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HCMS/HAM Announce John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award

HOUSTON -- Jan. 24, 2018 -- The Harris County Medical Society (HCMS) and the Houston Academy of Medicine (HAM) named Dr. David K.C. Cooper as the winner of the John P. McGovern Compleat Physician Award during the HCMS/HAM Installation of Officers & Leadership Recognition ceremony held Jan 19, 2018.

This annual national award, named after its first recipient, John P. McGovern, recognizes the physician who embodies the ideals of Sir William Osler -- medical excellence, humane and ethical care, commitment to medical humanities and writing, research, and harmony between the academic and medical practitioner.

Dr. Cooper, a prominent cardiothoracic surgeon and xenotransplantation specialist, who embodies the Oslerian ideals. Dr. Cooper’s commitment to excellence is demonstrated by his continued contributions in the field of xenotransplantation. As a result, he was awarded the Jacksonian Prize and Medal by the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

He was present at the first heart transplant carried out in the UK in 1968 and participated in caring for the first 4 patients when the heart transplant program was initiated by Sir Terence English at Papworth Hospital in 1979. He is one of the foremost pioneers in the field.

Dr. Cooper has always had a great interest in teaching. He has held positions at Harvard Medical School, University of Cape Town, University of Pittsburgh and is currently the co-director of the Xenotransplantation Program at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. Many of his students and research fellows have progressed to senior positions in clinical practice or research programs. Two of his former research fellows have become presidents of the International Xenotransplantation Association.

Finally, Dr. Cooper continues to support his alma mater, Guy’s Hospital Medical School, the Nelson Mandela Scholarship Fund of Magdalene College in Cambridge and the C.F. Reynolds Medical History Society.

Dr. Cooper’s contributions to the medical profession and to his community makes him the perfect recipient for the Compleat Physician award.

About HCMS

HCMS, established in 1903, is the professional society for physicians in Harris County. It is the largest county medical society in the nation, with a membership of more than 11,000 physicians and medical students. Its mission is to be the leading advocate for its member physicians, their patients and the community, in promoting the highest standards of ethical medical practice, access to quality medical care, medical education, research, and community health. In 1915, HCMS incorporated the Houston Academy of Medicine to support the community service, education, scientific and charitable programs for physicians, their patients, and the community at large in Harris County.

About HAM

The Houston Academy of Medicine (HAM) was incorporated by the HCMS in February 1915 to establish a medical library. HAM is the scientific and charitable [501 (c) (3)] organization of the physicians who make up the membership of HCMS and provide community health education. The HCMS Executive Board also serves at the Board of Trustees, the governing body of HAM. The four HCMS members-at-large serve as the officers of HAM, with the senior member-at-large serving as president.

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