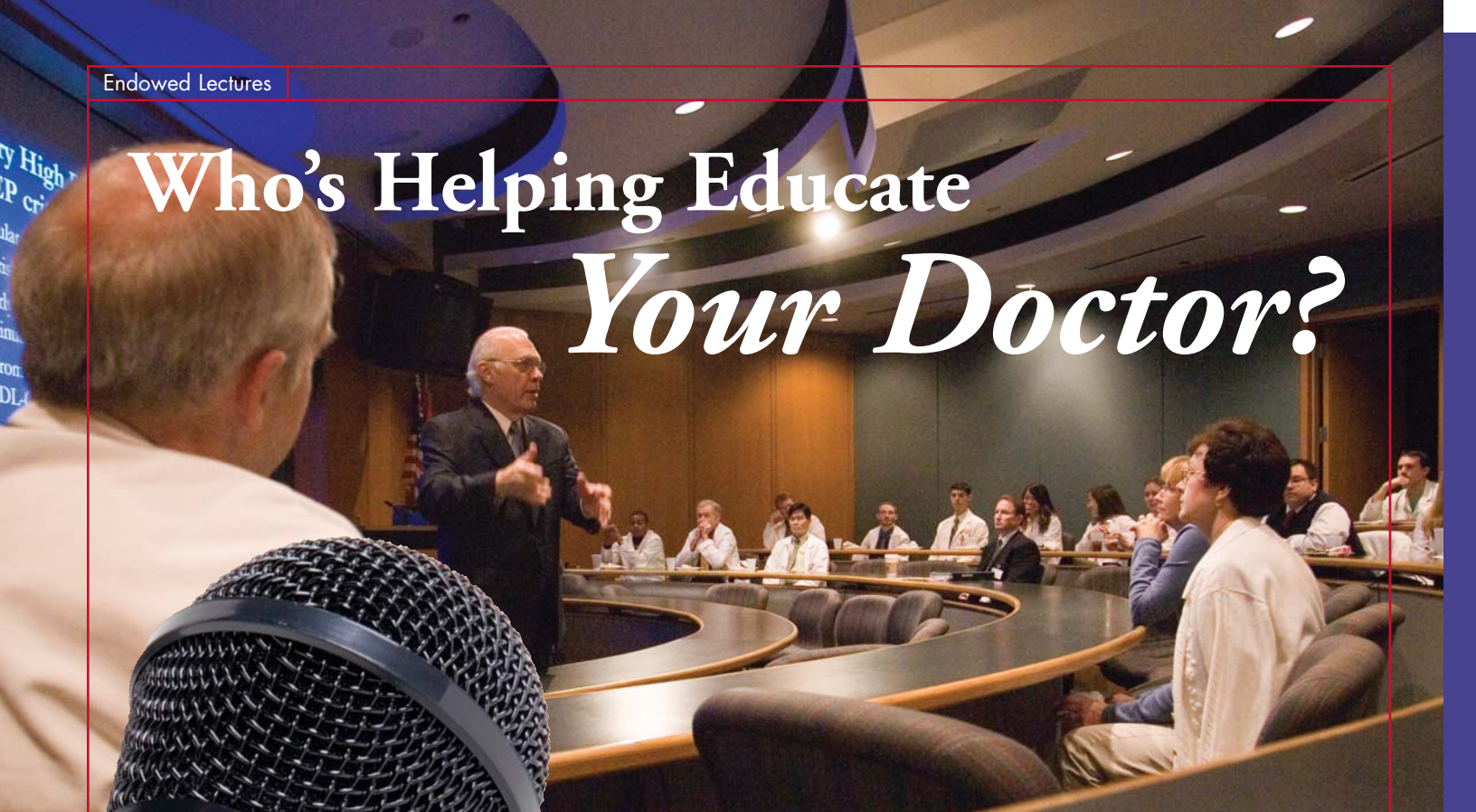


Who's Helping Educate *Your Doctor?*



It could be you!

WANT TO RAISE

AWARENESS FOR A DISEASE

a loved one is dealing with? Have an interest in broadening the knowledge of medical issues faced by our community? Looking for a way to make a difference? The Endowed Lecture Series at UT Graduate School of Medicine may be the answer.

