New Orleans and Richard H. Overholt of Boston were outstanding. In 1962, they consented to have their records reviewed independently (J. Thorac. Cardiovasc. Surg., 44: 503–519, 1962). The review showed no superiority of radical resections of Ochsner over the more limited approach of Overholt. Thus, clear conclusions were derived from careful retrospective comparisons, without recourse to biometrically designed clinical trials.

Alton Ochsner (1890–1981), educated in medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, in 1927 moved to New Orleans as professor of surgery at Tulane University and founded the Ochsner Medical Foundation. Ochsner was a pioneer in recognizing the role of tobacco smoking in lung cancer. A tribute at his 82nd birthday appeared in the Journal of the American Medical Association (240: 726–730, 1978).

Richard H. Overholt was born in 1901 in Nebraska, where he received his medical education. He moved to Boston in 1931, organizing the Overholt Clinic and becoming clinical professor of surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine.

Pictured are, left to right, Graham, Ochsner, and Overholt, and the Ochsner Medical Institutions in New Orleans.

We are indebted to the Ochsner Foundation for the photograph of the Ochsner Institutions and Ochsner’s portrait, and to Dr. Overholt for his.

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