

Harris P. Mosher

Highly respected, feared yet revered by his students, Dr. Mosher attended Harvard College and the Harvard Medical School, receiving his MD degree in 1896. There were no formal residency training programs then, so he sought training at the best ear, nose and throat centers in Germany, namely, with Jansen in Berlin and Grunert in Halle. After returning home, Mosher became associated with the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Harvard Medical School as an instructor in the department of anatomy.

He started the first course in sinus anatomy in the United States. This course was to become famous for its content and its progenitor and was appropriately named "Mosher's course". It endured for 35 years.

In 1919 he was appointed Professor of Laryngology at the Harvard Medical School and Chief of Laryngology at the Massachusetts General Hospital. In 1932 he was appointed to the Walter Augustus LaCompte Chair of Otology at Harvard and at age 66 became the second individual to hold two chairs at Harvard. Dr. Mosher was a member and became the president of all of our prominent national otolaryngology societies. When the American Board of Otolaryngology was formed in 1924 (the second certification board after ophthalmology in 1917*) he was chosen as its president and served in that capacity for 25 years. He was the recipient of the Semon Medal from the Royal Society of Medicine of London, the Gold Medal from the American Laryngological Association, and a service medal from the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology. He is known for his intranasal ethmoidectomy technique and his method for the removal of safety pins swallowed by babies, for which he was given a citation by the American College of Surgeons in 1934.

*Deliberations and progress in our specialty were interrupted by World War I. Also, there was growing resistance to authority to regulate specialty education and training--in essence, the transition from apprenticeships to formal training programs as we know them today. The need was urgent because some form of evaluation of physicians was needed to supplement the general licensing regulations of the various states' Boards of Public Health.

This honor was created to perpetuate the ideals of the great teacher for whom it was named and to bestow upon a worthy recipient the responsibility of furthering the highest standards of perfection in the study, teaching and practice of Otolaryngology.

Please see the list of award winners on the following pages.



Year	Harris P. Mosher Award
1957	Harold G. Tabb, MD
1958	Jack V.D. Hough, MD John A. Kirchner, MD
1959	Maurice Schiff, MD
1960	Walter A. Petryshyn, MD Alex Weisskopf, MD
1961	Godfrey E. Arnold, MD
1962	Wesley E. Compere, MD
1963	Edward G. McCoy, MD William W. Montgomery, MD Henry J. Rubin, MD
1964	Hugh O. Barber, MD <i>Positional Nystagmus, Especially After Head Injury</i>
1965	Brian F. McCabe, MD <i>The Quick Component of Nystagmus</i>
1966	No Award
1967	Frank N. Ritter, MD <i>The Effects of Hypothyroidism upon the Ear, Nose and Throat, A Clinical and Experimental Study</i> George T. Singleton, MD <i>Relationships of the Cerebellar Nodules to Vestibular Function, a Study of the Effects of Nodectomy on Habituation</i>
1968	Leslie Bernstein, MD <i>The Effect of Timing of Cleft Palate Operations on Subsequent Growth of the Maxilla</i>

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1969	David A. Hilding, MD <i>Development of the Hearing Organ</i> Lindsay Lee Pratt, MD <i>A Histochemical Study of the Course and Distribution of the Efferent Vestibular Fibers to the Maculae of the Sacculae and Utricle</i>
1970	Herbert H. Dedo, MD <i>The Paralyzed Larynx: An Electromyographic Study in Dogs and Humans</i>
1971	Byron J. Bailey, MD <i>Partial Laryngectomy and Laryngoplasty</i>
1972	Hugh F. Biller, MD <i>Pedicled Flaps: An Experimental and Clinical Study</i>
1973	Mark May, MD <i>title unknown</i> Andrew W. Miglets, MD <i>The Experimental Production of Allergic Middle Ear Effusion</i>
1974	Robert W. Cantrell, MD <i>Prolonged Exposure to Intermittent Noise</i>
1975	Donald G. Sessions, MD <i>Surgical Pathology of Cancer of the Larynx and Hypopharynx</i>
1976	No Award
1977	Donald B. Hawkins, MD <i>Hyaline Membrane Disease of the Neonate: Prolonged Intubation in Management - Effects on the Larynx</i>
1978	Robert A. Jahrsdoerfer, MD <i>Congenital Atresia of the Ear</i>
1979	Arnold M. Noyek, MD <i>Bone Scanning in Otolaryngology</i>
1980	H. Bryan Neel, MD <i>Cryosurgery for the Treatment of Cancer</i>
1981	Bruce A. Feldman, MD <i>Rhabdomyosarcoma of the Head and Neck</i>

