

Thor J. Jager, MD

Thor J. Jager, MD, Wichita's first pathologist, was the original internal medicine consultant west of Kansas City. He is considered to be largely responsible for establishing the very strong medical tradition that continues in Wichita today.

Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Jager first came to the city in 1907 to intern at St. Francis Hospital after graduating cum laude from the medical school at Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. He was one of the "Fab's Boys," the bright young men encouraged to settle in Kansas by Dr. Andrew H. Fabrique, a pioneer Wichita physician.

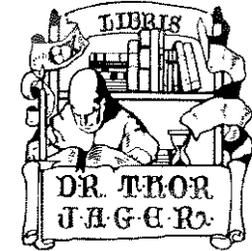
Following his internship, Jager returned to Chicago and served as an instructor in the Department of Pathology at Northwestern University. He also traveled to Germany to engage in research at university clinics in Berlin and Tubingen. He returned to Wichita in 1911 to supervise the laboratory at St. Francis Hospital and practice internal medicine.

In 1936, Jager transferred both his laboratory and clinical practice to Wesley Hospital, where he served until 1949. He continued to practice medicine as a consultant in pathology, neurology, and internal medicine until his retirement in 1970. He died in 1975.

Dr. Jager is remembered as a patient bedside teacher, a brilliant diagnostician, a gentleman with a genteel "old world" manner, and the last word on any diagnostic problem.



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THE JAGER CLUB

**Dinner and
Lecture Series**

**2017-2018
Academic Year**

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Thor J. Jager, MD, the dean of Wichita internists, pursued a keen interest in medical history and acquired a notable library of books and manuscripts throughout his long career. His remarkable collection was given to the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, and remains intact in The Clendening History of Medicine Library. A true bibliophile, his interests in the history of medicine were second only to his dedication to the profession and its practice.

The Jager Club was formed by Wichita internists to honor Dr. Jager's preeminent position and to provide a focus for discussions focused on medical history. While Dr. Jager has since passed away, his widow, Gwendolyn attends regular meetings.

The dinner meetings are open to all interested Wichita-area physicians, students, residents, and spouses or guests. To be included on the invitation list or RSVP, please call 316-293-2603. Annual dues of \$50 are encouraged to defray mailing expenses and provide modest honoraria to the lecturers.

Jager Club Dinner Meetings

Wichita Marriott
9100 Corporate Hills Drive
Wichita, Kansas

RSVP 316-293-2603

Cost: \$35 per person

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

Jager Club's 50th Anniversary

(Joint meeting with the MSSC)

"Dr. Mütter's Marvels: Thomas Dent Mütter and His Fight to Bring Humanity into 19th Century Medicine"

Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz and Eric Jager

New York Times bestselling author Cristin O'Keefe Aptowicz will give a talk on the extraordinary life and times of Thomas Dent Mütter. Perhaps best known for his namesake museum (Philadelphia's Mütter Museum of 19th century medical oddities), Mütter was a brilliant and audacious young mid-nineteenth-century doctor who revolutionized American medicine with his daring surgical work, his pioneering use of anesthesia, and his life-long advocacy of a compassion-based vision of medicine, even among his most hopeless of patients. Come hear about a man so flamboyant, in life and in the operating theatre, that he was crowned the "[P.T.] Barnum of the surgery room." **Eric Jager, grandson of Dr. Thor J. Jager will also be speaking about his memories of his grandfather growing up.**

6 p.m.	Social
6:45	Dinner
7:15	Presentation

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017

"Arthur Hertzler, the Horse and Buggy Doctor, and the fame of the Halstead Clinic"

Carrie Herman, Executive Director
Kansas Learning Center for Health

Dr. Arthur E. Hertzler is a man to remember in Kansas medical history. Well known for his autobiography "The Horse and Buggy Doctor," Dr. Hertzler opened health facilities in Halstead, KS, in 1902. By the 1930's the hospital grew to 200 beds with patients flocking from across the United States. Through the years, the Halstead Hospital and Hertzler Clinic became renowned as the "Little Mayo of the Midwest." The Hertzler Research Foundation, now the Kansas Learning Center for Health, serves as a memorial to Dr. Hertzler where his legacy and spirit lives on today.

6 p.m.	Social
6:30	Presentation
7:30	Dinner

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018

"Percivall Pott and Surgical Instruction in Eighteenth-Century London"

Lynda Payne, Ph.D., RN, FLS
Professor of History
University of Missouri Kansas City

The prevailing view of surgery and surgeons before the development of general anesthesia in the mid-nineteenth century is one of screaming patients and unfeeling operators. This presentation challenges this view through an examination of the life of Percivall Pott, whose contemporaries considered the best surgeon in England. Professor Payne concludes that Pott exemplifies the emerging notion of a professional and humane surgeon in the eighteenth century.

6 p.m.	Social
6:30	Presentation
7:30	Dinner

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018

"The Making of a Leader: Franklin D. Murphy, The Kansas Years"

Nancy Kellogg Harper, Ph.D.

In the spring of 1951, Franklin D. Murphy, M.D., was tapped to lead the University of Kansas as its chancellor. He had celebrated his 35th birthday only a few months earlier. For the next nine years, Murphy set the tone of excellence that was described as a "glorious rocket ride." He served as chancellor until 1960, when he left Kansas to become the leader of UCLA. In her biography, author Nancy Kellogg Harper writes of Murphy's life and career in Kansas, as a student, as a physician, as the dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine, and as KU chancellor. Her lecture will center on the leadership lessons he learned and on his impact on the University of Kansas.

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7:30	Dinner