



William Roeske Named to Endowed Chair

William R. Roeske, MD, has been appointed to fill the Allan C. Hudson & Helen Lovaas Endowed Chair of Cardiovascular Imaging at the UA Sarver Heart Center.

Dr. Roeske, who joined the UA College of Medicine faculty in 1985, is professor of medicine and pharmacology in the Section of Cardiology.

“For the past 20 years, Bill has been an important member of the Section of Cardiology and the Sarver Heart Center, serving as co-director of the fellowship program and as associate chief of the section for most of that time,” says Gordon A. Ewy, MD, director of the UA Sarver Heart Center.

Dr. Roeske’s current research interest is involved with the discovery of new modalities for the treatment of pain. “Current drug therapy for chronic pain is ineffective and often leads to addiction since the most effective drugs for short-term pain are opioids. We are looking at cellular mechanisms to try to understand how to block these responses,” says Dr. Roeske. His laboratory has been NIH funded for 30 years. His prior research also has shown alterations in cardiac receptor types in hypertension and in heart failure.

“My life-long interest in cardiovascular imaging techniques supports and helps enhance the work of Dr. Aiden Abidov, our director of cardiovascular imaging,” adds Dr. Roeske.

A native of Indiana, Dr. Roeske received his medical degree from Stanford Medical School, his post-graduate medical training at Case Western Reserve and his fellowship training at the University of California at San Diego. ♥