



## MCMURTRY LECTURE



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Dr. Janice L. Pasieka graduated from the University of Western Medical School and did her General Surgery Training at the University of Calgary. She then did two and a half years of Endocrine Surgical Training. The first year was spent in Dr. David Hanley's lab at the University of Calgary and then a year at the University of Michigan under the mentorship of Dr. Norman Thompson, followed by 6 months at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden with Dr. Bertil Hamberger. She then returned to Calgary and has devoted her clinical practice solely to endocrine surgical diseases. At the Tom Baker Cancer Centre, Dr. Pasieka was the driving force behind the development of a multidisciplinary clinic for neuroendocrine tumors as well as the multidisciplinary Hereditary Endocrine Clinic. She was responsible for the development of an American Association of Endocrine Surgeons (AAES) accredited Fellowship Program in

Endocrine Surgery that has gone on to train numerous endocrine surgeons world-wide. Dr. Pasieka has been Secretary-Treasurer of the AAES and in 2010 she became the first Canadian and second woman to become President. She has served on the Council of the International Association of Endocrine Surgeons (IAES), and Secretary-Treasurer from 2016 -2022. In 2022, Dr Pasieka was the first woman elected as President-elect of the IAES. Dr. Pasieka was the Canadian James IV Traveling Surgical Fellow 2006 and recently was appointed to the James VI Board of Directors. In 2007, the Women's Executive Network named her as one of Canada's 100 Most Powerful Women. Dr. Pasieka served a 6 year term as a Governor of the American College of Surgeons. From the University of Calgary, she received the Clinic Research Award in 2019 and the Distinguished Service Award in 2022. In April 2021, Dr. Pasieka was awarded the prestigious 'Oliver Cope Meritorious Achievement Award' from the AAES, in recognition of her substantial contributions to the field of endocrine surgery, becoming the first women and the 10<sup>th</sup> recipient of this award. Her areas of interests (besides running, mountain biking, cycling and hiking & snowshoeing with her dog Kocher) evolve around neuroendocrine tumors, adrenal disease, thyroid cancer and the study of surgical outcomes in patients with hyperparathyroidism.