The Elliot F. Ellis Memorial Lectureship

Monday, February 26, 2024
4101 New Insights into Development and Treatment of Asthma
Convention Center, Level 2, Hall E, 9:30-11:00 AM

Lecturer: Elizabeth Matsui, MD, MHS, FAAAAI
Recent Advances in Non-Pharmacologic Therapies for Asthma

Dr. Elliot Ellis, MD

Dr. Elliot Ellis received his MD degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland in 1954. After internship at Lenox Hill Hospital and residency at Babies Hospital/Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, both in New York, he served Fellowships at Children’s Asthma Research Institute and Hospital in Denver and the University of Florida College of Medicine in Gainesville. He was named Chief of Pediatric Allergy and Immunology at National Jewish Hospital and Research Center in Denver from 1966-74. In 1974, he became Director of the Division of Allergy and Immunology at Children’s Hospital of Buffalo. He was Professor of Pediatrics, Director of the Division of Allergy and Immunology, and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at State University of Buffalo. He was made Professor Emeritus at SUNY-Buffalo in 1988. He subsequently became Chief of the Division of Allergy and Immunology at Nemours Children’s Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida and later, the Medical Director at Muro Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Dr. Ellis supervised the training of more than 75 allergists.

Dr. Ellis was President of the AAAAI in 1986-1987. He has been a visiting professor to numerous institutions throughout the world. He was honored with the Bret Ratner Award in Allergy by the American Academy of Pediatrics (1990) for outstanding contributions to the field of allergy and immunology. He is a Fellow and a member of many professional societies, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Clinical Pharmacology and the American Association of Immunologists. In 1995 he was awarded the Gold Headed Cane by the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology. He has served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Medicine, The Journal of Respiratory Diseases, and the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. Dr. Ellis has published a variety of papers, book chapters and co-authored Allergy: Principles and Practice. The last edition was published in 1998. He has also edited two Pediatric Clinics of North America, as well as co-editing a book on theophylline. He was a member of the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute’s Expert Panel as part of the National Asthma Education Program.

With Dr. Ellis’ passing on February 22, 2014, the lectureship was renamed the Elliot F. Ellis Memorial Lectureship. This lectureship will help preserve the memory and profound contributions of Dr. Ellis in the field of allergy and asthma care. Dr. Ellis’ greatest pleasure was seeing his trainees contribute by educating others.
Elizabeth Matsui, M.D., M.H.S, is a Professor of Population Health and Pediatrics and the Director of the Center for Health and Environment: Education and Research (CHEER). She is a pediatric allergist-immunologist and epidemiologist and a leading international expert on environmental exposures and their effects on asthma and other allergic conditions. She received her undergraduate degree in molecular biology and her medical degree from Vanderbilt University. She completed her residency in pediatrics at the University of California at San Francisco in 1996. She joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins in 2003 and was promoted to Professor in 2015 before joining the faculty at Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin in 2018. She is known for her work demonstrating that pest infestation and other housing related exposures are major drivers of the excess burden of asthma among minoritized children living in disadvantaged urban neighborhoods. Since joining Dell Med, she has extended her research program to include an examination of the role of outdoor air pollution exposure in asthma disparities.