

Visiting Professor Program – Named Lectureships



Robert P. Hummel, M.D.

Dr. Robert Hummel was born in Bellevue, Kentucky, in 1928. He graduated from Xavier University and received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati, where he was honored with election to Alpha Omega Alpha. After spending his internship year at Duke University, he returned to Cincinnati to complete his general surgery residency training in our department, interrupted by two years of military service as Chief of the Burn Study Section in the Surgical Research Unit of Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston.

Following completion of his residency training in 1960, Dr. Hummel joined our faculty and rose to the rank of Professor in 1976. He was on the active, courtesy or consulting staff at many of the local hospitals, and his strong ties with the local medical and business communities led to his being named Vice-Chairman of the department by Dr. Josef Fischer, who relied upon Dr. Hummel to establish and maintain the department's growing connections with community physicians after years of animosity. Dr. Hummel served as President of the Cincinnati Surgical Society, which at the time was a rare accomplishment for a University physician, and also served as President of the Ohio Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. His expertise was in burn surgery and surgical infections, and he published widely on his clinical experience and bench research. The Shriners Burns Hospital, one of three in the nation, was built in Cincinnati due to the strong advocacy of Dr. Hummel, Dr. William Altemeier and Dr. Bruce MacMillan.

Following 35 years of outstanding service, Dr. Hummel retired in 1995 and was named Professor Emeritus in 1996. He remains a loyal supporter of the UC Department of Surgery and in 2012 was the Second Mont Reid Surgical Society Visiting Professor. Dr. Hummel continues his strong legacy with his support of the Robert P. Hummel Visiting Professor program.