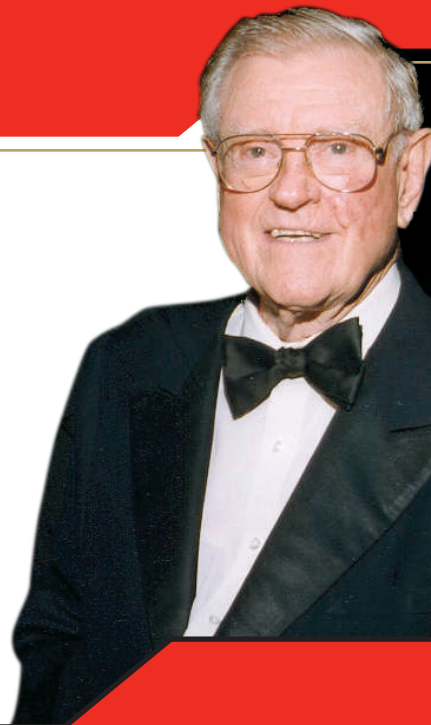


Mavis P. Kelsey Lecture Series

Houston Medical Pioneer leaves legacy through annual research presentations

Through the generosity of The Kelsey Research Foundation, the Kelsey Lecture Series, launched in 2009, is named in honor of the late Mavis P. Kelsey, MD, who co-founded the Kelsey-Seybold Clinic.

The medical pioneer, who completed a fellowship and worked at the Mayo Clinic for a few years, envisioned Kelsey-Seybold as the “Mayo Clinic for the Southwest.” Opened in 1949, the clinic now employs more than 400 providers who practice at 19 locations throughout the Houston area.



Early ties to MD Anderson

MD Anderson's first President R. Lee Clark, MD, befriended Dr. Kelsey while they were stationed at the Aeromedical Laboratory in Dayton, Ohio during World War II. Dr. Clark invited him to join the institution to develop an Endocrine Center with a focus on thyroid cancer. With the support of the chief of Medicine at the time, Dr. Kelsey participated in the construction of a Geiger counter to count thyroid uptake of radioiodine. He is credited with giving the first dose of radioiodine to treat thyroid cancer in Houston.

Kelsey's legacy includes research collaborations

Under Dr. Kelsey's leadership, The Kelsey Research Foundation was established in 1956 to support medical research and education in the Houston area. The Foundation collaborates with numerous institutions throughout the Texas Medical Center, including MD Anderson. Current collaborations involve Cancer Prevention and Population Sciences, Health Services Research and our own General Internal Medicine investigators, such as Maria Suarez-Almazor, MD, PhD.

Herbert L. DuPont, MD, a long-time member of the Kelsey Research Foundation Board, was named Chief Executive Officer in August 2015. Dr. DuPont is also chief of internal medicine and the medical director of travel medicine at St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital, as well as the director of the Center for Infectious Diseases at the University of Texas - Houston School of Public Health. He will graciously represent the Foundation at the retreat as he has in the past.

2017 Kelsey Lecturer

Andrew Mammen, MD, PhD

Investigator, National Institutes of Health (NIH), Muscle Disease Unit

Andrew (Andy) Mammen is a native of Seattle and attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon. After obtaining his MD and PhD at Johns Hopkins, he completed his neurology residency and neuromuscular fellowship at the same institution.

Dr. Mammen co-founded the Johns Hopkins Myositis Center in 2007. He and his Hopkins colleagues discovered a novel form of autoimmune myopathy associated with statin use and autoantibodies recognizing HMG-CoA reductase, the pharmacologic target of statins.

In 2014, Dr. Mammen moved to the NIH, where he is an investigator and leader of the Muscle Disease Unit. He maintains an appointment as Adjunct Professor of Neurology and Medicine at Johns Hopkins, where he continues to see patients in the Myositis Center.

