



# Jefferson Physicians Organization

## Dr. Lewis D. Yecies Scholarship

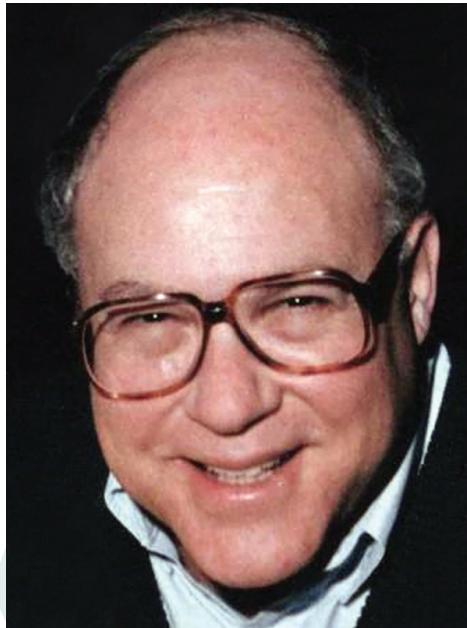
Dr. Lewis D. Yecies dedicated his life to helping others through his medical practice and as a member of his community who cared deeply about many causes and organizations. He was a founding member and chairman of the Jefferson Physicians Organization who valued education.

From an early age, Dr. Lewis D. Yecies' endless curiosity fueled his love for science. The gift of a microscope when he was a young boy his nurtured it even more. His passion for science and medicine deepened when he won a prized fellowship to study under Dr. Gregory Pincus, one of the three fathers of the birth-control pill, during his time in college.

Dr. Yecies earned a Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine with honors from the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. During his education he interned at Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas, and he completed a medical residency in allergy, rheumatology and immunology at Barnes Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Following his tenure as Assistant Professor of Rheumatology and Clinical Immunology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, he entered private practice. In 1984, he established North Country Allergy in Watertown, specializing in allergy, asthma and immunology.

Throughout his career, Dr. Yecies served in local and statewide leadership positions. One of the most notable was his membership and contributions to the American Medical Association. He served as a delegate and member for the AMA



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Governing Council. Always active in his profession and dedicated to learning, he also held leadership positions as president of the Fifth District of the Medical Society of the State of New York; chairman of the Organized Medical Staff Section of the Medical Society State of New York; delegate to the Medical Society of the State of New York; and a member of the Board of Directors for the

American Lung Association of Central New York. His dedication to the medical profession included service on the Medical Society of the State of New York's Task Force for Clinical Integration and Committee on Rural Health. Dr. Yecies was a Fellow of the American Academy of Allergy and Immunology, the American College of Allergy and the American College of Chest Physicians.

Despite his extensive statewide involvement, he was also deeply committed to his community and to local medical organizations. Dr. Yecies served as chairman of the Department of Medicine at Samaritan Medical Center from 1993 to 1999; founding member and chairman of the Jefferson Physicians Organization; Medical Staff Delegate to The American Medical Association from Samaritan Medical Center; Secretary-Treasurer of the Samaritan Medical Staff from 1999 to 2001; and was a member of the Medical Executive Committee at Samaritan from 1985 to 2001.

In addition to his leadership and medical practice, Dr. Yecies also published several research papers and served in the United States Public Health Service as a surgeon. He worked at the National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Bethesda Naval Hospital, and the Walter Reed Army Medical Hospital.

Dr. Yecies and his wife, Susan, were dedicated to improving life for others in their community. The Jefferson Physician Organization Dr. Lewis D. Yecies Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to a Jefferson County high school graduate who is pursuing pre-medicine studies.



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