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My dear Dr. Belkin:

I am grateful that Yeshiva University has honored me by using my name in connection with the new College of Medicine. There is a shortage of physicians in this country and there are many young people, able and eager to study medicine, who - under present circumstances - are deprived of the opportunity to do so. The new Medical College, founded on a truly liberal basis, will contribute to the improvement of this situation and its establishment is therefore of real significance for the general welfare.

To my mind this undertaking is of greatest importance to American Jewry; it is an act of self-help to make it possible for many of our young people in this country to study medicine. Yeshiva University's medical school will be unique in that, while it will bear the imprint of a Jewish university devoted to the Arts and Sciences and will represent a collective effort by our people to make its contribution in the field of medical science, it will welcome students of all races and creeds.

Albert Einstein
Of the many milestones I have experienced, this one, marking 50 years since medical school graduation, is humbling and warrants looking back and taking stock. My journey to this point in my life has been adventurous and rewarding, both personally and professionally.

On the Personal Level:
I have 3 wonderful daughters (Daphne, Adina and Rebecca) and a fabulous husband, Andrew (Tip) Taylor. Daphne was born the night before the Pathology final exam in medical school. The day following her birth, someone from the school came to my bedside to ask me if I would like to take the exam now. I declined and took it 10 days later. Daphne is today an art dealer based in Manhattan, specialized in European 19th and 20th century paintings. Her home, with her husband, is in La Jolla, CA (where she grew up). Adina is a pediatric radiologist at Emory/Childrens, Atlanta. She and her husband have 2 children (our grandchildren, who fortunately live only 15 minutes away), Tahlia (11) and Zachery (8). Rebecca is an attorney (Assistant Attorney General) in Denver, Colorado. She will be getting married this summer. Like her father (Tip), Rebecca is an outdoors person; she hiked the Pacific Crest Trail (2650 miles from Mexico to Canada) which took her 5 months between college and law school. Tip, to this day is a dedicated outdoorsman. He has mountain climbed, hiked, rock climbed, ice climbed, kayaked and canoed the Arctic every summer for the past 40 years. He is also an expert skier. With him, I have enjoyed adventurous outings, including kayaking on Greenland’s coast, on arctic rivers, and Baja, California. Since retiring in 2014, I have been learning the harp, doing pilates, taking courses for enjoyment/enrichment, and spending time with grandchildren and friends.

On the Professional Level:
I retired from my career in Nuclear Medicine as Professor of Radiology at Emory University and the VA, having served as Co-Director (with my husband) at Emory and Chief at the VA in Atlanta. Over my 42 year career, I worked at 5 major medical centers: University of California, San Diego, University of Utah, and Emory University and the affiliated VA Medical Centers. I enjoyed life in academic medicine, traveling widely (nationally and internationally), speaking about our research and cutting edge clinical accomplishments. I published more than 200 scientific, reviewed articles, 43 book chapters and 3 books on topics in nuclear medicine. I was elected and served as President of the Society of Nuclear Medicine, 1990-91. At NIH, I served on the Diagnostic Radiology Study Section Advisory Committee; at the FDA I served as Chair of the Advisory Committee on Radiological Devices. At the NRC (Nuclear Regulatory Commission) I served on the Advisory Committee for Medical Uses of Isotopes; at the VA I served as President of the National Association of VA Chiefs of Nuclear Medicine and on the Chief Medical Director’s clinical and programs advisory council. I have reviewed for the Journal of Nuclear Medicine, Journal of Nuclear Biology and Medicine, Nuclear Medicine Communications, Investigative Radiology and Journal of the American College of Cardiology. I hold dual board certification from the American Board of Nuclear Medicine and the American Board of Diagnostic Radiology, both received in 1972.

Most rewarding in my professional career has been the friendships we have enjoyed through our nuclear medicine activities with colleagues all over the world. All in all, this journey has been exciting, enriching, and a joy.
MICHAEL BETTEN, M.D.

After graduation, I interned in medicine at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, FL. I then spent two years in the USPHS in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1969 I began a residency in Ophthalmology at Barnes Hospital, Washington University, St. Louis, MO. Settled in Norwich, CT where I started Norwich Ophthalmology Group in 1972. The practice was very successful expanding to seven doctors and three offices. I retired from practice as a healthy sixty year old so I could devote my time to other endeavors of which hunting and fishing are among my favorites.

I have served as a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of CT Medical School, President of the William W. Backus Medical Staff, and President of the New London County Medical Society. I was the local Health Director for twenty years. Since retiring I continue to be active on a number of local Boards and am very active in local community activities.

