

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENT

Neurosurgical Symposium

The 1987 William S. Keith Visiting Professorship in Neurosurgery

The 1987 William S. Keith Visiting Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Toronto was Professor Kenichiro Sugita of Shinsu University School of Medicine, Matsumoto, Japan. This was the 12th annual Keith visit, and it coincided with the 50th anniversary of neurosurgery at Toronto Western Hospital, as well as with the opening of the new neurosurgical unit, with its extensive new operating, clinical and laboratory facilities, by Hon. Murray Elston, Ontario Minister of Health, and Dean Fred Lowy, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine.

Professor Sugita is one of the world's foremost innovators in neurosurgical technology and instrumentation. He is an energetic, enthusiastic and excellent teacher. His name is a household word in operating rooms throughout the world, where Sugita aneurysm clips, the Sugita head rest, the Sugita operating chair, Sugita microsurgical instrumentation represent the state of the art in neurosurgical equipment. The Sugita Microneurosurgical Atlas (Springer-Verlag) records his extensive experience with cerebral aneurysms, arteriovenous malformations, acoustic and other tumours in the painstakingly drawn and elegant operative sketches of each procedure, drawn by the author.

It was fitting to focus this year's William S. Keith symposium on Technological Advances in Neurosurgery. This issue contains several of the papers that were presented at the symposium, and is dedicated to Professor Sugita, as well as to William S. Keith, Professor Emeritus, who participated in the symposium and opening ceremonies, as did my former teachers and colleagues Harry Botterell and Tom Morley whose inspiration, encouragement and support made all this possible.

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As this special issue of the Journal was going to press we received news of the death of Dr. William S. Keith on December 27, 1987. He will be remembered as one of Canada's outstanding neurosurgeons. A full tribute to Dr. Keith will be published in a future issue of the Journal.

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