

Dr. Ralph Hruban is the Baxley Professor and Director of the Department of Pathology, and the Director of the Sol Goldman Pancreatic Cancer Research Center. Dr. Hruban has devoted his academic career to the study of tumors of the pancreas. He has made significant contributions to our understanding of the genetic drivers of all types of pancreas tumors – ductal, acinar, cystic and neuroendocrine- and he helped translate these genetic discoveries to patient care.

His work on Pancreatic Intraepithelial Neoplasia (PanIN) and Intraductal Papillary Mucinous Neoplasms (IPMNs), the precursor lesions that give rise to invasive pancreas cancer, has led to new approaches to the early detection of pancreatic neoplasia. He founded the National Familial Pancreas Tumor Registry (NFPTR), and helped define the clustering of pancreatic cancer in families as well as discover new familial pancreatic cancer genes (*PALB2* and *ATM*).

These discoveries now help guide genetic counseling. Dr. Hruban has over 800 scientific papers, and authored or coauthored eight books, including the two standard books on pancreas pathology- the AFIP Fascicle on Tumors of the Pancreas and the World Health Organization's "blue book" on tumors of the digestive tract. Dr. Hruban is recognized by the "Essential Science Indicators" as the most cited pancreas cancer scientist in the world, and has been recognized each of the last eight years as a Thomson Reuters Highly Cited Researcher. He was inducted into the German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina.

Selected awards include the Team Science Award from the American Association for Cancer Research (three times); the Ramzi Cotran Award from the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology; the Arthur Purdy Stout Prize; the Ruth Brufsky Award for Excellence in Clinical Research for Pancreatic Cancer; the Frank H. Netter Award for Special Contributions to Medical Education; the Ranice W. Crosby Distinguished Achievement Award; the Ruth Leff Siegel Award for Excellence in Pancreatic Cancer Research; the Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Alumni Award; and five teaching awards from the School of Medicine, including the Educational Innovation Award.

His response to the COVID-19 pandemic included writing a book, *"A Scientific Revolution: Ten Men and Women Who Reinvented American Medicine."* His hope is that the stories told will "give us a sense of identity, a sense of ideals to live up to and an appreciation of the values that matter most to us."