

Symposium on Pelvic Surgery: The 1966 McGuire Lectures and Symposium

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The Stuart McGuire Lectureship was established by the Board of Visitors of the Medical College of Virginia on May 27, 1929, and the McGuire Lectures have been held annually ever since. The lectureship was established in recognition of the long and brilliant service to the Medical College of Dr. Stuart McGuire who was professor of surgery from 1913 to 1922, dean from 1913 to 1919, president from 1919 to 1925, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Visitors from 1919 to 1936, and chairman of the Board of Visitors from 1936 to 1948, the year of his death.

The Society of Pelvic Surgeons was formed in 1952 for the purpose of holding meetings for the free and informal interchange of ideas pertaining to pelvic surgery and related topics, and to exert influence for the betterment of the teaching and practice of pelvic surgery. The Society membership includes many leaders in the field from North America and Europe.

In 1959 and again in 1966, the Society gave the McGuire Lectures and Symposium, thus diverging from its usual program of round table discussions among its own members.

In 1959, Dr. Joe Meigs was the McGuire Lecturer, speaking on "Progress in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Pelvic Cancer." In 1966, for the first time, there were two McGuire Lecturers, Dr. Howard C. Taylor, Jr. and Dr. Victor F. Marshall. They spoke respectively on "The Role of the Physician in Family Planning" and "Exstrophy of the Bladder: Its Variations and Causations."