Richard M. Heller, M.D.

Dr. Richard M. Heller is Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences and Professor of Pediatrics at Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt. After coming to Vanderbilt in 1975 to found the Department of Pediatric Radiology, he also served as Program Director of the Radiology Residency Program for 20 years from 1975-1995 before becoming Program Director of the Pediatric Radiology Fellowship, a position he has held for over 15 years since 1995. His love, devotion and dedication to teaching are the reasons this lectureship is sponsored in his honor. It is Dr. Heller’s enduring wish that this lecture continue to educate others in the specialty of Pediatric Radiology for years to come.

Dr. Heller graduated from Carleton College in 1959 and obtained his medical degree from Northwestern Medical School in 1963. After his one year internship at the University of Minnesota Hospital, he joined the United States Air Force and became Captain at the Outpatient Department in USAF Hospital, Izmit, Turkey. When he returned in 1966, Dr. Heller began his residency in radiology at Harvard’s Massachusetts General Hospital and concluded with a fellowship in Pediatric Radiology at Harvard’s Boston Children’s Hospital. In 1970, Dr. Heller joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins and became Assistant Professor of Radiology and of Pediatrics.

Five years later in 1975, Dr. Heller came to Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and founded the Department of Pediatric Radiology. He became its director as well as the Program Director for the Radiology Residency Program. In 1981, Dr. Heller was appointed Honorary Royal Danish Consul in Tennessee and remains so to this day. In 1992, he became a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London and a year later became a member of the Council of Foreign Relations in New York. In 1990, he was given the honor of Knight, Chevalier Class Royal Order of Dannebrog, by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe of Denmark and elevated to Knight, First Class in 1999.

Also in 1999, Dr. Heller was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics. He has co-authored over 100 articles and six textbooks as well as serving as an expert witness and lecturer on child abuse.

Dr. Heller stepped down as the Director of Pediatric Radiology in 2003 and continues to serve as Professor of Radiology and Radiological Sciences and Professor of Pediatrics. He continues to serve as Director of the Vanderbilt Pediatric Radiology fellowship program.

The previous chair of Radiology and Radiological Sciences in 2003, Dr. Martin Sandler, spoke of Dr. Heller’s contributions in this way:

“I think Dr. Heller has made an outstanding contribution to the Medical Center in many different facets. He started pediatric radiology in the department, was one of the initiators of the radiology residency program, was key in the recruitment and training of the residency program and has contributed to the academic well-being of the department,” Sandler said. “He has been a major force in radiology for the past 25 years at Vanderbilt, as well as nationally and internationally.”

In 2009, Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital named the Heller Education Center Classroom (VCH 1503) in his honor. The naming was funded by 125 young physicians trained by Dr. Heller, and by his colleagues. His wife, Toni, is a graduate of Vanderbilt Divinity School. His daughter is an attorney in Nashville and his son followed in his footsteps as a Pediatric Radiologist in Chicago. He has two grandchildren, Richard IV and Julian.
**Program**

12:00 pm Welcome and Introduction of the Heller Lecturer

Marta Hernanz-Schulman, M.D., F.A.A.P., F.A.C.R.
Professor, Pediatrics, and Radiology & Radiological Sciences
Radiology Vice-Chair in Pediatrics
Medical Director, Diagnostic Imaging

12:10 pm THE RICHARD M. and TONI HELLER LECTURE
“Doppler: A useful tool in the ultrasonic tool box”

Rita L. Teele, M.D.
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Boston, MA
Starship Children's Hospital
Auckland, New Zealand

**Targeted audience:** Designed for faculty, residents, staff and medical students.

**Objective:**
1. Focus on problem solving in ultrasonography.
2. Combining clinical information with imaging.
3. Learning the difference between anatomy and physiology.

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**Rita L. Teele, M.D.**

Dr. Rita Littlewood Teele is one of the pillars of Pediatric Radiology, a pioneer of Pediatric Ultrasound, and a superb clinician and teacher. She is a member of the Radiology Department at Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland, New Zealand and is currently a Visiting Consultant Radiologist at Children's Hospital, Boston. Dr. Teele is uniquely able to merge the clinical skills of the pediatrician and the pediatric imager, and is a recognized radiologic resource for pediatricians, neonatologists and surgeons in New Zealand. She was a Convenor for the New Zealand Government in its review of Pediatric Radiology services, is a Fellow of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiology, and has served as President of the Perinatal Society of New Zealand.

Dr. Teele's fundamental contributions to Pediatric Radiology have been recognized repeatedly. She is the recipient of the Pioneer Award of the Society for Pediatric Radiology, an award which carries a named session at the meeting, and one which is bestowed on those who have contributed seminally to the profession. She is a reviewer for several journals and is on the Editorial Board of the journal Pediatric Radiology. She has been invited to give multiple named lectures, to be the Keynote Speaker at many international meetings, and has authored and edited more than 130 peer-reviewed articles, chapters and books.

Dr. Teele is an excellent teacher, who teaches not only through her vast fund of knowledge but also through her enthusiasm and unfailing good humor, and whose influence is felt in many pediatric radiology departments across several continents. She is the recipient of the coveted and prestigious Charles A. Janeway Award for teaching from the Children's Hospital Boston, the CMSA Award for best teacher in Radiology, the Douglas Richardson award, and is also the recipient of several educational grants from the Medical Education Trust, Otago, New Zealand.

It is our great pleasure to welcome Dr. Teele to Vanderbilt University Medical Center, as the inaugural speaker in the Richard M. and Toni Heller Lectureship series.