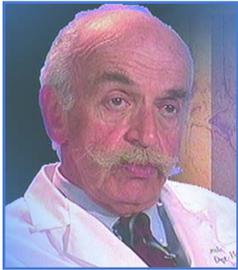


NICHOLAS A. HALASZ, M.D.

1931 – 1999



Nicholas A. Halasz was born on March 13, 1931, in Budapest, Hungary. He received his early education in his native land, graduating with a B.A. degree from Teachers College, Budapest, before immigrating to the United States and receiving a Sc.B. degree from Trinity College in 1950. He attended medical school at Yale University, receiving his M.D. degree (cum laude) in 1954. He continued his postgraduate training in general, cardiovascular, and thoracic surgery at the same institution. After obtaining his U.S. citizenship, he served his military service from 1956 to 1958 as a captain in the U.S. Army and he functioned as a surgical officer for the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Korea at Fort Dix Army Hospital. Following completion of his surgical training at Yale, he moved to the West Coast, joining the faculty of the Department of Surgery at UCLA, in 1963, as an Assistant Professor. He was quickly promoted to Associate Professor.

In 1967, he was one of the founding faculty members of the UCSD School of Medicine, joining UCSD as a Professor of Surgery and Head of the Division of Anatomy. Dr. Halasz was also the founding Director of the UCSD Transplantation Program, and he performed the first kidney transplant in San Diego. He developed one of the best human anatomy courses for medical students in the country. He received numerous awards and prizes, both as an undergraduate and postgraduate, and was a Markle Scholar in academic medicine from 1964 to 1969. He holds the record at UCSD for receiving the Kaiser Award for Teaching Excellence in four separate years. He was also awarded the Chancellor's Associate Award for Excellence in Teaching in 1989, and was voted Physician of the Year at UCSD Medical Center in 1994.

Nick Halasz was known as a teacher and mentor for generations of housestaff and medical students. An outstanding clinician, teacher, researcher, and colleague, he was a "renaissance man" in the truest sense of the term. He has unselfishly served the Department and the University in multiple important roles and on countless committees. He has acted as interim Division Chief and Program Director in General Surgery during the period of 1981-83. When he retired from full-time University employment in 1994, he undertook the position of Chief of Surgical Services at the V.A. Medical Center in La Jolla, where his organization, leadership, ingenuity, and sense of fairness helped reorganize and rejuvenate surgical practice and teaching at that institution. His published contributions of over 170 papers covered a wide variety of general surgery topics from transplantation to trauma, hepatobiliary disease, wound healing, gastrointestinal disorders, etc. He was a member of virtually all the prestigious national and international surgical organizations and societies and participated in the affairs of very many of them in active fashion. He served on the Editorial Board of several peer-reviewed journals. He was a board member/Director of the American Board of Surgery, from 1984-1988. He has been President of the San Diego Society of General Surgeons, California Society of Transplant Surgeons, and Western Association of Transplant Surgery.

In spite of all his achievements and contributions, Nick was a quiet, modest, and unassuming person. His dedication to surgical education was genuine. He made a lot of personal sacrifices to help others in our department. He was one of the few true surgical scholars that I have met. He was a world traveler, knowledgeable in the arts, literature, wine, and especially surgical history. He invariably had one or more surgical vignettes to share with us at our weekly grand rounds and mortality and morbidity conference on Saturday mornings. He never missed any such meeting when he was in town.

Nick faced his final illness with the same calm dignity that he approached any problem. He was a model patient and was genuinely considerate to his doctors and nurses. He was at work in his office 10 days following a major thoraco-abdominal operation! Once he realized that his disease was terminal, he planned his departure with thoughtfulness, taking care of all his affairs to spare his family and friends any potential hardship or difficulty later on.

Last, but not least, Nick was a good family man and a loyal friend. He is survived by his wife, Diane, and by his two children, Peter and Katherine. He is missed by all of us. As a mark of posthumous recognition, the General Surgery Service at the V.A. Medical Center and the Anatomy Dissecting Room at UCSD have both been named after him. In addition, the Department of Surgery has established a Nicholas A. Halasz Endowment Fund for this yearly memorial lecture.

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The 15th Annual

Nicholas A. Halasz Memorial Lecture



Ronald P. DeMatteo, M.D.

Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumor:

Synergy of Surgery and Science

Presented by:

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**Wednesday, May 18, 2015
7:30 a.m.**

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Dr. DeMatteo did his undergraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University and then graduated from Cornell Medical School. He completed his residency in general surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and a fellowship in surgical oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In 2006 he became the Vice Chair of Surgery, Head of the Division of General Surgical Oncology at Memorial. In 2009, he was named the incumbent of the Leslie H. Blumgart Chair in Surgery. He has an adjunct appointment in the Immunology Program at Sloan-Kettering Institute. He specializes in treating patients with liver, biliary, and pancreas cancer, and gastrointestinal stromal tumor. He led the three American trials testing the role of adjuvant imatinib following the resection of primary gastrointestinal stromal tumor, one of which led to FDA approval for this indication. He runs an NIH funded research laboratory that focuses on immune responses within the liver and tumor immunology. He is a member of the American Surgical Association, Surgical Biology Club I, Society of Clinical Surgeons, James IV Association of Surgeons, and the International Surgical Group. He is on the editorial board of the Annals of Surgery. He has authored over 250 papers and 50 chapters.

The Department of Surgery has created an endowment with the purpose of fundraising for the Nicholas A. Halasz Chair at UCSD. All contributions are tax-deductible and should be made payable and addressed to the "Nicholas A. Halasz Endowment Fund" in care of the UCSD Department of Surgery 200 West Arbor Drive, Mail Code 8400 San Diego, California, 92103-8400

Program

7:30 a.m. **Welcome**

Bryan M. Clary, M.D.

*Professor and Chair of the Department of Surgery
M.J. Orloff Family Endowed Chair in Surgery
Surgeon-in-Chief
UC San Diego Health System*

7:40 a.m. **Remembering Nicholas A. Halasz, M.D.**

Michael Bouvet, M.D., F.A.C.S.

*Professor of Surgery
Director of Endocrine Surgery
Division of Surgical Oncology
Department of Surgery
University of California San Diego*

7:50 a.m. **Introduction of Guest Speaker**

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7:55 a.m. *The Fifteenth Annual* **Nicholas A. Halasz Memorial Lecture**

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