Henschke Award Winner

Louis B. Harrison, M.D.

Louis B. Harrison, M.D. is Clinical Director of the Continuum Cancer Centers of New York. He is also Chairman of Radiation Oncology for Beth Israel Medical Center and St. Luke’s – Roosevelt Hospital Center, and Co-Director of the Institute for Head and Neck Cancer. He is an internationally recognized and extensively published expert in the areas of head and neck cancer, sarcomas and intraoperative brachytherapy. He has recently become involved in the study of anemia and its impact on oncologic outcomes. Before joining Beth Israel Medical Center in 1997, Dr. Harrison was Chief of the Brachytherapy Service and Leader of the Head and Neck Cancer Disease Management Team at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He is Professor of Radiation Oncology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.


Dr. Harrison received his bachelor’s degree from Duke University and earned his medical degree from the State University of New York Downstate Medical Center’s College of Medicine where he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. He did his internship at Mount Sinai Medical Center, and then completed a residency in therapeutic radiology at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Dr. Harrison has been a member of the American Brachytherapy Society since 1986. He became Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee in 1989, and was a member of the Board of Directors from 1991-1995 serving as Treasurer in 1991, Vice President in 1992, and President in 1993. He has continued to be very active in brachytherapy with special expertise in head and neck brachytherapy, intraoperative brachytherapy, and vascular brachytherapy. He has also published on the use of brachytherapy for soft tissue sarcomas, nasopharyngeal carcinomas, and vaginal cancers, as well as pancreatic tumors and liver metastases.

It is a pleasure to honor Dr. Louis Harrison with the 2003 Henschke Award.