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# John F. Murray Distinguished Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine

## The John F. Murray Distinguished Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine

will be held by the Chief of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine at the San Francisco General Hospital, a position held by Dr. Murray himself for 23 illustrious years. The professorship will provide meaningful support for this important position, and will continue Dr. Murray's tradition of local, national, and international excellence in pulmonary medicine.



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Dr. John F. Murray's colleagues, former students and friends have chosen to honor his many contributions to national and international pulmonary medicine and to the faculty of the University of California, San Francisco, by establishing a Distinguished Professorship in Pulmonary Medicine in his name at San Francisco General Hospital, the institution he has served so devotedly and productively for over 40 years.



In 1957 when Dr. Murray started his faculty career at UCLA, pulmonary medicine was quietly but profoundly changing. Its centuries-long dominance by a single disease, tuberculosis, was diminishing, and previously much less common diseases, asthma, emphysema, and lung cancer, were taking over. Moreover, the transition featured the introduction of new methods of investigation and patient care, fiberoptic bronchoscopy, pulmonary function studies and intensive care units. Dr. Murray was among the vanguard of the small group of committed physicians who took on the challenges of remaking the specialty. In 1966 he moved to UCSF as Chief of the Chest Service at SFGH (now the Pulmonary and Critical Care Division) to integrate a new academic clinical training program in pulmonary medicine with the already flourishing research training program under Dr. Julius H. Comroe, Jr. at UCSF's Cardiovascular Research Institute. During subsequent decades, this joint program was recognized as one of the most outstanding in the world, and has trained hundreds of clinician-scientists who are now leaders in medical schools and other scholarly institutions throughout the world.

Dr. Murray has helped create modern international pulmonary medicine, establishing the highest standards for the

sub-specialty and solidifying its integration with research. He has been instrumental in building the foundation of pulmonary research training programs, leading the foremost pulmonary journal to excellence and international recognition, and creating, with his colleague Jay Nadel, the *Textbook of Respiratory Medicine*, the accepted standard in the field. His own research centered on the physiology of the lung and circulatory system, the adult respiratory distress syndrome and of course the twin scourges of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

Rather than retire, Dr. Murray set up and directed clinical research and training programs in sub-Saharan Africa and established connections between international organizations to make these programs possible. He continues to advocate a global approach to lung disease, with special focus on the dual epidemics of tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS, through his current work with the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease (IUATLD) in Paris, France.

**At SFGH, Dr. Murray continues to see patients each year, sharing his knowledge with a new generation of physicians. He is a model of the distinguished physician and is highly popular with trainees, nurses and staff. A John F. Murray Award was recently created at SFGH to honor the physician that demonstrates humanity and excellence, in Dr. Murray's image.**

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