

**Dr. W. Douglas Wong**  
ASCRS Research Foundation Mentor Award  
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A native of Manitoba, Canada, Doug Wong obtained his Doctor of Medicine degree and General Surgery training at the University of Manitoba. He obtained his Colorectal Surgical training at the University of Minnesota in 1983 and then began his career at Calgary General Hospital where he remained until 1987, when he was recruited back to the University of Minnesota. In 1997, he was recruited to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

For the last twenty five years, Doug has dedicated himself to the training and mentoring of Surgical Residents, Colorectal Surgical Fellows, and Surgical Attendings. In Minnesota, Doug was the Residency Program Director in the Division of Colon and Rectal Surgery. During his tenure, over twenty Colorectal Surgical Fellows were trained. At Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Doug has been the recipient of numerous awards including national and international traveling fellowships and the Willet F. Whitmore Award for Clinical Excellence. However, his most coveted award is the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Department of Surgery. In addition to his dedication to the training of Surgical Residents and Colorectal Surgical Fellows, Doug established a unique post-graduate Surgical Fellowship in Colorectal Oncology offered to fully trained Colorectal Surgeons or Surgical Oncologists interested in obtaining further training in the multidisciplinary management of colorectal malignancies.

Shortly after his recruitment to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Doug was appointed Director of the Clinical Practice at the Lawrence S. Rockefeller Pavilion and in 2001 as Chief of the Colorectal Service. In 2003, he was appointed as the first incumbent of the Stuart H.Q. Quan Chair in Colorectal Surgery at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Professor of Surgery at Cornell University Medical College. Doug has authored or co-authored nearly 200 peer-reviewed papers, invited reviews and book chapters. In addition, he is senior author on a popular textbook on colorectal cancer for the lay public. He has served on numerous Committees including as Chairman of the Emerging Technologies Committee from 1998 to present. This past year he served as the President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons.

Although recognized worldwide as an expert in all surgical aspects of colon and rectal diseases, Doug Wong is best known for his long standing dedication to the implementation of endorectal ultrasound technology in the staging of rectal cancer. Through a combination of lectures, symposiums, as well as hands-on courses at national and international meetings including that of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons, Doug Wong has been directly involved with the training of many colorectal surgeons worldwide on the usage of endorectal ultrasound for staging of rectal cancer.

A soft spoken gentleman with a friendly, generous and collaborative disposition, Doug Wong has mentored many medical students, surgical residents, colorectal fellows, and surgical attendings, alike. The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons is proud to present the Mentor Award to Dr. W. Douglas Wong in recognition of his numerous accomplishments, but most importantly his dedication to advancing the field of Colon and Rectal Surgery through training and mentoring of colorectal surgeons at all levels of development.

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