

ENDOWED LECTURESHIP

Dr. Julius M. and Marjorie R. Kantor Endowed Lectureship

8 a.m. Thursday, July 16, 2026



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In recognition of their father's legacy at Children's Mercy, Dr. James Kantor and Jane Ellen Kantor, Brooke and Carolyn Kantor, and Dr. Betsy Kantor Hoogenboom and Ronald Hoogenboom established an endowed fund to continue, in perpetuity, the lectureship Dr. Kantor had funded during his lifetime. The endowment offsets expenses to bring renowned speakers to Children's Mercy on topics pertinent to Dr. Kantor's legacy. Children's Mercy is grateful to the Kantor family for their thoughtful creation of the Dr. Julius M. and Marjorie R. Kantor Endowed Lectureship.

Julius M. Kantor, MD, was a respected physician leader who was affiliated with Children's Mercy for nearly half a century. Born in 1915 in Kalamazoo, Michigan, he was raised in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he graduated from the University of Wyoming. After earning a medical degree at the University of Nebraska School of Medicine, he interned at Washington University in St. Louis. He married Marjorie Rosenblum, who had returned to her hometown from Chicago the year before. A 1939 graduate of Southwest High School, she earned a degree in mathematics from the University of Chicago in 1943.

The newlywed Kantors settled in Kansas City, where Dr. Kantor opened a pediatric practice he would maintain throughout his career. From 1947 to 1990, Dr. Kantor was affiliated with both Children's Mercy and Menorah Medical Center, serving twice as president of the medical staff at each hospital. He and Fred Spehr, MD, led the Children's Mercy allergy clinic for 25 years, growing the program into a comprehensive operation that provided world-class care, education and research.

His commitment to education was evident in his devotion to attending grand rounds and his voracious appetite for reading pediatric literature. Retiring in 1990 at age 75, Dr. Kantor continued his weekly rounds at the University of Kansas Department of Pediatrics for years. Mrs. Kantor passed away on September 6, 1994. Dr. Kantor was 97 when he died on March 1, 2013.

Endowed and other donor-funded lectures play an important role at Children's Mercy, allowing staff, faculty, and students to interact with recognized leaders in their fields. Thanks also to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) office and Department of Graduate Medical Education for their help in producing this lecture. For more information about CME offerings at Children's Mercy, please visit childrensmercy.cloud-cme.com.

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2020 Tina L. Cheng, MD, MPH

2021 Catherine M. Gordon, MD, MS

2022 Peter J. Hotexz MD, PhD

2023 Robert Green, MD, MP

2024 Anthony Chang, MD, MBA, MPH

2025 Sabrina A. Falquier, MD, CCMS
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