

Stanford University School of Medicine
Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Second Annual Dr. Lawrence H. & Mrs. Roberta Cohn
Visiting Professor Lecture

Tomislav Mihaljevic, M.D.

Chief Executive Officer,
Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi

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of the U.S. Hospital Care Industry”**

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Welcome

Dear Colleagues and Guests,

It is my great pleasure to welcome Dr. Tomislav Mihaljevic to Stanford for the Second Annual Dr. Lawrence H. & Mrs. Roberta Cohn Visiting Professor Lecture.

Stanford is deeply honored that Dr. Cohn and his wife endowed this lecture before his early passing in January. It is a privilege to be able to present one of Dr. Cohn's trainees, Dr. Mihaljevic, as our visiting professor this year.

Just as Dr. Cohn took advanced heart surgery techniques to surgeons around the country and the world, Dr. Mihaljevic is now spearheading the expansion of elite multispecialty U.S. hospitals abroad as Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi. Having come to the United States from his native Croatia after medical school, Dr. Mihaljevic brings his own unique human perspectives to this project.

I look forward to hearing his insights, and the rich conversation I expect they will spark. Please join me in offering Dr. Mihaljevic the warmest of welcomes.

Sincerely,



Joseph Woo, M.D.
Norman E. Shumway Professor and Chair
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Notes

Tomislav Mihaljevic, M.D.



Tomislav Mihaljevic, M.D., serves as Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, a world-class multispecialty hospital specifically designed to address a range of Abu Dhabi's most complex medical requirements. In his role as CEO, Dr. Mihaljevic is responsible for leading the organization's approximately 3,000 caregivers and overseeing Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi's overall strategy and effective operation as the first-ever U.S. multispecialty hospital to be replicated outside of North America.

A native of Croatia, Dr. Mihaljevic received his medical degree from the University of Zagreb. He started his education in cardiac surgery at the University of Zurich, Switzerland. In 1995, he joined the Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School, where he completed residency in general and cardiac surgery and served as Chief Resident in the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery at Children's Hospital in Boston. Dr. Mihaljevic is certified by the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and the American Board of Surgery.

Lawrence H. Cohn, M.D.



Dr. Lawrence H. Cohn was born in San Francisco, California. He received his baccalaureate with honors from the University of California, Berkeley, and his M.D. from Stanford School of Medicine. He received graduate training at Boston City Hospital, the National Heart Institute, the University of California, San Francisco, and Stanford University, where he was one of Dr. Norman Shumway's early trainees.

Dr. Cohn was on the staff of the Brigham and Women's Hospital for his entire career, beginning in 1971. He was chief of the Brigham Cardiac Surgery program for decades. He was a Professor of Surgery at Harvard Medical School beginning in 1980. In 2000, he was awarded the first endowed Chair in Cardiac Surgery, the Virginia and James Hubbard Chair in Cardiac Surgery. Harvard also awarded Dr. Cohn an honorary Masters of Medicine in 1989. The University of Paris awarded him a Doctor Honoris Causa in 1992.

Dr. Cohn performed over 11,000 cardiac surgical operations and was a world-renowned expert in the field of valve repair and replacement surgery and minimally invasive heart valve surgery. He trained more than 150 residents and fellows at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Children's Hospital Medical Center Cardiothoracic Residency Program. Graduates of this program occupy responsible positions at major medical centers worldwide. Thirty have gone on to be division chiefs or department chairs.

In 2005, Dr. Cohn received the Paul Dudley White Award, the highest award given by the American Heart Association.

Throughout his career, Dr. Cohn assumed leadership roles in many professional organizations. He served as Chair of the Brigham and Women's Physicians Organization, Chair of the Physician and Scientist Fundraising Group at the Brigham and Women's Hospital and Physician Director of Medical Device Technology for Partners HealthCare Systems. He was president of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, the American College of Chest Physicians, and the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education. He was Chairman of the Board of the National Library of Medicine. He held leadership roles in the American Board of Thoracic Surgery and the American College of Cardiology and honorary memberships in four international professional organizations.

Dr. Cohn's clinical and research interests spanned the entirety of adult cardiac surgery. He published over 440 original scientific articles and 12 books, including *Cardiac Surgery in the Adult*, 2nd and 3rd editions. He served on the editorial board of 14 prestigious journals and was editor of the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery*, the most referenced journal in the field.

Dr. Cohn also was active in the community as a board member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Boys and Girls Club of Boston.

Along with his wife Roberta, Dr. Cohn is survived by daughters Leslie Bernstein and Jennifer Cohn, granddaughters Carly and Rachel, grandson Cameron, and son-in-law Stephen Bernstein.