

Jeff Silverstein Endowed Lectureship

Since its inception in 2000, SAGA has been privileged to have as its members many individuals dedicated to improving the care of the older patient. No one has meant more to the field than Jeff Silverstein, MD. Since his passing in 2015, SAGA has been interested in commemorating his contributions and has decided to create the Jeff Silverstein Endowed Lectureship to support a presentation at the annual SAGA meeting. We are asking you to please consider a donation to SAGA for this endowed lectureship.

Jeff was not only a founding member and second President of SAGA, he was one of the original members of the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Committee on Geriatric Anesthesia when it was formed in 1992. Jeff was a member of the advisory committees who helped the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) design their programs to promote geriatric expertise in non-medical specialties, including anesthesiology, beginning in the 1990s. The AGS later formalized their partnership with the various medical specialties with the creation of the AGS Section for Enhancing Geriatric Understanding and Expertise among Surgical and Medical Specialists (SEGUE). Jeff was a member of SEGUE since its inception and served as its Chair from 2007-2009. In part through his efforts, the AGS developed the Jahnigan fellowship and its successor, the NIH funded Grants for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists' Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) award.

Jeff was heavily involved with research in geriatric anesthesia and in the education of his fellow anesthesiologists. He organized and/or spoke at many meetings over the years on geriatric topics. Yet Jeff was so much more than all his direct accomplishments. He was a colleague and a friend. His insight was invaluable. More often than not, Jeff was the one who kept things moving forward.

Donations to the Lectureship will belong to SAGA, but will be managed separately from the other SAGA funds. Specifically, the donations will be invested with the goal of providing a sustainable cash flow that will support the lectureship on a continuing basis. In the event that support of the Lectureship becomes no longer feasible or useful, the SAGA Board will determine the best use of the remaining funds. Thank you so much for your support.