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Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

*Third Annual James B.D. Mark Family  
Visiting Professor Lecture*

Monday, March 5, 2018  
8:30-9:30 a.m.

James H. Clark Center Auditorium  
318 Campus Drive, Stanford

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Is It Useful for Thoracic Surgeons?

**Mark S. Allen, M.D.**

Consultant, General Thoracic Surgery  
Professor of Surgery, Mayo Clinic



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Dr. Mark S. Allen attended Allegheny College where he majored in chemistry and minored in mathematics. He then went to graduate school in chemistry at the State University of New York in Buffalo. He attended Hahnemann University Medical School in Philadelphia, graduating in 1982. He went to the Massachusetts General Hospital where he completed his general surgery residency, as well as his cardiothoracic residency, taking one year out to work in a cardiac laboratory studying the effects of medications on myocardial function.

In 1990, Dr. Allen moved to Rochester, Minnesota to become a consultant at the Mayo Clinic in the division of general thoracic surgery, where he has practiced thoracic surgery for the past 26 years. His practice includes all aspects of general thoracic surgery, including esophageal cancer, laparoscopic surgery, minimally-invasive lung surgery, diaphragm, chest wall, and mediastinal surgery. He is currently Professor of Surgery at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

Dr. Allen's research interests are clinical in nature and are collaborative with the other members of the division of general thoracic surgery.

Dr. Allen currently serves as immediate past president for The Society of Thoracic Surgeons, is chair of the board of the Joint Council on Thoracic Surgery Education, and has served as examination chair for the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. He has been a member of the American Board of Surgery since 2013.

## Welcome

Dear Colleagues,

It is a privilege to welcome you to the Third Annual James B.D. Mark Family Visiting Professor Lecture.

To serve as this year's visiting lecturer, we are honored to have Dr. Mark S. Allen, Consultant, General Thoracic Surgery and Professor of Surgery at the Mayo Clinic. I welcome you and thank you for joining us for this special event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Woo". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joseph Woo, MD



## James B.D. Mark, M.D.

Dr. Mark was born and raised in Nashville, Tennessee, and attended Vanderbilt University (BA 1950) and Vanderbilt University School of Medicine (MD 1953). He spent the next 12 years in New Haven: The first seven for his residency in surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital, which included two years of active duty in the United States Public Health Service, and the following five years on the faculty of Yale University School of Medicine. In 1965, Dr. Mark was recruited to Stanford University, where he was appointed associate professor of surgery. He was promoted to professor in 1970 and was awarded the Johnson & Johnson Endowed Professorship in 1978.

Dr. Mark's first position at Stanford was as chairman of the Department of Surgery at the newly-affiliated Santa Clara County Hospital (now the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center). In 1970, he moved to Stanford University Hospital, where he concentrated his clinical and research efforts in the field of thoracic surgery. In 1972, the Division of Thoracic Surgery in the Department of Surgery was approved by the university, and Dr. Mark became its founding head, a position he held until he assumed emeritus status in 1996.

At the time of reorganization of the Department of Surgery in 1990, the Division of Thoracic Surgery joined the Department of Cardiovascular Surgery to become the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery.

Over the years, Dr. Mark has held positions as an associate dean on two occasions, acting chair of the Department of Surgery (1974-1977) and chief of staff of Stanford University Hospital (1988-1992).

He was a senior Fulbright-Hays fellow and visiting professor of surgery at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, during the 1972-1973 academic year. He is a member of a number of professional organizations and has been president of seven of them, including the Halsted Society (1984), Western Thoracic Surgical Association (1992-1993), and American College of Chest Physicians (1994-1995). He has been recognized for his contributions to medical education by the Santa Clara County Medical Association (1984) and the Stanford University School of Medicine (1987). He received the Gold Medal of the City of Milan, Italy, in 1990, the Distinguished Alumnus Award of Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1996, and the Albion Walter Hewlett Award from the Department of Medicine in 2005. Dr. Mark is the author of over 140 scientific publications and was on the editorial board of the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery (1987-1994), World Journal of Surgery (1995-2003) and The Pharos (2002-2010).

Dr. Mark and his wife, Maxie, have been married for over 60 years and lived on the Stanford campus for over 50 years. In 2017 they moved to The Forum in nearby Cupertino. They have five children and seven grandchildren.