

2014 Ulrich Henschke Award Recipient

Beth A. Erickson, MD, FACR, FASTRO



The Ulrich Henschke Award is the highest honor that the American Brachytherapy Society can bestow on a practitioner of brachytherapy, awarded for contributions to the field of brachytherapy, the radiation therapy community, and to the ABS. Dr. Henschke is considered the father of modern-day brachytherapy for his initial work in the 1950's, including his technology advancements that are still in use today.

Dr. Beth Erickson is full-time faculty at the Medical College of Wisconsin, Department of Radiation Oncology. She attended the Medical College of Wisconsin 1980–1984 and went on to do her residency training in the Department of Radiation Oncology at the Medical College of Wisconsin 1984–1988. During her residency, she had the opportunity to do a Brachytherapy Fellowship in France in her last year of training. This was pivotal in development of her interest in Brachytherapy for the treatment of gynecologic malignancies. Dr. Erickson focuses on the treatment of patients with gynecologic, gastrointestinal, and orbital and ocular malignancies. She has written and spoken nationally and internationally on the treatment of gynecologic malignancies, with a special interest in image-based treatment planning both for external beam and brachytherapy. Dr. Erickson served as a Trustee of the American Board of Radiology from 2003–2011. She has been instrumental in the development of Focused Practice Recognition for Brachytherapy in Maintenance of Certification. She has been very active in the American Brachytherapy Society, serving on the ABS Board from 1998–2004 and as President in 2002. She has been active in the ABS GYN Brachytherapy School from its inception in 1995 to the present. She has served as an associate editor of the “Journal of Brachytherapy International” and now serves as section head editor for GYN. Dr. Erickson served as Vice-Chair of the Cervix Committee for the Patterns of Care and QRRO Studies and has served as Chair of the ACR Practice Guidelines for the performance of high dose rate and low dose rate brachytherapy. She has been very active in ASTRO with teaching activities including multiple ASTRO refresher courses and e-contouring. She was a member of the RTOG Gynecologic Oncology Committee and now serves on the Cervix Committee for NRG. She has served on the RRC and is active in the Radiological Society of North America serving as co-chair for the Boost Program. She is a member of the GEC-ESTRO committee as well as a participant in the EMBRACE Trial. She is very interested in international collaboration to further brachytherapy teaching. The joy of her life is her family which includes her husband Tom, son David (18) and daughter Jacquelyn (12).

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