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Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. Charles J. Yeo was born in East Orange, New Jersey, and attended Spring Valley Senior High School in Spring Valley, New York. He received his undergraduate degree from Princeton University in 1975, *summa cum laude* with an A.B. in Biochemistry. Dr. Yeo graduated in 1979 from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, being awarded the Upjohn Achievement Award and he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha and Phi Beta Kappa. While completing his internship and residency in General Surgery at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, he pursued a one year Research Fellowship at the S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Yeo joined the faculty of the Johns Hopkins University as an Instructor and Assistant Chief of Service in the Department of Surgery in 1985, and rose to the rank of Professor of Surgery in 1996. In 1997, he became a Professor in the Department of Oncology. Dr. Yeo directed the Pancreatic Cancer Interdisciplinary Working Group at Johns Hopkins, and served as the Surgical Clerkship Coordinator and Surgical Curriculum Consultant. In 2001, Dr. Yeo received the Alumni Association Excellence in Teaching Award from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. In 2002, Dr. Yeo was named to an endowed chair at Johns Hopkins, becoming the inaugural John L. Cameron M.D. Professor for Alimentary Tract Diseases.

On October 1, 2005 Dr. Yeo was named the 8th Samuel D. Gross Professor and he assumed the chairmanship of the Department of Surgery at Jefferson (now Sidney Kimmel) Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, and as the Senior Vice President and Chair of Enterprise Surgery for Jefferson Health (a 32 hospital system).

Dr. Yeo is the editor-in-chief emeritus of the *Journal of Pancreatic Cancer*, and the highly successful two-volume encyclopedic *Shackelford's Surgery of the Alimentary Tract*, with the 8th edition published in 2019. He is an Associate Editor of *Advances in Surgery*, a past Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Gastrointestinal Surgery*, and he has recently served on the editorial boards of three other journals—*Annals of Surgery*, *Langenbeck's Archives of Surgery* and *Surgery*. He has authored over 680 peer reviewed scientific papers, numerous abstracts, over 125 book chapters, and 31 books or monographs. His H index is over 143, (the highest at Thomas Jefferson University). In 2013 he was recognized as one of the top 400 most highly influential biomedical researchers in the world,* and in 2022 he was ranked #330 in the world and #212 in the U.S. as a scientist in the field of medicine by Research.com.+ Dr. Yeo travels nationally and internationally, teaching and lecturing on the treatment of benign and malignant pancreatic diseases, surgical history, health care in America and leadership. He has been the President of the Halsted Society and the Vice-President of the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT) and the American Surgical Association (ASA), and he served on the Board of the SSAT Foundation.

Dr. Yeo's primary interests and research have been in the fields of hepatopancreaticobiliary surgery—the evaluation of patients with pancreatic cancer, the management of patients with unusual pancreatic neoplasms, as well as acute or chronic pancreatitis. He also maintains an interest in complex abdominal surgery of the stomach, liver, biliary tree and intestines, and the history of surgery. He has personally performed over 1930 Whipple procedures, and cared for over 3000 patients with pancreatic tumors. His initial NIH funding in the field of pancreatic cancer began in 1991, and he continues to lead a team which receives funding in this area today.

Dr. Yeo's major accomplishments have been in the fields of surgical education, clinical care of patients with complex alimentary tract diseases, and molecular research in pancreatic cancer. His authorship of manuscripts in journals, book chapters, and books have been major contributions to the surgical literature. His design and completion of numerous prospective randomized clinical trials have dramatically impacted the field of pancreatic surgery—particularly the most difficult of all pancreatic procedures, the pancreaticoduodenectomy. Additionally, his leadership of large teams of physicians and scientists (at both Johns Hopkins and Thomas Jefferson) dedicated to a better understanding of pancreatic neoplasia, has generated a plethora of new knowledge relevant to the early detection, screening, categorization, and therapy of pancreatic and related types of cancer. At Jefferson, Dr. Yeo was instrumental in organizing the Jefferson Pancreas, Biliary and Related Cancer Center as well as the Jefferson Pancreas Tumor Registry, in the presentation of a Webcast about the mini-Whipple operation (www.jeffersonhospital.org/pancreas), and the initiation of the annual Jefferson Pancreas Patient Symposium. Dr. Yeo's portrait was commissioned and presented to Thomas Jefferson University in 2015, and he was the recipient of the Achievement Award in Medicine in 2017, the highest honor awarded by Thomas Jefferson University. In 2019 Dr. Yeo was the recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the Johns Hopkins University, in 2020 he received the Corporate Leadership Award from the Global Philadelphia Association, and in 2025 he was the recipient of the SSAT's Layton F. Rikkers Master Clinician Award.

Dr. Yeo and his wife Theresa P. Yeo, Ph.D. reside in the Philadelphia suburbs, with their puppy Paxton.

*Boyack, Klavans, Sorensen and Ionnidis: *Europ J Clinical Invest* (2013).

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