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

I had unexpected success in the competition of grades rewarded for study and essentially became a professional student. Before I ever went to medical school, the causes of back pain, leg cramps, and bunions were the items I wanted to learn. I did not realize then they were all in the orthopedic surgery area.

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

Doing triage in Vietnam when there were overwhelming numbers of casualties.

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

Give the patient your undivided attention.

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

The development of joint replacement technology.