A lecture funded by annual gifts or a permanent endowment can be designed to match the interests or wishes of those seeking to memorialize or honor an individual. Endowed lectures can increase awareness about a disease, broaden the region's knowledge about community issues, or provide a forum for discussion of the latest research on a particular topic.

Some endowments provide funding necessary to support educational events while others provide partial funding or partnership opportunities. No matter the size, gifts for lectures provide educators and healthcare professionals with new opportunities to learn about issues important to you.

Several East Tennessee families have banded together to increase the learning opportunities for our region's medical professionals, educators, and social services administrators.

Preserving a Legacy

One such family is the clan of Dr. R. Ben Alley. Ben Alley tragically lost his courageous battle with cancer in September 2003. His legacy lives on in the *Dr. R. Ben Alley Lecture Series* created through an endowment fund established by Dr. Alley's family, colleagues, patients and friends.

Taking It to the Streets

What's the impact of street drugs and how do you identify those impaired by them? A cutting-edge conference, funded in part by the *John E. Sullivan, DDS Memorial Endowed Lecture*, answered those questions for dentists, oral surgeons, dental office personnel, nurses, public health

officials, pharmacists and physicians. The endowment was established by friends and colleagues to recognize Dr. Sullivan's dedication to patient care and teaching.

Revealing Research

The most recent endowed lecture, the *Thomas J. Weaver AIDS Education Endowment*, allowed the Graduate School to bring to Knoxville the renowned scientist, educator and physician, James Earl King Hildreth, PhD, MD, director of the Meharry Medical College Center for Health Disparities Research in HIV. Dr. Hildreth's lecture allowed East Tennessee healthcare professionals to learn about recent research in AIDS prevention.

Serving the Community

Some endowments or gift funds are established for use in particular departments or designated to benefit the education of specified health care professionals.

- The *John W. Whittington Visiting Professorship Endowment* was established by Dr. John Whittington, an alumnus of the UT Graduate School of Medicine General Surgery Residency Program. The endowment provides resources to attract outstanding scholars and medical leaders to lecture and stimulate continued learning among resident surgeons, faculty and community physicians.



The inaugural Dr. R. Ben Alley Lecture Series conference included honored guests (L to R) inaugural lecturer Peter D. Quinn, DMD, MD, chair, Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery & Pharmacology, University of Pennsylvania; John J. Sheridan, UHS; family members of the late Dr. Ben Alley including Sharon Alley, David Alley, Dr. Bob Alley and Mrs. Helen Alley; and UT Course Director for the lecture, Eric R. Carlson, DMD, MD, chair, Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery.

- The *Kevin Robert Swabe Family Values Lecture* was established within the Department of Pastoral Care to bring experts in human dynamics and personal interaction to the campus for the benefit of chaplains and health professionals.
- The *Robert F. Lash Memorial Endowment Fund* was established at the University of Tennessee Medical Center by friends and family of Robert F. Lash, MD to recognize Dr. Lash for his dedication to patient care, teaching and service. Income from this endowment funds an annual education program in emergency medicine and pre-hospital care.
- The *Edward J. Boling Health Policy Forum* was established by Edward J. Boling, former UT president, and his wife, Carolyn. The forum, open to all interested citizens, brings together government officials and healthcare providers to discuss national healthcare issues affecting the delivery of health care in the United States.

Raising Awareness

The next endowed conference, *The Patterson Lecture*, will be held on May 19, 2006, at UT Medical Center's Wood Auditorium. This continuing medical education event is funded through the *Patterson Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Education Fund* established by the Patterson family. The fund allows the UT Graduate School of Medicine to offer biennial conferences that help local health care professionals better understand the destructive forces that target the most vulnerable elements of society.

The previous Patterson Lecture raised awareness about the effects of drug abuse on families and the challenges faced by professionals trying to help them. This year's lecture will focus on "The Delayed Health Effects of Childhood Sexual Abuse."

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For more information about upcoming lectures, contact UT Graduate School of Medicine at (865) 544-9190.

To establish or support a lecture, contact the Office of Development at (865) 544-6611.