Leonard Tow Humanism in Medicine Award

Henry E. Rice, MD

Dr. Henry E. Rice is professor of Surgery, Pediatrics, and Global Health, chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery, and director of Children's Surgical Services at Duke.

He received his medical training at Yale University, with clinical training at the University of Washington, University of California-San Francisco, and Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

He has clinical and research interests in Global Surgical Care, and has directed several independently-funded research and clinical programs to improve surgical care for children in low- and middle-income countries.

He currently teaches at the Duke Global Health Institute, leads the Duke/UNC Pediatric Surgery/Urology Guatemala Program, and directs the Duke Global Safety and Quality Improvement Fellowship, which is designed to train clinicians from low- and middle-income countries in the practice of patient safety, infection control, and quality improvement.

“Henry is truly a talented and sensitive surgeon who demonstrates compassion, empathy, respect, trust and competence. He listens to his patients and peers. He cares deeply whether the work he does treats the whole patient and not just their medical condition.”

“Dr. Rice’s compassion for life is infectious. Regardless of the task, be it research or surgery, education or global efforts, his overwhelming dedication to excellence stimulates those around him. His humble approach and his kind demeanor, the integrity of his character and the innate ability to self-reflect has resulted in a great leader, a wonderful role model, a successful researcher and extraordinary teacher who has touched people at every level of society, within the institution and those both inside and outside of his profession.”