

From Discovery to Translation: Celebrating the Scientific Legacy of Dr. Jacob I. Sznajder

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

1:00 – 5:00 PM

In person: Simpson Querrey Auditorium

Virtual: Weblink to the audience in KQSRP

1:00 PM

Welcome Remarks

Susan E. Quaggin, MD

Irving S. Cutter Professor & Chair, Department of Medicine
Director, Feinberg Cardiovascular and Renal Research Institute
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

GR Scott Budinger, MD

Ernest S. Bazley Professor of Airway Diseases
Director, Simpson Querrey Lung Institute for Translational Science
Chief, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

1:10 PM

Serpil Erzurum, MD

Professor of Medicine

Executive Vice President, Chief Research and Academic Officer
Chief, Cleveland Clinic

A Translational Path to Discovery in Pulmonary Vascular Diseases

1:40 PM

István Vadász, MD, PhD

Professor and Vice Chair
Department of Internal Medicine
Universities of Giessen & Marburg Lung Center (UGMLC)
The Cardio-Pulmonary Institute (CPI)
Justus Liebig University Giessen
German Center for Lung Research (DZL)

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1:50 PM

Richard Wunderink, MD

Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

Accurate diagnosis underpins understanding of pneumonia pathobiology/endotypes

2:05 PM

Zaher S. Azzam, MD

Professor of Medicine
Chair, Department of Medicine
Rambam Health Care, Technion- Israel Institute of Technology

Alveolar Fluid Clearance in Heart Failure: The Cellular Engine of Alveolar Resolution

2:20 PM

Ankit Bharat, MD

Harold and Margaret Method Research Professor of Surgery
Chief, Thoracic Surgery
Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine

From ARDS to Transplantation: Redefining the Limits of Lung Recovery

- 2:35 PM **Arturo Briva, MD**
 Professor of Critical Care
 Dean, School of Medicine
 University of the Republic, Montevideo, Uruguay
From the Alveolus to the ICU: Lessons from the Sznajder Laboratory
- 2:45 PM **Coffee Break**
 The Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg Gallery
 Simpson Querrey Auditorium
- 3:05 PM **Laura Dada, PhD**
 Research Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care
 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
The Sznajder Lab: From the Pump to Spatial Transcriptomics.
- 3:15 PM **Paul Schumacker, PhD**
 Professor of Medicine, Pediatrics
 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
Mitochondria: More than just a powerhouse
- 3:30 PM **Gokhan Mutlu, MD**
 Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care
 Chief, Pulmonary and Critical Care
 University of Chicago, Pritzker School of Medicine
The power of mentorship: How Dr. Iasha Sznajder shaped my career
- 3:45 PM **Jing Liu, PhD**
 Associate Professor of Surgery
 University of Illinois at Chicago
Dual Role of Miz1 in Lung Cancer: Nurturing Growth and Curtailing Immune Surveillance
- 4:00 PM **Cara Gottardi, PhD**
 Professor of Medicine, Pulmonary and Critical Care
 Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
On "Finding a Lung Project": Wnt signaling as targetable pathway in fibrosis
- 4:15 PM **Ben Singer, MD**
 Lawrence Hicks Professor of Pulmonary Medicine
 Associate Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care) and Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
 Vice Chair for Research, Department of Medicine
Promoting lung recovery: epigenetic and metabolic control of regulatory T cell function
- 4:30 PM **Keynote Presentation**
 Michael Matthay, MD
 Professor of Medicine and Anesthesia
 Senior Associate at the Cardiovascular Research Institute
 University of California, San Francisco
Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: Past, Present and Future

Closing Remarks:

GR Scott Budinger, MD

Ernest S. Bazley Professor of Airway Diseases
Director, Simpson Querrey Lung Institute for Translational Science
Chief, Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine

Karen M. Ridge, PhD

Ernest S. Bazley Professor of Pulmonary Diseases
Professor of Medicine (Pulmonary and Critical Care), Cell and Developmental Biology

5:00 – 6:00 PM

Cheese and Wine Cocktail Hour

Potocsnak Family Atrium

Virtual Presentation_ Web only

Aaron Ciechanover, MD, DsC

The David and Janet Polak Chair in Life Sciences
Distinguished University Professor
Laureate, the 2004 Nobel Prize in Chemistry
The Rappaport Family Technion Integrated Cancer Center (R-TICC)
The Rappaport Faculty of Medicine and Research Institute
Technion-Israel Institute of Technology

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