

AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future



Louis M. Mendelson, MD, was born in Virginia and graduated from Vanderbilt University and Medical College of Virginia.

He completed his Pediatric Residency at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in New York. Mendelson went on to complete his fellowship in Allergy and Immunology at the University of California in San Diego.

Currently he is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Connecticut's School of Medicine and served as the Division Head of Allergy and Immunology at the

Connecticut Children's Medical Center for many years; enthusiastically teaching and inspiring generations of medical students and pediatric residents.

Since 1972, Mendelson has been active in clinical private practices in the Hartford, Connecticut region, becoming a world renowned figure in our field because of his tireless dedication to his patients' care. His excellence as a clinician led to the American Academy of Allergy Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) honoring him in 2000 with the Distinguished Clinician Award. He was previously honored with the Food Allergy Network's Marial C. Furlong Award for Making a Difference in 1999.

Despite his heavy practice schedule, he continues researching and writing, his interests include penicillin allergy, food allergy, anaphylactic reactions, asthma and vernal conjunctivitis; sharing his practical experiences improving our sub-specialty. He has been a champion of Regional Allergy Societies serving two terms as President of the Connecticut Allergy Society, and one term as President of the New England Society of Allergy. He served on the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI), and was the Chairman of the AAAAI Foundation for two years and served on its Board for six years.

2017 marks the 1st year of the AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future lectureship. It will be presented in Plenary Session 3101: The New Faces of Drug Allergy on Sunday, March 5, 2017: 8:15 to 9:45 am, GWCC, Exhibit Hall B1.

AAAAI Foundation and Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship: Investing Together in Our Future – Roland Solensky, MD FAAAAI



Roland Solensky, MD was born in Bratislava, Czechoslovakia (now Slovakia) and immigrated to the United States at the age of 12. He graduated Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Pomona College with a BA in Chemistry.

Following medical school at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, he completed pediatric residency at UC San Diego. Dr. Solensky developed his interest in drug allergy during allergy & immunology fellowship at UT Southwestern in Dallas, under the guidance of Drs. Rebecca Gruchalla and David Khan.

After completion of training, he was briefly lured back to the Northeast by Dr. Mendelson to join him in practice at Connecticut Allergy and Asthma Center. The last 15 years, Dr. Solensky has been in practice at The Corvallis Clinic in Corvallis, OR, but has maintained a close relationship with Dr. Mendelson.

In addition to being in full-time clinical practice, Dr. Solensky has made a concerted effort to contribute to the advancement of our specialty, especially drug allergy, with publication of original research, review articles, and book chapters.

He was a chief editor of Drug Allergy: An Updated Practice Parameter and is the author of several UpToDate sections including penicillin allergy. He has given many oral presentations at local, regional, national and international meetings. He is on the editorial boards of *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology: In Practice* and *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*. He has also been actively involved in many AAAAI committees over the last 15 years, including serving as chair of the Adverse Reactions to Drugs, Biologicals and Latex Committee.

Dr. Solensky is pleased and honored to be the first recipient of the AAAAI Louis M. Mendelson, MD FAAAAI Lectureship, particularly given the mentorship role Dr. Mendelson has played in his career and the fact that penicillin allergy is the subject of the lecture – a topic that is close and near both their hearts.