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Research in the Rosenthal group concentrates on embryonic heart development, ageing mechanisms and stem cell-driven regeneration of neuromuscular and cardiac tissue, using the mouse as a model for human response to disease and the axolotl as an example of full adult regenerative capacity. The Group’s studies are designed to define the common nodal points of signaling in regenerative processes and the role played by the immune response in controlling inflammation and promoting tissue repair.
The Herman P. Gunnar Lecture provides the opportunity to advance the cardiovascular sciences through the exchange of late-breaking concepts and ideas with preeminent basic and clinical scientists in the field. This lecture honors the commitment of Herman P. Gunnar, M.D. to scholarly and comprehensive medical care. Born in Sweden in 1890, Dr. Gunnar received his medical degree from Northwestern University, and following his studies in Vienna, Stockholm, and Edinburgh, became a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. Returning to Chicago, Dr. Gunnar began an active medical practice, focusing on accessibility of total health care at reasonable costs. His active scholarship served as an inspiration to his sons, Peter, an attorney and judge, and Rolf Gunnar who, after a fellowship at Harvard and distinguished military service, came to the University of Illinois where he later served as the Director of Adult Cardiology and then Director of Medicine.

The CCVR Research Day is a wonderful opportunity to view and discuss the latest findings in cardiovascular science with students, fellows, and faculty. Topics include Heart Failure, Cardiogenic Medicine, Ion Channels and Arrhythmias, Vascular Biology, Cardiac Metabolism and Signaling, Cardiac Muscle Mechanics and Proteomics, Cardiac Resuscitation, Risk Assessment, and Excitation-Contraction Coupling.