The Susan Pearlstine Endowed Lectureship was established through a gift from Susan Pearlstine to enable a national leader in Sarcoidosis to come to campus for an annual lecture, discussion with students, trainees and faculty to promote the practice and science of medicine as it relates to Sarcoidosis.

Susan Pearlstine established the Susan Pearlstine Sarcoidosis Center of Excellence through a generous multi-million dollar gift. While seeking treatment, she noted the immediate need for comprehensive services for herself and others. In the United States, almost 50% of patients require 4 or more physician visits before a diagnosis of Sarcoidosis is made. With mortality rates from sarcoidosis increasing, and with South Carolina having the 4th highest sarcoidosis-related mortality in the United States, the critical need for comprehensive service provision was clear.

The Susan Pearlstine Sarcoidosis Center was established at MUSC to build upon one of the largest sarcoidosis care providers in the country, with over 2,200 outpatient visits in the year 2014 alone, and with almost 50% of the patients seen at MUSC presenting with advanced-stage lung disease.

The Center is the result of a vision to establish a nationally leading program to develop new treatments and therapies, and to build a clinical infrastructure that provides sarcoidosis patients with well-coordinated, patient-friendly access to the latest treatments available.