

AOA Speaker is internationally known cancer expert

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An internationally known cancer expert will be the speaker for this year's Alpha Omega Alpha Lecture at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. AOA is the honor society of the medical profession.

Dr. Denis P. Burkitt, who is credited with identifying, treating and studying the prevalence of the lymphoma that was named for him - Burkitt's Lymphoma, will speak to faculty, staff and students of the medical school on both the Reno and Las Vegas campuses. He will spend most of Thursday, April 19, on the Reno campus, meeting with the medical community and will fly to Las Vegas late in the afternoon.

On Friday, April 20, from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m., he will give the AOA Lecture at University Medical Center, will spend the rest of the morning with the Las Vegas Medical community, and will return to Reno at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Burkitt will give the Reno AOA Lecture from 4:30 to 5:30 the same afternoon in the medical school's Manville Auditorium.

A native of Enniskillan, Northern Ireland, Dr. Burkitt attended Trinity College in Dublin, where he earned his medical degree in 1946. He spent the next 18 years as a surgeon and lecturer in Uganda, and then served as a member of External Scientific Staff Medical Research Council for the next 12 years.

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During this period, he collected information worldwide about diseases of Western culture to determine if their causes were related to the culture, with particular reference to dietary fiber.

He has received major scientific awards in Great Britain, Ireland, the United States, Canada, Germany, France and Italy, including the Gold Medal of the British Medical Association, General Motors and Bristol Myers Cancer Awards in the U.S., and the Paul-Ehrlich Gold Medal in Germany.

He is a Fellow of the Royal Society and an honorary fellow of Trinity College, has written, edited or co-edited six books, and has been sole or joint author of more than 300 scientific publications.