Peter T. Bohan Lectureship

Peter T. Bohan graduated from Rush Medical College in 1900 and interned at the Alexian Brothers Hospital for two years. He completed postgraduate work in London, Edinburgh, Berlin and Vienna before coming to Kansas City in 1908. He joined the faculty of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, as an Associate Professor of Medicine, just three years after the school opened. Dr. Bohan’s teaching career spanned four decades. Even after attaining emeritus status in 1945, Dr. Bohan continued to hold clinics for medical students at the University of Kansas until his death in 1955.

According to an account of Dr. Bohan’s life and practice that was published in 1974, most of his teaching years were without salary. “It was Dr. Bohan’s feeling that physicians who taught at the medical school should not be paid for their services. He considered it a privilege and sincerely believed that the teachers received as much benefit for the teaching relationship as the students. He was urged to accept a $300 annual remuneration for a short time and was then discontinued at his request. His compensation was derived from the accomplishment of hundreds of physicians who heard his lectures during their student days and went on to their career in medicine.”

At the time of his retirement, colleagues, friends and former students honored the doctor by making gifts to establish the Peter T. Bohan Lectureship Fund at the University of Kansas Medical Center in 1937. Dr. Bohan protested such recognition, and it was not until ten years later that the first lecturer was named. The first lecture was given in 1947 by Russell L. Haden, MD. Soon after Dr. Bohan’s death, his widow, Ruth Harris Bohan, endowed the Peter T. Bohan Chair of Medicine. The first contribution was made in 1956 and subsequent gifts have fully endowed the chair.

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Dr. Nancy W. Dickey is the President of the Texas A&M Health Science Center and the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs for The Texas A&M University System. Prior to her current appointment, Dr. Dickey served as interim dean of the College of Medicine from June 2000 until December 31, 2001. She assumed her current office on January 1, 2002. Dr. Dickey is a past president of the American Medical Association, the founding program director of the Family Medicine Residency of the Brazos Valley, and professor of Family and Community Medicine at the HSC-College of Medicine.

The Texas A&M Health Science Center is a university of the health sciences that includes the Baylor College of Dentistry, College of Medicine, College of Nursing, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Institute of Biosciences and Technology, Irma Lerma Rangel College of Pharmacy, School of Rural Public Health, and other institutes and academic programs. Under Dr. Dickey’s leadership, the health science center is growing in the number of programs and number of graduates, expanding its research programs and extending its service to the citizens of Texas.

Dr. Dickey was the first woman ever to be elected President of the American Medical Association. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including five honorary doctorate degrees, in both science and law. She serves on numerous committees, both locally and nationally, writes for several medical and health policy journals, and is a frequent speaker at professional and civic organizations around the country and world.