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X Inactivation, Dosage Compensation, and the Sex Chromosomes

The Samuel Pruzansky Memorial Lectureship was established in memory of the founder and director of the world's first center for craniofacial anomalies, and is sponsored by the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Dr. Pruzansky was an internationally renowned research scholar, clinician and teacher who served as Acting Chief of the Clinical Investigations Branch of the National Institute of Dental Research from 1953 to 1955. In 1959, under the Institute's auspices, he chaired the Gatlinburg Conference, the definitive meeting on craniofacial anomalies.

During the course of his academic career at the University of Illinois, Dr. Pruzansky was Associate Director of the Cleft Palate Clinic which, in 1967, was expanded to become the first Center for Craniofacial Anomalies, with Dr. Pruzansky as its founding director.

A visiting professor at many universities here and abroad, consultant to crippled children's programs, and active member of numerous NIH scientific committees, Dr. Pruzansky also was president of the American Cleft Palate Association, the Teratology Society, and the International Society for Craniofacial Biology. He participated in various birth defects meetings, including the first conference on the subject at Johns Hopkins University. An avid and long-time supporter of the March of Dimes, he served as Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Chicago chapter.

In addition to receiving many awards and honors, Dr. Pruzansky was the first nonsurgeon invited to deliver the V. H. Kazanjian lecture in plastic surgery at New York University. A memorial volume, "Craniofacial Dysmorphology: Studies in Honor of Samuel Pruzansky," was published as a tribute to his achievements.

Previous Pruzansky Memorial Lecturers and their affiliations at the time of the award:

1998

Henry A. Erlich, PhD

*Roche Molecular Systems
Alameda, CA*

1997

Connie Eaves, PhD

*Terry Fox Laboratory
Vancouver, BC, Canada*

1996

Clifford J. Tabin, PhD

*Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA*

1995

Savio L. Woo, PhD

*Center for Gene Therapy
Baylor College of Medicine
Houston, TX*

1994

Scott F. Gilbert, PhD

*Swarthmore College
Swarthmore, PA*

1992

Grant Sutherland, PhD, DSc

*Adelaide Children's Hospital
North Adelaide, SA, Australia*

1991

D. Carleton Gajdusek, MD

*National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke
Bethesda, MD*

1990

Francis S. Collins, MD

*Univ. of Michigan Medical School
Ann Arbor, MI*

Lap-Chee Tsui, PhD

*Hospital for Sick Children
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1989

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*Harvard Medical School
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1988

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*Harvard Medical School
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1987

Drew Noden, MD

*Cornell University
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1986

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Cambridge, United Kingdom*