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1982	Roger L. Crumley, MD <i>Experiments in Laryngeal Reinnervation</i>
1983	S. George Lesinski, MD <i>Homograft Tympanoplasty in Perspective - A Long-Term Clinical-Histologic Study of Formalin-Fixed Tympanic Membranes Used for the Reconstruction of 125 Severely Damaged Middle Ears</i>
1984	Irwin F. Stewart, MD <i>A Study of Some Aspects of Deaf Education from an Otolaryngological Viewpoint</i>
1985	Frank E. Lucente, MD <i>Computerized Data Base of Drug Interactions</i>
1986	Harold C. Pillsbury, MD <i>Hypertension Hyperlipoproteinemia and Chronic Noise Exposure: Is There Synergism in Cochlear Pathology</i>
1987	James N. Thompson, MD <i>Corrosive Esophageal Injury: A Study of Nine Patients with Concurrent Accidental Caustic Ingestion and An Investigation of Treatment Methods and Histochemical Analysis of Esophageal Strictures in a New Animal Model</i>
1988	Thomas V. McCaffrey, MD <i>Physiologic Control of Nasal Airway Resistance</i>
1989	Arnold Komisar, MD <i>The Functional Result of Mandibular Reconstruction</i> Bernard R. Marsh, MD <i>Bronchoscopic Brachytherapy</i>
1990	Patrick J. Gullane, MD <i>Primary Mandibular Reconstruction: Analysis of 64 Cases and Evaluation of Interface Radiation Dosimetry on Bridging Plates</i>
1991	Robin T. Cotton, MD <i>The Problem with Pediatric Laryngotracheal Stenosis</i>
1992	Myles L. Pensak, MD <i>The Cavernous Sinus: An Anatomic Study with Clinical Implication</i>
1993	Ronald A. Hoffman, MD <i>Cerebrospinal Fluid Leak Following Acoustic Neuroma Removal</i>
1994	Robert Sofferaman, MD <i>The Recovery Potential of the Optic Nerve</i>

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1995	Fred Herzon, MD <i>Peritonsillar Abscess: Incidence, Current Management Practices and a Proposal for Treatment Guidelines</i>
1996	Stimson P. Schantz, MD <i>Genetic Susceptibility to Head and Neck Cancer: The Interaction Between Nutrition and Mutagen Sensitivity</i>
1997	Scott C. Manning, MD and Marie Holman, MD <i>Further Evidence for Allergic Pathophysiology in Allergic Fungal Sinusitis</i>
1998	No Award
1999	Dennis S. Poe, MD <i>Laser Assisted Endoscopic Stapedectomy - Prospective Study</i>
2000	Lyon L. Gleich, MD <i>Gene Therapy for Head and Neck Cancer</i> David J. Terris, MD <i>Head and Neck Cancer: Oxygen May Not Be So Important</i>
2001	Joseph G. Feghali, MD <i>L-NAC Protection Against Cisplatin-Induced Auditory Neuronal and Hair Cell Toxicity</i>
2002	Wendell G. Yarbrough, MD <i>The ARF-p16 Gene Locus in Carcinogenesis and Therapy of Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma</i>
2003	Edward M. Monsell, MD PhD <i>The Mechanism of Hearing Loss in Paget's Disease of Bone</i>
2004	Craig A. Buchman, MD <i>Vestibular Effects of Cochlear Implantation</i>
2005	Francisco J. Civantos, MD <i>Lymphatic Mapping and Sentinel Lymphadenectomy for 106 Head and Lesions: Contrasts Between Oral Cavity and Cutaneous Malignancy</i>
2006	Henry T. Hoffman, MD <i>Laryngeal Cancer in the United States: Changes in Demographics, Patterns of Care and Survival</i> Dana M. Thompson, MD <i>Abnormal Sensorimotor Integrative Function of the Larynx in Congenital Laryngomalacia: A Novel New Theory of Etiology</i>

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2007	Erin D. Wright, MD <i>Impact of Perioperative Systemic Steroids on Surgical Outcomes in Patients with Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Polyposis: Evaluation with the Novel Postoperative Sinus Endoscopy (POSE) Scoring System</i>
2008	Robert C. O'Reilly, MD <i>The Role of Extraesophageal Reflux in Otitis Media in Infants and Children</i>
2009	Steven J. Wang, MD FACS <i>CD44 Variant Isoforms in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma Progression</i>
2010	Adrian L. James, MD <i>The Assessment of Olivocochlear Function in Neonates with Real Time Distortion Product Otoacoustic Emissions</i>
2011	Robert L. Ferris, MD PhD FACS <i>Rapid Molecular Detection of Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma as an Intraoperative Adjunct to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy</i>
2012	Nira A. Goldstein, MD MPH <i>Validation of a Clinical Assessment Score for Pediatric Sleep Disordered Breathing</i> Judith E.C. Lieu, MD MSPH <i>Longitudinal Study of Children with Unilateral Hearing Loss</i>
2013	Joseph M. Chen, MD <i>Cost Utility Assessment of Bilateral Cochlear Implantation: A Health Economic Evaluation in Adults from the Perspective of a Publicly Funded Program</i> Adam M. Zanation, MD <i>How Does Coordinated Multidisciplinary Care Impact Head and Neck Tumor Treatment Planning? A Prospective Evaluation of a Multidisciplinary Tumor Conference</i>
2014	George B. Wanna, MD FACS <i>The Impact of Electrode Type and Surgical Approach on Scalar Electrode Location and Hearing Outcomes in Cochlear Implantation</i>
2015	Lisa E. Ishii, MD MHS <i>The Social Distraction of Facial Paralysis: Objective Measurement of Social Attention Using Eye Tracking</i>
2016	Giovana R. Thomas, MD FACS <i>Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Induced Oropharyngeal Cancer in Hispanics in the US: Differences in Clinical Presentation and Survival Outcomes</i>

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2017	Jonathan M. Bock, MD <i>Evaluation of the Natural History of Patients Who Aspirate</i>
2018	Aaron C. Moberly, MD <i>How Does Aging Affect Recognition of Spectrally Degraded Speech?</i>