

CURRICULUM VITAE



Donald Armstrong, M.D.,

Donald Armstrong was born in Montclair, New Jersey in 1931. He received his A.B. degree in 1953 from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and his M.D. degree from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York in 1957. He then interned at the Cornell Division of Bellevue Hospital. That year also included a three month rotation at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). After a first year residency at the University of Colorado Hospitals, he returned to MSKCC as chemotherapy fellow and resident and the following year was Chief Medical Resident. He then went to the National Institutes of Health in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases of the NIAID where he worked with animal tumor viruses for two years. Following this, he spent two years at the Virus Laboratory of the Children's Hospital of Pennsylvania (University of Pennsylvania) studying general virology while continuing his work with tumor viruses. He returned to MSKCC in 1965, first as the Director of the Microbiology Laboratory and then as the first Chief of the newly established Infectious Disease Service in 1971. He became Professor of Medicine at Cornell University Medical College in 1976. He directed the fellowship program in clinical and laboratory Infectious Disease at MSKCC since its inception in 1966. He has served as an attending physician at Bellevue Hospital, New York Hospital, and the Rockefeller University Hospital. His major research interests have been in infections in the immunocompromised host. These studies include a variety of organisms. Early research concentrated on viruses and subsequently included infections with bacteria, parasites and fungi. Initially, most studies concentrated on the interaction of the various microorganisms with patients with immune dysfunction due to neoplastic diseases or their treatment. It followed that Dr. Armstrong

studied infections in HIV infected patients since many of the organisms were the same as those causing disease in patients with neoplastic disease with similar immune defects. With more than 50 fellows in training from the U.S. and abroad he has published more than 300 papers and reviews. He has served as an editor or associate editor of numerous journals and most recently was the founding editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Infectious Disease and an international comprehensive text entitled "Infectious Diseases." In 2000 he retired to the position of consultant at MSKCC and was subsequently made an Emeritus Member of MSKCC.

He has worked as a volunteer at a community based clinic in Chinatown, NY since 1971 and has worked in a refugee camp in Thailand. He has been a visiting professor on a number of occasions in Taiwan, where he helped establish the Infectious Disease Society, and in the Peoples' Republic of China. where he was appointed an honorary Professor of Medicine at the Chongqing University of Medical Sciences.

He has served on a number of boards and committees of scientific, medical, and community organizations, including the National Institutes of Health, the New York State and City Departments of Health, the Chinatown Health Clinic and the Community Research Initiative for AIDS, all in New York City. He has served for years on the Board of the American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China and as its president for 2 years. He is a Fellow and Past President of the Infectious Disease Society of America and one of the founders and past president of the Infectious Disease Society of New York. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the New York Academy of Sciences. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians and a member of a number of other scientific and medical societies.

He presently lives in Santa Fe, NM where he serves on the community hospital (St. Vincent) institutional review board, the board of the National Center for Genome Resources (NCGR) in Santa Fe and continues to serve on the Chinatown Health Clinic of New York Foundation Board and the Board of the Public Health Research Institute of New York.

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