I have been happily married to Florence for fifty one years. We have two wonderful children, Paige and Jordan and two terrific grandchildren, Elan and Aliya.

HOWARD BRUCKNER, M.D.

I was Professor of Neoplastic Disease at Mount Sinai Currently Director of MZB Foundation for Cancer Research Six projects which have gained FDA approval Married to Norma Nussbaum

Fondest Memory: Graduation Faculty Members: Gilman, Ranny, London, Fulop, Hirsch, Lebowitz and Batista all helped me fast track to an academic career
I feel very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to attend Einstein. I have always appreciated the excellent medical education and humanistic approach to patients it provided, the lack of emphasis on grades, and the fact that it exposed me to a career that I could not have imagined would be so rewarding. I particularly value my experience with Dr. John Thompson in the third year psychiatry clerkship and with Dr. Gerald Flamm whose weekly psychosomatic rounds almost convinced me that I could cure any physical illness if I provided enough psychological insight.

I completed a straight medicine internship at Beth Israel before going on to a psychiatry residency at Columbia. Columbia not only enabled me to get great training but also to meet Gayle, to whom I have been married for 46 years. At the time she was working part-time as an attendant on the psychiatric inpatient units to pay for her Columbia graduate school expenses. Then we were off to Wright-Paterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio. My principal responsibility there was to attend the photo and woodworking shops, and taking a delayed honeymoon to Japan via standby on Air Force cargo and troop transport planes.

After two years I returned to Columbia to resume my analytic training and to start a private practice in New Jersey where I continue to work full time. I am on the faculties of the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center and the Columbia Psychoanalytic Center. I have taught medical students on the consultation-liaison service, classes in the analytic center, and for the past 35 years supervised residents doing long term psychotherapy.

I have also been on the staff of Englewood Hospital and Medical Center serving as Chief of the Department of Psychiatry for 19 years until stepping down 3 years ago. Gayle and I have three married children. Each has two children of their own (so far) ranging from 4 months to 16 years. Conveniently, they all live very nearby. My youngest graduated from Einstein in 2005 and is now on the Einstein faculty and is an attending at Montefiore. Over the years we have enjoyed annual family Caribbean and ski vacations, tennis, sailboat racing, and, as a memento of Einstein, the maintenance of the 1964 car I purchased during our second year.

After graduating from Einstein I spent 2 years in Internal Medicine at Lincoln Hospital, followed by 2 years in the USPHS in Durham, NC. I completed my anesthesia residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, & then began private practice in Dallas.

In 1979 my family & I moved to Jerusalem where I worked at Shaarei Zedek Hospital for 26 years. In 2005 I retired (for the 1st time) and spent 2 years touring the length & breadth of Israel while in a tour guide course. Due to the surplus of tour guides — & a shortage of anesthesiologists — and because I actually missed my work, I returned to work 2 days a week at Hadassah Hospital. And after my 2nd attempt at retiring, I was asked to return to Shaarei Zedek where I teach residents while administering anesthesia. I proudly served as a physician in the Israeli army reserves for several years. My wife of-nearly-50 years Nina & I feel fortunate to be leading very active lives in our retirement - she with Israeli dancing, volunteering, studies & baby-sitting, and I with swimming, walking & Talmud classes. And we very much enjoy travelling together, seeing the world.

We have been blessed with 6 children and their wonderful spouses, & many grandchildren, all of whom live in Israel. Our 4 sons are in the health profession - 1 a pediatrician, 1 in Orthopedics, & 1 a DMD specializing in Pediatric Dentistry. One daughter, who had been a special-ed teacher, has now chosen to start all over as a nurse. And our oldest daughter - the only one outside the health profession - is an Assistant DA in northern Israel. Our children - and now, our oldest grandchildren - have all served in the Israeli Defense Forces, and continue to serve in the Reserves.

I have many pleasant memories of my 4 years at Einstein: the teaching environment was personal & friendly. Being part of the 1st Einstein Internship Program at Lincoln Hospital — staffed by dedicated clinicians who served as outstanding role models — was a memorable experience, both educationally & personally, and prepared me well for my future career. And some of the friendships that began at Einstein way back in 1962 are still thriving today.
BRUCE DITZION, M.D.

