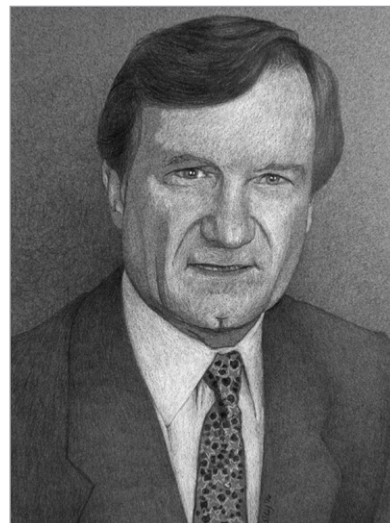


# Texas Heart Institute Medal and the Ray C. Fish Award for Scientific Achievement in Cardiovascular Diseases

**R**ay C. Fish (1902–1962) was a leading figure in Houston’s natural gas industry and a philanthropist. He believed in the American dream of “opportunity for success.” The Ray C. Fish Foundation was established so that others might be encouraged to broaden man’s self-knowledge and to keep the American dream alive. After its founder’s death from heart disease, the Fish Foundation granted \$5 million to make the Texas Heart Institute a reality. For this reason, the Institute’s highest professional award is given in honor of this extraordinary man. The award recognizes those whose innovations have made significant contributions to cardiovascular medicine and surgery.

The first Texas Heart Institute Medal and Ray C. Fish Award for Scientific Achievement in Cardiovascular Diseases were presented in 1972 to Dr. Norman Shumway.

Since 1972, 36 other highly deserving recipients have been so honored by the Institute. The complete Roll of Recipients appears on the next page.



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The 2016 Fish Award recipient is David A. Ott, MD, recognized for his knowledge and exceptional technical expertise as a cardiovascular surgeon in both congenital and acquired cardiovascular disease. Chosen personally by Dr. Denton Cooley in 2016 as his successor, Dr. Ott serves as Surgeon-in-Chief of the Texas Heart Institute.

A 1968 Phi Beta Kappa graduate (with honors) of the University of Texas, Dr. Ott earned his medical degree in 1972 from Baylor College of Medicine (BCM) and was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. He completed his residency in general surgery at BCM-affiliated hospitals (1976) and in cardiothoracic surgery at THI (1978), after which he was immediately welcomed to THI’s professional staff. Dr. Ott also served in the U.S. Army Reserve (1972–1978).

For more than 38 years, Dr. Ott’s career has been centered exclusively in the Texas Medical Center—at Texas Children’s Hospital in his early years and continuously at Baylor St. Luke’s Medical Center. A prominent leader, he is Clinical Professor of Surgery at BCM and the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Ott is a member of the American College of Surgeons, the American Association for Thoracic Surgery, and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. He is an author of more than 160 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, serves on multiple advisory and editorial boards, and has won numerous awards.

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# ROLL OF RECIPIENTS

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| 1972 | <b>Norman E. Shumway</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Heart Transplantation</i> )   | 1998 | <b>Magdi Yacoub</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Heart-Lung Transplantation</i> )  |
| 1973 | <b>F. Mason Sones, Jr.</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Coronary Angiography</i> )  | 1999 | <b>Thomas J. Fogarty</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Medical and Surgical Devices</i> )   |
| 1974 | <b>Eugene E. Braunwald</b><br>Physiology ( <i>Myocardial Preservation</i> )   | 2004 | <b>James L. Cox</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Surgery for Atrial Fibrillation</i> )   |
| 1975 | <b>Willem J. Kolff</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Artificial Organs</i> )   | 2004 | <b>Stephen Westaby</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>First Clinical Trial of Axial-Flow Devices for Destination Therapy and Significant Contributions to the Surgical Literature</i> )  |
| 1976 | <b>Harvey Feigenbaum</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Echocardiography</i> )  | 2007 | <b>Charles E. Mullins</b><br>Pediatric Cardiology ( <i>Teaching and Pioneering Work in Interventional Techniques for Congenital Heart Disease</i> )  |
| 1977 | <b>John W. Kirklin</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Heart-Lung Machines</i> )   | 2008 | <b>O.H. Frazier</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Heart Transplantation and Research and Development of the Left Ventricular Assist Device</i> )  |
| 1978 | <b>Bernard Lown</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Cardiac Arrhythmias</i> )  | 2009 | <b>James T. Willerson</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Pioneering Work in Unstable Atherosclerotic Plaques, Acute Coronary Syndromes, and Cardiac Stem Cells</i> )   |
| 1979 | <b>John J. Gallagher and William C. Sealy</b><br>(co-recipients)<br>Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Surgery for Pre-Excitation</i> )                     | 2010 | <b>Charles D. Fraser, Jr.</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Development of a Program Known for Its Effectiveness in Correcting Congenital Cardiovascular Disease in Children</i> )  |
| 1980 | <b>W. Proctor Harvey</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Clinical Practice and Teaching</i> )  | 2011 | <b>Patrick W. Serruys</b><br>Interventional Cardiology ( <i>Major Contributions to Interventional Cardiology, Including Those to the Development of Both Bare-Metal and Drug-Eluting Stents</i> )                                |
| 1981 | <b>Paul M. Zoll</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Pacemaking</i> )   | 2012 | <b>George J. Reul</b><br>Cardiac and Vascular Surgery ( <i>Development of an Accredited Vascular Lab at SLEH; Leader in Quality Measures</i> )   |
| 1983 | <b>Andreas R. Grüntzig</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty</i> )  | 2013 | <b>Alain G. Cribier</b><br>Interventional Cardiology ( <i>First Balloon Dilation of Aortic Valve for Calcific Aortic Stenosis, 1985; and First Implantation of a Prosthetic Aortic Valve via Cardiac Catheterization, 2002</i> ) |
| 1984 | <b>Hein J.J. Wellens and Douglas P. Zipes</b><br>(co-recipients)<br>Cardiology ( <i>Diagnosis and Management of Pediatric Cardiac Arrhythmias</i> )                 | 2014 | <b>Terence English</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Establishing Heart Transplantation Program in England</i> )  |
| 1985 | <b>Denton A. Cooley</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Surgery for Congenital Heart Disease, Aneurysms of the Aorta, and Implantation of the Artificial Heart</i> ) | 2015 | <b>Delos M. Cosgrove</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Significant Contributions to Cardiac Valve Repair</i> )  |
| 1986 | <b>William J. Rashkind</b><br>Pediatric Cardiology ( <i>Nonsurgical Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease</i> )   | 2016 | <b>David A. Ott</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Knowledge of and Exceptional Technical Expertise in Cardiovascular Surgery</i> )  |
| 1987 | <b>Dwight E. Harken</b><br>Cardiovascular Surgery ( <i>Intracardiac Surgery</i> )   |      |  |
| 1988 | <b>J. Willis Hurst</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Writing and Teaching</i> )  |      |  |
| 1989 | <b>Robert J. Hall</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Clinical Practice and Teaching</i> )   |      |  |
| 1990 | <b>Sol Sherry</b><br>Cardiology ( <i>Thrombolytic Therapy</i> )   |      |  |
| 1992 | <b>Arthur S. Keats</b><br>Cardiovascular Anesthesiology   |      |  |
| 1997 | <b>Aldo R. Castañeda</b><br>Pediatric Cardiovascular Surgery  |      |  |
| 1997 | <b>Julio C. Palmaz</b><br>Radiology ( <i>Endovascular Stents</i> )  |      |  |