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

Observing a relative with severe mental illness as a child; and, observing others' reaction to my having polio at age 16; and my mother being a nurse caring for others during the depression.

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

Several days after graduation, Dr. "Tiger" Gregory, Chief of Medicine, said "Hello Dr. Munson" - (It must be true!)

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

"Always accept praise for what you didn't do; it compensates for blame you get for what you didn't do."

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

PET Scan