Following my graduation from Einstein, I moved to Booten to train in medicine at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Except for two years at the NIH doing biochemistry research, we have lived in Massachusetts ever since. By 1970, I realized that my interests were more in community medicine and the needs of people than in biomedical research. I spent four years at the Harvard Medical School Family Health Care Program in which we did wonderful work taking care of entire families, teaching medical students, and operating a fellowship and residency with both the Brigham and Children’s Hospital. Underserved families were cared for by multidisciplinary teams with a major orientation to medical and psychosocial issues. It was a time of idealism in our country and profession and we influenced a number of outstanding medical students. This was the most exciting and satisfying job in my career. Unfortunately, this effort was ahead of its time at Harvard and was relatively unsupported. The program ran out of money and folded. In 1974, I moved my professional activities to the Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. I founded and directed the Primary Care Center; a hospital based group practice where we trained residents. I enjoyed serving a diverse population and knowing a group of patients over many years. We trained a large number of residents, many of whom are still serving this community. Particularly satisfying was the opportunity to teach medical students. As all of our classmates understand, the practice of medicine has changed greatly over the time of our careers and many of the changes made primary care practice problematic. The medical care, administrative, and regulatory environment made my job increasingly difficult over the years. I stepped down from the position in 2001 and did some teaching of medical students until 2013. In 1967, I married Joan Shingold Ditzion. Since we met as teenagers, she has been the love of my life. Joan is lifelong social activist and, amongst other things, has had a career as a social worker and founder and coauthor of Our Bodies Ourselves. We have two married sons and daughters in law. Rob is a lawyer working for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Sam is an entrepreneur in financial services. We have three wonderful grand children (ages 6, 4, and 2). We are lucky that everyone lives close by and we all get to spend a lot of time together. As we have aged, Joan continues her work in various social advocacy efforts. I consider myself to be a lifelong learner. As I have eased into retirement, I’ve taken more advantage of the enormous array of educational opportunities at the university and have audited courses and attended seminars in politics, history, music, art history, literature, and journalism. In recent years, I’ve been a member of the Harvard Institute in Learning in Retirement – a peer taught educational program. In addition to our family, we are fortunate to have a number of long term and new friends in the Cambridge area.

DAVID EPSTEIN, M.D.

After graduation, I spent a fascinating and adventurous year as an intern in the new Einstein program at Lincoln Hospital under an array of young brilliant attendings. At the time, I was interested in Obstetrics and spent the next year as a first year resident in Dr. Romney’s program at Einstein. Working for Drs. Schulman and JJ Smith was wonderful but one year proved to be enough. The next three years were in the US Army Medical Corps in Heidelberg, Germany. Except for the odious reputation of the host nation, all of our experiences were with American military and were quite pleasant. Once the system was learned and properly gamed, opportunities for travel and enjoyment were endless (I’d be more descriptive but I’m not sure about Statute of Limitations). Sandy Zweig and I were married in January 1968 and Jennifer was born in Germany, where her required local birth certificate was duly stamped “Jude”. Some things don’t seem to change.

Upon return, I did diagnostic radiology and nuclear medicine at Einstein. Lenny Freedman was my mentor, my hero, and my ultimate job finder (twice). My next two girls, Debra and Missy were delivered by Harold Schulman at Einstein.

The old boy network of post WW II radiology chiefs was a fascinating group. When Lenny told me that they were looking for a nuclear medicine chief at Maimonides, I asked Dr. Elin, for a letter of recommendation. The conversation went as follows: “You don’t need a letter. Nancy, get me Manny Levin at Maimonides. Hello, Manny, this is Milt; I’ve got one of my boys here.” And I had a job! Two years later, Lenny found me my dream position and I spent the remainder of my career as Nuclear Medicine physician (then chief) and radiologist at the Memorial Health Care System in Hollywood, Florida. I was number 16 in a group that ultimately consisted of more than fifty partner radiologists in multiple hospitals.

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I have fond memories of Einstein, particularly of my contact with Drs Harold Adel and Roberto Reid. These two great teachers influenced my career choices. Elaine and I were married six months prior to leaving Einstein for the Medical College of Virginia. We arrived there just in time for the tumultuous first year of integration. Compared to the rigors of internship in a busy public hospital, our two years in the Air Force were a pleasant reprieve. Stationed in Texas as a Fight Surgeon with SAC, we experienced a life much different than the one we were accustomed to in Brooklyn and the Bronx. Following discharge from the Air Force, I spent a year at the Boston City Hospital as a General Surgery Resident and then moved to New Haven to begin a Urology residency program.

We remained in the New Haven area after residency and I joined a wonderful practice with a previous mentor and a close friend. During the next 41 years we had a very active surgical and office practice that I enjoyed immensely. After completing a degree in Neuroscience and Learning Disabilities at Columbia University, Elaine maintained a practice as an Educational Therapist, with an interest in Dyslexia.

