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LECTURE BY DR. BERNARD J. GERSH

Impact of climate change
on the incidence and outcomes
of cardiovascular disease and
what can we do about it?

SPEAKER

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Dr. Bernard J. Gersh is a distinguished Professor of Medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Consultant in Cardiovascular Diseases and Internal Medicine. He previously served as The W. Proctor Harvey Teaching Professor and Chief of Cardiology at Georgetown University. Born in South Africa, he earned his MB, ChB from the University of Cape Town and his PhD from Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

Dr. Gersh is globally recognised for his extensive contributions to cardiology, with interests spanning coronary artery disease, atrial fibrillation, sudden cardiac death, cardiac stem cell therapy, and cardiovascular health in developing countries. He has approximately 1,347 publications (1198 manuscripts and 150 book chapters), holds an h-index of 161, and has been featured among the most cited scientists by Thomson Reuters. He has edited 15 books and he has served on the editorial boards of multiple journals including circulation, Nature Cardiovascular Reviews and European Heart Journal (Deputy Editor).

He has held key roles in international clinical trials, regulatory panels, and academic boards, including the WHO Cardiovascular Working Group and FDA advisory committees. Dr. Gersh has received numerous honors, including the ACC Distinguished Service Award, ESC Gold Medal, and AHA Distinguished Scientist Award. He is a fellow or honorary member of multiple global cardiovascular societies and holds honorary professorships at the University of Cape Town, Duke University, and Queen Mary University of London.

Dr. Gersh is celebrated for both his academic leadership and excellence in teaching, having delivered major lectures worldwide and earning the Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award and the 2023 AHA Master Clinician Award.



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