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-Pat Battle



Dr. Coleman (right) presents award to Dr. Leonard Dr. Moore (right) presents award to Pat Battle

The evening's honorees Dr. Leonard and Pat Battle

CR&T'S Cancer Survivors Hall of Fame award ceremony began with Darin Brown, NY based piano player, singer and songwriter sharing a tribute to Doug McCormick, his musical collaborator and former CR&T Board Member and President.

Following the musical tribute, CR&T Medical Advisory Board Member, Morton Coleman, MD gave a heartfelt introduction of John Leonard, MD. Dr. Coleman shared many of Dr. Leonard's well-deserved successes which Dr. Coleman was able to witness firsthand.

CR&T's Lifetime Achievement Award recipient John Leonard, MD, CR&T Medical Advisory Board Member, Richard T. Silver Distinguished Professor of Hematology and Medical Oncology, Senior Associate Dean for Innovation and Initiatives, Chair (Interim), of the Weill Department of Medicine, and Physicianin-Chief (Interim) at New York-Hospital/Weill Presbyterian Cornell

Medical Center, was gracious with his acceptance speech. Dr. Leonard acknowledged those who came before him and who have contributed to his journey over the years, his friends, colleagues, family, and patients. Dr. Leonard recognized the impact that Cancer Research & Treatment Fund had in providing more than \$17 million to cancer research, to Weill Cornell Medicine and other institutions. "Those resources have gone to help our programs, our research, and all of the work that we have been able to do at Weill Cornell."

Dr. Leonard was followed by CR&T Medical Advisory Board Member, Anne Moore, MD who introduced Pat Battle as the recipient of CR&T's 2023 Cancer Survivor Award. Dr. Moore stressed Pat's openness and willingness to be a source of hope and courage to women diagnosed with breast cancer. Pat Battle, National Emmy® and Edward R. Murrow Award Winner, Co-anchor "Weekend Today in New York" at NBC 4 New York, accepted the award with an exuberant acceptance speech reiterating the importance of sharing your health story with others; that sharing your story is beneficial to you

and to those who hear your story.

Pat thanked everyone who contributed to the research treatment of cancer over the years. "The work that you all have done in [cancer] treatment and research has made it possible for me to stand here."

NY Meteorologist Raphael Miranda,

CR&T's long-time event MC, hosting a conversational moment on stage with Pat about her health journey. Their colleague, Enez Paganuzzi, WNBC-TV's Planning Manager, joined Pat on stage in a touching moment, sharing Pat's participation in her own similar cancer journey.

Thank you to all of you who donated, to those of you who attended, and to those of you who were with us in spirit.

More photos at www.crt.org/honorees

The evening continued with WNBC-4

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Raphael Miranda (left), Pat Battle (center) and Enez Paganuzzi







Dr. Silver (left) with Dr. Leonard

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Pat Battle (left) with Dr. Silver



Darin and Melanie perform at the dinner

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2024 Cancer Survivors Hall of Fame Dinner November 21, 2024

















MPN Heroes: dedicating themselves to improving the lives of people living MPNs



Eight individuals, including Tom Silver (pictured next to the evening's keynote speaker, Jane Fonda) were honored at the MPN Heroes Recognition Program

he MPN Heroes Recognition Program celebrates individuals and organizations that have dedicated themselves to improving the lives of people living with myeloproliferative neoplasms (MPNs). The program recognizes patients, Healthcare Professionals, caregivers, advocates, and organizations that bring understanding, compassion, and strength to the MPN community. MPN Heroes are awarded each year prior to the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH). MPN Heroes is sponsored by Incyte Corporation and CURE magazine.

CR&T celebrates adding two MPN Heroes to the growing list of CR&T associated heroes.



Tom Silver has been a CR&T Board Member since 2012 and CR&T's Board President since 2015, Tom uses his executive skills to guide CR&T through the many challenges medical non-profit foundations face and works tirelessly and selflessly to ensure that funding is available for treatment, clinical trials, and research for individuals with myelofibrosis (MF), polycythemia vera (PV), or essential thrombocythemia (ET).





Andrew Schafer, MD has been a long time CR&T Medical Advisory Board member and is the Director of the Richard T. Silver, M.D. Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN) Center at Weill Cornell Medicine which was created in 2011 with a multi-million-dollar pledge from CR&T.

See Dr. Schafer's story here: https://youtu.be/9_yNLqJKHJU



Jane Fonda (left), Dave Boule (center), Tom Silver (right)

Previous CR&T MPN Heroes

Richard T. Silver, MD (2014)

David T. Boule (2015)

Ghaith Abu-Zeinah, MD (2022)



CR&T's 12th International Patient Symposium on MPNs





(L-R) Drs. Pemmaraju, Fleischman, Scandura, Schafer, Silver, Hasselbalch, Mr. Boule, Dr. Abu-Zeinah (not pictured Drs. Hoffman, Tamari, Spivak)





CR&T was proud to host its 12th International Patient Symposium on Myeloproliferative Neoplasms on Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City. The program featured presentations by distinguished scientists and clinical research physicians from the world's leading MPN centers. The presentations were recorded and can be viewed on our website at www.crt.org/mpn-patient-symposium-videos.

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CRT's 13th International Patient Symposium on MPNs October 23, 2024

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors for making this program possible.

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Silver MPN Center presents at the Annual ASH Conference



he Annual Meeting of the American Society of Hematology (ASH) took place in December in San Diego, CA. The Richard T. Silver, MD MPN Center had great representation including eleven abstracts of which three were oral presentations (1 was presented), seven poster presentations, and one an abstract only.

ASH is the world's most comprehensive hematology event of the year, serving the largest audience of clinicians and scientists in the world who are dedicated to conquering blood cancers. The selection of these investigators' research is a tribute to the quality of work accomplished at the Richard T. Silver, MD MPN Center with funding from CR&T.

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 $\hbox{Dr. Silver with Katie Erdos, a CR\&T funded Research Program Assistant, awarded Outstanding Abstract.}\\$

Abstract Award winners with MPN committee members.

15th International Congress on Myeloproliferative Neoplasms (MPN Congress)

Richard T Silver, MD (CR&T Vice President and Medical Director) and Jerry L Spivak, MD (CR&T Medical Advisory Board Member) Co-Chaired the International Congress on Myeloproliferative Neoplasms with a record number of participants. The MPN Congress is an annual event hosted by Melton Medical Education, LLC, which packs 2 days full of sessions and presentations providing a unique forum for the exchange of timely and relevant information about the pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of MPNs for attendees from around the world.



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16th International Congress on Myeloproliferative Neoplasms
October 24-25, 2024

RECENT NEWS FROM OUR MAB

CR&T is proud of Medical Advisory Board member (MAB) Jerry L. Spivak, MD, Emeritus Professor Medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. The Division of Hematology at Johns Hopkins University established an Annual Lecture in honor of Dr. Spivak with a generous gift from Dr. Hugh Young Rienhoff, Jr.

The first annual **Jerry L. Spivak, MD Lectureship in Hematology** occurred on Monday, October 2, 2023 and featured CR&T's own esteemed lecturer Richard T. Silver, MD, Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Weill Cornell Medicine. Dr. Silver presented "Polycythemia Vera: Some aspects of its diagnosis and treatment"



Pictured left to right: Drs. Jerry L. Spivak, Richard T. Silver, Robert Brodsky, and Hugh Young Rienhoff Jr.



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