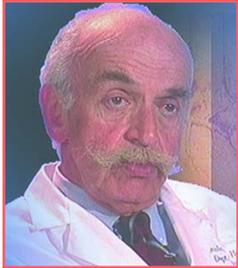


NICHOLAS A. HALASZ, M.D.

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.

- A.R. Moossa, M.D.

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Dr. Vickers graduated from Medical School at Johns Hopkins University in 1986. He also completed a surgical internship, surgical research fellowship, surgical residency and fellowship in Surgical Oncology at Johns Hopkins. In addition, he spent a year as a Surgical Registrar at John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford, England. In 1994, Dr Vickers joined the Department of Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham as an Assistant Professor. By 2001 he was named the Chair of General Surgery and Co-Director of the Minority Health and Research Center at University of Alabama at Birmingham. He became the Jay Phillips Professor and Chairman of the Department of Surgery in 2006 where he holds the position of Associate Director of Translational Research at the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Vickers specializes in pancreatic, bile duct and gastrointestinal cancer. His research interests include gene therapy as an application in the treatment of pancreaticobiliary tumors and the role of growth factors and receptors in the oncogenesis of pancreatic, hepatobiliary, and gastrointestinal surgery. Dr. Vickers has been a Principal Investigator on UAB Pancreatic Cancer SPORE and now Co-Principal Investigator on a combined UAB/Minnesota SPORE that received a score of 18. He has several other research grants funded by the NIH that focus on pancreatic cancer, apoptosis in pancreatic cancer cells, health disparities, and enhancing minority participation in clinical trials.

He is the author of over 150 articles and scientific publications, 7 book chapters, and has had the privilege of being asked to speak at several named lectureships around the country. He currently serves on the editorial boards of Archives of Surgery, Journal of Surgical Research, Yearbook of Surgery, The American Journal of Surgery, and Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery. He is an ad-hoc reviewer for Surgery, Mosby Yearbook of Surgery, Gastroenterology, Clinical Center Research and Cancer Research.

Dr. Vickers serves on the American College of Surgeons Board of Governors as the Vice Chair, Board of Governors Committee on Socioeconomic Issues and as the Society of University Surgeons representative. He is on the Board of Trustees for the Society of Surgery of the Alimentary Tract, Northwestern College, Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He recently was appointed as a Director for the American Board of Surgery. He is a member of the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network's Scientific Advisory Board, on the Executive Committee of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons and is a member of several professional organizations. Most recent, he was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2009.

He has been listed nationally as one of the "Best Doctors in America" and "America's Top Doctor" for several years in a row and recognized locally as one of the "Best Doctors in Minnesota". Dr Vickers earned "America's Leading Doctors" by Black Enterprise magazine in 2008. He has received numerous other awards throughout his career.

*The Department of Surgery has created an endowment with the purpose of fundraising for the Nicholas A. Halasz Chair at UCSD.
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Program

7:30 a.m. Welcome

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

Sonia L. Ramamoorthy, M.D.
 Associate Professor of Surgery
 Colon and Rectal Surgery
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7:50 a.m. Introduction of Guest Speaker

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