

# GRAND ROUNDS

Thursday, March 26, 2020

HSC, Level 3, LH 5 ([directions](#))

4:30pm- 5:30pm

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## Perpetrators, Resisters, and Victims: Medical Eponyms from the Nazi Era

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Hans Asperger, a pediatrician whose name has long been associated with autism, sent children to a Nazi killing center thinly disguised as a hospital. His eponym has been properly replaced by “autism spectrum disorder.” For the past 25 years, medical associations have worked to replace eponyms associated with Nazi physicians and accord more recognition to eponyms of courageous physicians who resisted the Nazis. This talk reviews a relatively little-known part of the history of medicine for current and emerging generations of medical professionals.



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