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EDUCATION

Undergraduate Degree: BA, Biology (Maxima cum Laude), LaSalle College (now LaSalle University) (1967-1971). **Graduate/Professional Degree:** MD (with Honors), Temple University School of Medicine, (1971-1975). **Postgraduate Education:** Residency in Anatomic Pathology, Temple University Hospital (1975-1976 and 1977-1978); Residency in Ophthalmology, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA (1976-1977 and 1978-1980); Fellowship in Ophthalmic Pathology, Armed Forces Institute of

Pathology, Washington, DC (1980-1982). **Board Certification:** American Board of Ophthalmology (1981); American Board of Pathology (Anatomic Pathology) (1983).

SERVICE

Service as Pathology Chair: Frances B Geever Professor and Head of Pathology, the University of Illinois at Chicago (2000-2008). **Leadership Roles Before, During, and After Service as Chair:** Wayne Health Board of Directors (2021-2022); Board of Trustees, American Medical Program-Tel Aviv University (2022-Present). **Other Academic Positions After Service as Chair:** Stephan Sharf Founding Dean Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine (2008-2019); Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Director of Community Engaged Scholarship in Southeast Michigan; Michigan State University College of Human Medicine (2019-2020); Vice Dean of Medical Education Wayne State University School of Medicine (2021-2022); Vice President of Medical Education, EyeCare Partners Innovation Center (2022-Present).

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Research: Basic Science Areas of Research Interests: Vasculogenic mimicry (1988-2008); Epigenetic modulation of the cancer cell phenotype and higher-order chromatin structure through manipulation of the extracellular matrix microenvironment (2004-2008); Educational Research Interests: Self-directed learning in ophthalmic pathology; Distributed education by the internet, including instruction throughout the United States and overseas (1998-Present). **Clinical:** Clinical consultation practice of ophthalmic pathology. **Educational:** Current Educational Initiatives: Ophthalmic Pathology education of residents, fellows, and practitioners worldwide. **Mentoring:** Mentoring focused on career development at all levels. **Current Interests:** Creating and sustaining high-achieving workplaces and learning spaces.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Honors and Awards: Alpha Omega Alpha (1974); Emanuel Weinberger Prize in Internal Medicine, Temple University School of Medicine (1975); Joe Wyatt Challenge, EDUCOMM (1990), awarded for Pathology of the Eye, a self-directed interactive computer-based instruction; Honored Guest, European Ophthalmic Pathology Society, Valladolid, Spain (1999); Senior Achievement Award, American Academy of

Ophthalmology (1999); Guest of Honor, The Israeli Association for the Eye and Vision Research (2000); Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Gold Fellow (2009); Bates Street Society Pillar of Vibrancy Award for Education and Wellness (2018), Civic Organization, Birmingham, Michigan; The Zimmerman Medal, American Academy of Ophthalmology (2019). **Professional Achievements of Which You are Most Proud:** Discovery of Avellino Corneal Dystrophy (Granular Corneal Dystrophy type II); Discovery of the foundational pathology underlying Vasculogenic Mimicry; Founding Dean of the Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine.