

# Personal Chronology

I graduated from high school, and started premed at the University of Toronto in 1955, and simultaneously joined the University Navy program (a naval officer-training program spread out over three years at the end of which the successful candidate received his commission in the Canadian Navy Reserve Force), which helped to pay my tuition fees. I enrolled in medical school at the University of Toronto in 1958 and did a summer “externship” at Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital, Ontario in 1960, graduating from medical school in 1961.

I then was a “junior” at the Toronto General for my first year of residency, and did my second year as a “senior” at Shaughnessy Hospital in Vancouver. My third year was at the Wellesley Hospital (technically, at the time, part of the Toronto General) again as a “senior.” My fourth year was at the Toronto General as a “fellow” under Ramsay Gunton. My fifth year was once more as a “senior” at the Toronto General, but by then a “senior” finally had a “junior,” basically a slave who was supposed to be working under us.

At the end of this time (1966) I got my fellowship in internal medicine, which made me a specialist in medicine or a diagnostician. Basically I was learning more and more about less and less.

I then did another 18 months working in cardiology at the Toronto General Hospital under Doug Wigle, becoming an “invasive” cardiologist, before setting up a practice in cardiology in 1968 at the Royal Columbian Hospital on the West Coast of Canada.

I started out as chief of cardiology in 1968. I was the only doctor in the department at that time, and remained chief of the department until I became chief of the medical staff for the two-year term 1988–89.

I retired from active medical practice in 1996.