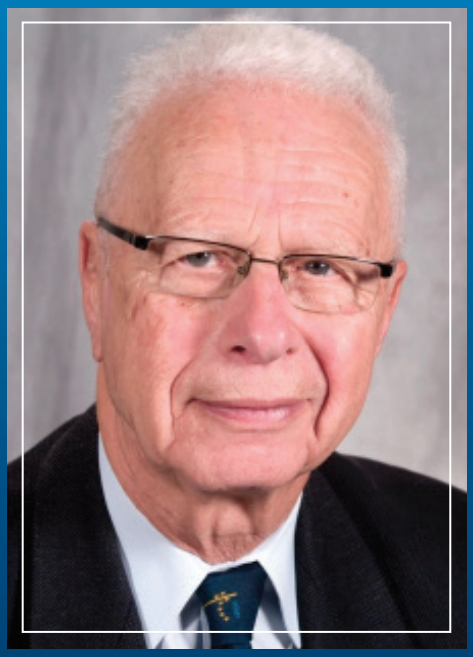

Seymour "Sy" Schwartz, M.D., FACS, '57M (res)

Surgical Residents Educational Fund Honors Sy Schwartz, '57M (Res)

Seymour "Sy" Schwartz, M.D., FACS, Distinguished Alumni Professor of Surgery at the University of Rochester, is world-renowned for his service to the field of medicine. As a trailblazer, an innovative surgeon, a dedicated teacher, and an author who has made impressive contributions to society, Dr. Schwartz is one of the Department of Surgery's greatest leaders.

Dr. Schwartz began his career at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry in 1950 as a resident in surgery. He completed his training in 1957 and joined the surgical faculty of which he still remains a member. He served as chair of the Department of Surgery from 1987-1998 and was named a Distinguished Alumni Professor in 1995. Although he performed as a general, vascular, cardiothoracic, and pediatric surgeon, his major clinical impact was in the field of liver surgery.

"Our transplant program wouldn't be the success it is today without Sy Schwartz," said Bradford Berk, '81M (MD), '81M (PhD), CEO of UR Medicine and the Medical Center. "His visionary thinking led to the establishment of the Liver Transplant Program which has been helping people since 1992." Today, the University of Rochester Medical Center's Division of Solid Organ Transplantation is the only liver transplant program in upstate New York and surgeons have performed more than 1,500 transplants.

Dr. Schwartz is the author of more than 250 scientific articles and several well-known surgical textbooks. He is perhaps best known as the editor-in-chief for seven editions of the surgical textbook, "Schwartz's Principles of Surgery." His book—known as the "bible" for surgical education—is now in its 10th edition and has been translated into nine languages.

Dr. Schwartz has been president of the nation's three most distinguished surgical organizations—the American College of Surgeons, the American Surgical Association, and the Society for Clinical Surgery. He has also been the recipient of many awards from surgical societies and surgical departments in the United States and abroad. He is the 2005 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr. Schwartz epitomizes the great physicians we have at the Medical Center who are incredibly gifted and dedicated to their profession. The Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz General Surgical Residents Educational Enhancement Fund was established in 2014 in honor of one of the greatest teachers of surgical education. Please see the other side for more details on the fund.

Your gift will help us *create a Surgical Residents Educational Enhancement Fund*

The University of Rochester surgery residency programs have become among the premier programs in the United States; the overwhelming majority of our graduates who have sought subspecialty training have been accepted in the most competitive fellowships in the country. Dr. Schwartz's tireless dedication to training and influencing our current and future leaders of surgery is truly inspiring. As a result of his dedication to his students, our graduates are recognized among the finest surgeons and hold distinguished careers in academics and practice that encompass research, education and patient care.

Dr. Schwartz as a resident circa 1950.

Dr. Schwartz understands the need for surgery residents to have opportunities to travel in order to teach, to network among peers, and to present at scientific meetings; simply, to broaden one's horizons. Finding funds to consistently support these opportunities is a challenge.

The purpose of the Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz General Surgical Residents Educational Enhancement Fund is to provide financial support to surgery residents for travel to educational meetings and international electives, and to support other educational initiatives for our residents that could not be funded otherwise. The chair of the Department of Surgery, in consultation with the associate chair for Education, will be responsible for disbursements from this fund.

For more information on the Dr. Seymour I. Schwartz General Surgical Residents Educational Enhancement Fund, please contact Jodi Revill at (585) 276-4978 or jrevill@ur.rochester.edu.

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