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EDUCATION

Graduate/Professional Degree: MD, Louisiana State University School of Medicine, New Orleans (1974);

Postgraduate Education: Internal Medicine Internship, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX (1974-1975); Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Residency, Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX (1975-1978);

Board Certification: Anatomic and Clinical Pathology (1978); Hematopathology (1980).

SERVICE

Service as Pathology Chair: George Washington University Medical Center, Washington, DC (1999-2019);

Leadership Roles Before, During, and After Service as Chair: Association of Pathology Chairs (APC): Chair, Advocacy Committee (2006-2010), Councilor-at-Large (2008-2012), President-Elect (2012-2014), President (2014-2016), Immediate Past President (2016-2018), Senior Fellow (2019-Present); Intersociety Council for Pathology Information (ICPI): Board member (2015-2021), Board Chair (2020); American Board of Pathology (ABPath): Member, Test Development and Advisory Committee, Laboratory Management and Informatics (2018-2022); College of American Pathologists (CAP): Member, Board of Governors (2016-2021), Chair, Council on Government and Professional Affairs (2017-2019), Chair, Council on Education (2019-2021), President-Elect (2021-2023), President (2023-2025), Immediate Past President (2025-2026).

Other Academic Positions After Service as Chair: Professor and Immediate Past Chair, George Washington University Medical Center (2019-Present).

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Research: Hematologic effects of HIV infection (basic and translational), HIV-related lymphomas (translational), clinical laboratory quality (translational), pathology residency curriculum improvement (translational), informatics education for pathologists (translational), pathologist workforce and job market in the US (translational). **Clinical:** Hematopathology (bone marrow pathology, leukemias and lymphomas), flow cytometry (immunophenotyping of leukemias and lymphomas). **Educational:** Residency Program Director (2001-2011 and 2018 -2020), Medical Student Course Co-Director (1985-Present). **Mentoring:** Faculty mentoring (as Division Director and Chair of Pathology), Resident mentoring (as Residency Program Director), Pathologist leadership mentoring (as APC President; as CAP Board member, council chair, and President-Elect/President). **Current Interests:** Research: Pathologist workforce and job market; Education: Pathology residency curriculum improvement; Clinical: Hematopathology, flow cytometry; National leadership: Service as CAP President-Elect and President.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Honors and Awards: Pathologist-of-the-Year, College of American Pathologists (2015); President's Honors, College of American Pathologists (2012, 2019, 2020, 2022). **Professional Achievements of Which You are Most Proud:** Determined the impact of HIV infection on the hematopoietic system; Provided the first description of primary effusion lymphoma in HIV-infected patients; Developed and maintained a nationally-prominent pathology department and clinical laboratory at George Washington University; Studied the impact on pathologists of value-based care and payment models in the US; Helped prepare pathologists for value-based care; Edited or co-edited multiple books on clinical laboratory leadership, administration, and management; Elected as President of the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC) and the College of American Pathologists (CAP).

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Hobbies: Writing fiction; Watching and studying motion pictures; Renovating and remodeling our home and garden; Exploring the barrier islands in North Carolina. **Volunteer Activities:** Service as an APC Senior Fellow; Service as an officer of the CAP.