Twenty years ago we developed an office based Clinical Research Center for the study of urologic drugs and devices. Our timing coincided with the introduction of Viagra and Cialis and many other important new urologic medications. This enterprise afforded some wonderful opportunities for foreign travel and lectures. Elaine and I have two daughters, each of whom has provided us with two wonderful, humorous, fun loving grandchildren. Our daughters are both in health related fields. One is a gynecologist in Providence, at Women and Infant’s Hospital, and the other is the Program Manager of the Integrated Health Initiative at the University of Vermont.

I have recently retired, and look forward to more travel and adventures. Skiing, biking, and golf are part of the retirement plan, as well as frequent trips to NYC for theater and jazz. My grandchildren have dubbed me Curious George, and I hope to remain that person.
I enjoyed most of my time at Einstein, considering that study was part of the requirement. I specially remember my time with Herb Goldberg, Mickey Weinstein, and Jerry Grubman. After going to Vietnam, I returned to Einstein for a urology residency (how ironic that I am just now leaving for the airport for a tour of Vietnam, this one not paid by Uncle Sam). Since then, I have been in private practice in San Diego, very busy and happy. I have mostly followed my own advice of one house, one wife, and one car. I have been affiliated with the Urology Department at UCSD, chief of staff on one of the local hospitals, chief of surgery, and president of the local urology society. The usual stuff. I have two grown married daughters and four grandchildren. They live fairly close and we see them as much as possible. I have been retired for five years, and still play tennis and do much volunteer work. As for most of us, I do not know how I had time to work before. For me, retirement is great.

I remember doing Ziehl-Neelsen stains at Van Etten Hospital to make the diagnosis of tuberculosis, doing CBC on the ward during the night, and wheeling patients to x-ray. I remember water fights with the fire extinguishers in the dorm. I remember being so depressed after part one of the boards, which I was sure I had failed miserably.

I am looking forward to seeing my fellow classmates and comrades in arms at the reunion, and will miss those who can not be there.
ABRAHAM GENACK, M.D.

I am grateful that I attended AECOM and graduated with a good education and no debt. Some highlights of my time there included interacting with inspirational faculty such as Dr. Abraham Rudolph. He was a true gentleman and a scholar. I also enjoyed my psychiatric rotation which inspired me to become a psychiatrist.

I interned in Berkeley, California which was a mind altering experience after growing up in the east. I returned to Cambridge with culture shock and the intention of someday returning to the west coast to live. I did a residency at Massachusetts Mental Health Center which was interrupted by an 18 month stint as a psychiatrist at Chelsea Naval Hospital. My time there included interesting clinical experience and great sports as I played on the hospital, basketball, Fast pitch softball and tennis teams. After completing my residency I did a two-year fellowship in adolescent psychiatry at the Harvard University Student Health Center which was a wonderful experience.

From 1974 to 1985 I was a part-time Brattle Street psychiatrist combining private practice with community psychiatry while enjoying life as a bachelor. At that time I started the lifelong passions of powder skiing and windsurfing.

In 1985 I met the love of my life, Kathy Wixon One year later we embarked on an open-ended trip around the world which lasted 18 months. Highlights included travelling through China and going over land from the Szechuan province to Tibet and then trekking through uncharted territory in northeastern Tibet. We also travelled extensively in India, Nepal and Africa. We married in 1987 and moved out west settling in Ashland Oregon.

At age 49 I began my most rewarding adventure to date; becoming the father of twins. Our son Jake is currently living in New Zealand working and pursuing his passion of mountain biking. Our daughter Jenna is a second-year medical student at Penn Med.

I have worked part-time in Southern Oregon for the last 28 years combining rural community mental health and inpatient work at the psychiatric unit of a regional hospital.

I remain an avid sports fan and have continued to enjoy powder skiing at our local ski area and in Utah as well as hiking in the mountains around Ashland. We have spent part of every summer at our home on Martha’s Vineyard.

I will be retiring in May at 75 having finally achieved and uneasy detente with epic. We will be moving to our home on Martha’s Vineyard this June for at least a couple of years where I will continue to enjoy family, mends and windsurfing. We also plan to continue travelling both in the United States, Europe and Asia.

It has been a great ride so far. I look forward to the next chapter.

HERBERT GOLDBERG, M.D.

It is hard to believe it is 50 years since graduation. After graduation I spent one year as a Medical Intern at Kings County Hospital. This was followed by my first year of Radiology Residency at Maimonides Hospital. During that year I married my wife, Peggy a first grade teacher. The Residency was interrupted by a two year stint in the Air force and then completed at AECOM.

