

2008 ABS Ulrich Henschke Award | Kent Wallner, M.D.

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Dr. Kent Wallner did his medical studies at the Ohio State University, graduating in 1981. He did an internal medicine internship at the Cook County Hospital in Chicago. He did his residency at the UCSF, where he took an extra year to study cellular and biochemical aspects of hyperthermia, chemotherapy and radiation.

He served on staff at MSKCC from 1987 through 1997, where he helped pioneer transperineal prostate brachytherapy. He and colleagues at MSKCC were the first to describe CT-based prostate brachytherapy dosimetry, and the first to correlate dosimetry with complication rates. He was also the first to report the PSA bounce phenomenon and the effect of post-implant prostate swelling on dosimetry.

Dr. Wallner has served as the Chief of Radiation Oncology at the Puget Sound VA Hospital since 1987. During that time, he has teamed up with Dr. Gregory Merrick and others to run several large

prospective randomized trials testing the effects of isotope and dose on brachytherapy-related cure rates and complications. With maturation, these trials are helping to answer key questions regarding optimization of low dose rate prostate brachytherapy.

Dr. Wallner has co-authored approximately 200 original research articles, and three editions of the textbook *Prostate Brachytherapy Made Complicated*. He served as the 20th ABS president, from 1998-1999, and has served as our newsletter editor since 1998.

Dr. Wallner's extracurricular interests include hiking, gardening and scuba diving. He is currently finishing a scuba diving guide manual for Puget Sound.

It is a pleasure to honor Dr. Wallner with the 2008 ABS Ulrich Henschke Award. The Henschke Award is the most prestigious award presented by the ABS in recognition of contributions made to the profession.