Memorial Hall of Fame

Established in 1981, the Memorial Hall of Fame serves as a posthumous tribute to a creative and devoted physician, research scientist, or other individual who has been an active member of the AIUM and contributed to the field of ultrasound in medicine. Honorees are announced at the Annual Meeting.

Harvey L. Nisenbaum, MD, FACR, FAIUM, FSRU



From seemingly the moment he graduated, Harvey Nisenbaum, MD, was a leader and a volunteer. Upon completing his residency in Diagnostic Radiology at Montefiore Hospital and Medical Center in Bronx, New York, in 1974, Dr Nisenbaum became the Director of Ultrasound for the Department of Radiology in the Naval Regional Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, until 1976, as well as head of the Ultrasound Section in the Department of Radiology at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, also in Philadelphia, until 1992.

Within a year of working at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, Dr Nisenbaum joined the Committee on Interdivisional Affairs and worked on the Medical Records Subcommittee and became co-chair soon after joining (1979–1982). At the same time as he joined the Committee on Internal Affairs, he also became the

assistant chairman and then chairman of the By-Laws Committee of the Medical Staff, of which he remained a member after his terms, until 1993. In 1980, while also serving in the leadership of those two committees, he also became secretary of the Executive Committee, and remained secretary for 11 years. Then, in 1982, he added yet another committee, the Priorities Committee (1982–1983). By the end of the 1980s, Dr Nisenbaum had joined 5 more committees.

In 1976, he also became a Clinical Instructor of Radiology at Temple University School of Medicine, while being an attending radiologist at the Albert Einstein Medical Center (1976–1991), before becoming a Clinical Assistant Professor of Radiology in 1978 and then, in 1985, becoming a Clinical Associate Professor of Diagnostic Imaging. Between 1977 and 1993, Dr Nisenbaum was also a consultant for 3 more medical establishments in Philadelphia.

Beginning in 1993, Dr Nisenbaum worked as a staff radiologist for the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, the Philadelphia VA Medical Center, and the Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. And of course, his volunteer work on committees continued at these new places of employment, until his retirement in 2019.

In addition to all of that, Dr Nisenbaum was also a member, and frequently a fellow, in 15 medical and professional societies, on 9 of which he served on committees, usually becoming a leader. In the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, which he joined in 1975, he served on 8 committees and volunteered as a reviewer (of abstracts, posters, and the *Journal of Ultrasound of Medicine*), a moderator, a representative of the AIUM, and became president (2009–2011). During his tenure as president, donations to the Endowment for Education and

Research (now known as the AIUM FUTURE Fund) increased significantly, AIUM membership grew by 11%, and the online Career Center was launched to help AIUM members find new careers or move around in their current careers.

Dr Nisenbaum was also a reviewer for 5 more journals, the editor of another, and on the Advisory Editorial Board of yet another. Plus, he was an avid author (of articles, chapters, and books), presenter, investigator on grants, and, of course, educator.

Between all of his hard work and his dedication to medical ultrasound education, the AIUM has awarded Dr Nisenbaum the Presidential Recognition Award (in 2006 and 2012) and the Peter H. Arger, MD, Excellence in Medical Student Education Award. In 2019, Penn Presbyterian Medical Center even created an award in his honor, the Harvey Nisenbaum Award for Medical Imaging Research at Penn Presbyterian.

Harvey L. Nisenbaum, MD, died on October 8, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia; son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Katie; and 8 nieces and nephews. For his consistent devotion to the progression of ultrasound in medicine, Dr Nisenbaum will be remembered by the ultrasound community for a long time to come.