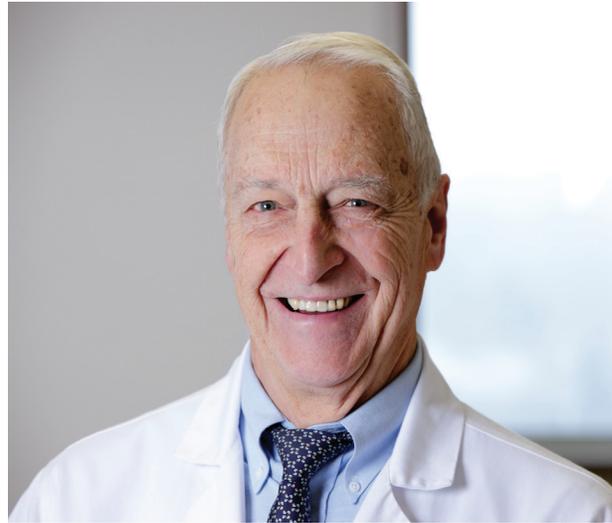


# ANNUAL BLUME-GIRVIN LECTURE IN EPILEPSY



Each fall the Epilepsy Program at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University, hosts the Blume-Girvin Lecture in Epilepsy, in recognition of the clever work done by the founders of the Epilepsy program, Dr. Warren Blume (Neurologist) and Dr. John Girvin (Neurosurgeon). The inaugural lecture took place in October of 2016.

As the founders of one of the first Epilepsy programs in Canada, and the first program in Ontario, Drs. Blume and Girvin recognized the idea that epilepsy was a distinct discipline within Neurology and Neurosurgery. The concept of medically-intractable epilepsy had not been coined at that time, but their observations and the knowledge of its existence was present. They led a team of individuals that developed what is currently, one the largest and most comprehensive Epilepsy programs in the country. The program has trained dozens of neurologists and neurosurgeons in the field of epilepsy, many of whom have gone on to practice across Canada and internationally. The education provided by the Epilepsy program is recognized worldwide.

In honor of his work, Dr. Blume was recognized as an outstanding EEG and Epilepsy researcher by the American Epilepsy Society, the Canadian League Against Epilepsy and the International League Against Epilepsy. He was also made an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2012. Dr John Girvin has been recognized by Western University, the Canadian Neurosurgical Society and The Royal College of Surgeons of Canada. He was also inducted to the Western Mustangs Football Wall of Champions in 2015.

The Blume-Girvin Lecturer is an individual of international reputation who is recognized for their contribution to Epilepsy Care, particularly Epilepsy Surgery and whose work is reflective of the principles and values articulated by Drs. Blume and Girvin.

The lecture series keeps viable the deep insights and wisdom of two remarkable neuroscientists, clinicians, researchers, educators and writers and will continue to bring global recognition to the Epilepsy program at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and Western University.

The 2017 Lecture will be given by [Dr. Samuel Wiebe](#). Dr. Wiebe is a Professor in the Departments of Clinical Neurosciences (DCNS), Community Health Sciences, and Pediatrics for the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary. He is Associate Dean for Clinical Research and Director and founder of the faculty-wide unit for clinical analytics and research support in the Cumming School of Medicine at The University of Calgary. Dr. Wiebe completed training in Epilepsy and EEG at the Epilepsy Program within the Department of Clinical Neurological Sciences at Western University.

Dr. Wiebe was recruited to Calgary in 2004 as the Kinsmen Chair in Paediatric Neurosciences, and he currently holds the Hopewell Professorship in Clinical Neurosciences Research. Dr. Wiebe is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences and was elected by the international community as President of the [International League Against Epilepsy \(ILAE\)](#).



Mark your calendars, the second annual Blume-Girvin Lecture will take place on November 21st, 2017.