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City: North Caldwell, NJ

Date of Graduation from Medical School: 1958

Medical School Graduated From: University of Padua School of Medicine, Italy

Specialty: Pediatrics

What factors influenced your decision to become a physician and your choice of specialty?

Desire since childhood, maternal encouragement. Influence of stimulating pediatric professors.

Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician?

The first time I performed an exchange transfusion on a newborn.

As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice was most valuable to you?

From my mother on medical school graduation - today you are a doctor, always remember, first the hand of God.

What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice?

The development of polio vaccines.