

SUSAN ROSENBLATT LECTURESHIP



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Tracking Nicotine and Disease: Great progress, but have we lost our way?



Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt

David Burns, MD is Professor Emeritus at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine. He is well known for his work serving as Scientific/Editor or Reviewer of Reports of the Surgeon General on Smoking and Health, published between 1975 and 2020. In the 1990s, Dr. Burns was a key expert witness in litigation against cigarette makers in two class-action cases brought by Stanley and Susan Rosenblatt, making Dr. Burns a fitting choice as keynote speaker for the 2nd Annual Lectureship to honor the contributions of Susan Rosenblatt to the field of cancer prevention and control.

Susan Rosenblatt, with her husband and law partner, Stanley Rosenblatt, took on Big Tobacco in two block-buster Florida cases in the mid-1990s. The first case involved non-smoking Flight Attendants who sued cigarette companies because of the harms caused to their health by exposure to secondhand smoke in their work environment--airline cabins. The second case was brought on behalf of injured smokers in the state of Florida. The Flight Attendant case helped end world-wide smoking on airplanes and resulted in a settlement which formed a not-for-profit, private Foundation to support research to find treatments and cures for diseases caused from exposure to tobacco smoke. The case on behalf of Florida residents injured by smoking resulted in a record \$144.8 billion jury award.

Dr. Burns graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1972, and is board certified in Internal, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He has made scientific contributions to defining the disease consequences of secondhand tobacco smoke exposure, population-based methods of tobacco control, changes in smoking prevalence and disease risks over time, as well as quantifying the excess disease risks produced by cigarette smoking for the US population. He participated in the State Attorneys General lawsuit which resulted in the Master Settlement Agreement with the cigarette manufacturers. Dr. Burns continues to testify extensively against the tobacco industry.

Thursday October 26, 2023

12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Hollings Cancer Center Room 120 or

Microsoft Teams ([click here](#))

Or call in (audio only): 1 843-410-6177

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A kosher lunch will be provided for all in-person attendees



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