

# AUR Gold Medalist Tribute

## John Eng, MD

*Introduction by Jonathan S. Lewin, MD*

John Eng, MD, is a brilliant and compassionate clinician, an accomplished and recognized researcher, a dedicated and effective mentor, and a visionary leader and ambassador for the field of radiology. He exemplifies the mission and values of the AUR and of our specialty and richly deserves the AUR's highest honor.

Dr Eng is a native of Wisconsin who attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, for his undergraduate and medical degrees. He completed an internship in internal medicine at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston before completing his residency in radiology and radiological science at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He joined the faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1997, where he currently serves as an associate professor of radiology and health sciences informatics.

Dr Eng has authored more than 100 peer-reviewed original research publications, as well as scores of review articles, editorials, books, textbooks, and other publications. He is a highly respected and sought-after lecturer who has presented invited talks locally, regionally, nationally, and internationally.

In addition to being an outstanding clinical radiologist who demonstrates unparalleled commitment to innovative patient care, Dr Eng is also an accomplished investigator. His research interests include clinical epidemiology, evidence-based medicine and radiology, radiology informatics, and statistical analysis of population-based longitudinal imaging studies. He has incorporated his research into his clinical practice, to the great benefit of his patients, and was crucial to the development of the Johns Hopkins Medicine Electronic Patient Record.

Perhaps Dr Eng's greatest legacy to the specialty is his extraordinary gift for mentoring residents, fellows, and junior faculty. He takes the time to understand his mentees' interests, goals, and strengths and then provides individualized guidance, enabling them to select the most appropriate career path, advance their research interests, increase the success of their grant proposals, and ultimately improve the level of care they provide to their patients.

Dr Eng has extended his passion for teaching and mentoring to his service to the AUR and other national organizations. As 2010 president of the AUR, he founded the one-to-one mentoring and group mentoring programs, from which members continue to benefit throughout their careers. Dr Eng continues to shape the future of the AUR by encouraging members to actively participate in the organization and to hold leadership positions. He has also served on virtually every committee of the Radiology Alliance for Health Services Research (RAHSR) and is a former RAHSR president.



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While John Eng, MD, is a man of truly remarkable personal and professional achievement, he is also a genuinely warm and humble person with a sincere enthusiasm for the work he does and the people he serves. Throughout our long association, I have admired his approachability, his talent for making complex information accessible to all people, and the selflessness of his service to his patients, his colleagues, the AUR, and other professional organizations.

Through a quarter century of leadership within the specialty, Dr Eng's enthusiasm for academic medicine remains undiminished. "I encourage trainees to consider careers in academic medicine," he says. "Research is about asking questions in your field, doing something systematic to answer those questions, and sharing the information with others. While contributing to the care of individual patients is a fundamental motivation for physicians, academic medicine extends this by offering opportunities to affect the care of patient populations."

Dr Eng clearly has a desire to advance the understanding and application of the field of radiology in order to maximize its potential to save and improve patients' lives. It is in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to the specialty, and all those contributions that are yet to come, that the AUR awards its Gold Medal to John Eng, MD.