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CHARLES E. MURRY

Charles (Chuck) E. Murry is a 1978 graduate of Bismarck High School. He received an Associate of Arts degree from Bismarck Junior College in 1979 and a Bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of North Dakota in 1982. He then attended Duke University, where he obtained a Ph.D. in experimental pathology in 1988 and an M.D. in 1989. His Ph.D. thesis included the first description of the phenomenon of ischemic preconditioning. Dr. Murry did his pathology residency training at the University of Washington, after which he did a fellowship in vascular molecular biology. In 1994, Dr. Murry became a Professor in the Department of Pathology at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he directs the Center for Cardiovascular Biology and co-directs the newly formed Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine.

Dr. Murry's major awards include a Burroughs Wellcome Career Award in the Biomedical Sciences in 1996, the Presidential Early Career Award in Science and Engineering in 2000, Bismarck State College alumnus of the year in 2003, and three awards from UW medical students for outstanding teaching in basic science. For the last decade, Murry's research has focused on the biology of myocardial infarction (heart attacks), including normal wound healing pathways in the heart, and strategies to use adult and embryonic stem cells to improve the heart's ability to heal.

Murry is married to Bismarck native Rene Thorstenson Murry, daughter of former BHS counselor Dale Thorstenson. They have two daughters, Marit and Jessica.

