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## **J.O. Watson, DO, Memorial Lecture Award**

presented by the  
**Osteopathic Heritage Foundations**  
and the  
**Ohio Osteopathic Foundation**

The JO Watson Award will be presented each year to a medical educator or researcher in recognition of significant contributions to health care and the advancement of osteopathic medicine. This distinguished scholar will present the James O. Watson, DO, Memorial Lecture at the Ohio Osteopathic Symposium.

The award recipient will be a funded and recognized guest at the Symposium. In addition, the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations will make a donation to the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation on behalf of the recipient to support osteopathic medical students.

The OOF Board of Trustees will select the recipient and the Osteopathic Heritage Foundations will introduce the honoree at the Symposium lecture.

James O. Watson, DO, a graduate of Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, was one of the several individuals who led the efforts in obtaining full practice rights for osteopathic physicians and was instrumental in the growth and recognition of the osteopathic profession in the state of Ohio. He was a founder of Doctors Hospital in Columbus where he was a respected surgeon and served as chair of the Division of Surgery. He was the first DO member of the State Medical Board of Ohio, on which he served for nearly 30 years. During his career he received numerous honors and served on various professional and civic organization boards—locally, statewide, and nationally. He believed in the science of osteopathic medicine, had deep respect for his patients and colleagues, and was an advocate for equality with distinction for the osteopathic physicians.

The award is established to commemorate Dr. Watson's exceptional career.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

- The award recipient will be invited and expected to present the Annual JO Watson, DO, Memorial Lecture. The recipient may provide input on the lecture topic, although it is expected that it will be related to the field of interest that led to selection of the award. The Ohio Osteopathic Symposium is held annually in the spring.
- Ideally, the lecture will be presented on the Friday of the Symposium immediately prior to the AOA President's luncheon. Every effort will be made to avoid scheduling a conflicting session so that attendance is maximized.
- The lecture will be scheduled for no less than thirty minutes, with 15 minutes made available for Q&A.
- The recipient will be a sponsored guest at the Symposium. Expenses related to travel, room, and meals will be provided by the Ohio Osteopathic Foundation. Sponsorship by the Osteopathic Heritage Foundation will include a \$250 honorarium, as well as a \$5,000 contribution to the

Ohio Osteopathic Foundation on behalf of the Watson lecturer. The contribution is earmarked for student support.

- Candidates for the award will be well known through their health care, medical education and/or research accomplishments. Therefore, a formal nomination process will not be implemented. During the selection process, input from agencies, colleges of osteopathic medicine, research entities, foundations or other osteopathic-supportive organizations may be sought.
- The recipient of the next year's JO Watson, DO, Award will be announced one year in advance at the Symposium.