My first Radiology position was at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset. At that facility I started and ran the Ultrasound Program. This position lasted 8 years when I joined Radiology Associates in Hollywood Florida as Chief of Ultrasound and Echocardiography. I have since passed the torch of Chief to younger physicians but am still working.

Peggy and I had 2 children. Our son was born with a Transposition of the Great Vessels and after his surgery decided he wanted to become a surgeon. He became a Pediatric Cardiac Surgeon and after his training was approved to start and Pediatric Heart Transplant Service at LeBonheur Children’s Hospital in Memphis Tennessee. Tragically he passed away from a lymphoma.

Our daughter graduated from Emory University, is married and has two daughters. She is an active Member of the Board of Directors of the David Posnack Jewish Center Davie Florida.

I look back fondly on my four years at AECOM and am anxious to see my classmates of the Class of 1966 again.
The geographical trajectory of my pediatric career has taken me from the Bronx to Boston, where I met my wife Martha, to Misawa Japan where I was Chief of Pediatrics (and only pediatrician) at the 475th Air Force Hospital, where our son Andrew was born. When we returned it was to New Haven and a neonatology fellowship and the birth of our daughter Katherine. The next move was to locate in Hartford between our families in New York and Boston, where I combined being co-director of the NICU at Hartford Hospital with a general pediatric practice. After 7 years it became clear that neonatology could not be done part time and my partners and I opted for the joys of general pediatrics in a group that eventually expanded to 6 doctors and 6 nurse practitioners. I was also able to enjoy one of the perks of my academic friends in taking a sabbatical to serve at Sioux reservation in Lower Brule, South Dakota, a rewarding and eye opening experience. After retiring at 70 I have been loving the lack of night-time phone calls, playing with our 3 grandchildren, kayaking and doing whatever and whenever I want.

Certainly, the people and experiences I enjoyed in the Einstein Pediatric Department determined the course of my medical career, for which I will always be grateful.

LEE HOFFMAN, M.D.

It’s hard to believe that 50 years have passed by so quickly. My career is about to end and retirement looms. I was born, raised and educated in the Bronx. Einstein was a dream come true, especially for a Jewish boy trying to get into medical school. Classmates, teachers and facilities were superb. Bagels and lox were an ideal way to start the day. I feel privileged to have been a student at Einstein. Internship and residency followed at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center.

After completing my urology residency I interviewed along the East Coast. I settled in New Jersey and joined two practicing urologists in Perth Amboy. Presently our group has grown to 14 urologists and I am proud to have been part of this growth.

I have three children, Mitchell who is an ER physician in Miami, Seth who is in the financial industry and Laura who evaluates properties for a major real estate firm. I divorced and married my beautiful present wife Lenore 13 years ago. This added another son to our family. We have five grandchildren and are blessed. Unfortunately the children no longer live in New Jersey but they are thankfully residing on the East Coast.

I consider myself very fortunate. I have loved my profession. I love my patients and my colleagues. Life has been very good to me. I look forward to retiring at the end of this year.

JEROLD GRUBMAN, M.D.
PAUL KLENOFF, M.D.

1966-1967 rotating internship at Brookdale Hospital, Brooklyn
1967-1968 Dermatology resident at Boston University
1968-1970 Capt. USAF Carswell AFB, Ft. Worth, TX
1970-1972 Dermatology resident, Boston University
1972-1973 private practice, Waltham MA
1975-2016 private practice, dermatology, Ocean Township, NJ and Attending in Dermatology, Jersey Shore Medical Center
Married to Eva Silbiger 1970 to present with two sons, one daughter, and five grandchildren
Currently residing in Tinton Falls, NJ

IRA HOROWITZ, M.D.

I was inspired to pursue a career in medicine as a result of three medical events that occurred when I was a child. I underwent a bowel resection at age 8 for a mesenteric cyst. At age 10, my desk partner in school died as a result of polio, and later in that same school year my father died at age 43 from an MI.

We were fortunate at AECOM to have had exceptional basic science and clinical professors. I interned at Lincoln Hospital in Straight Medicine, along with 9 fellow AECOM graduates. The program was run by four outstanding young Einstein Attendings (Drs. Bernstein, Gutstein, Kahn and Pollock). Having the Jacobi first year residents and the Lincoln chief residents as our proctors, enhanced our medical education. My next two years were spent in the Public Health Service where I was assigned to the Coast Guard. For the first eight months, I was the medical officer at the Coast Guard Base in Boston. This was followed by 16 months on Governor’s Island. For part of that time, I served as the medical officer on a US Coast Guard Icebreaker in the North Atlantic and Greenland. While in Boston, I met my wife Becky, who was a graduate student in Social Work.

Following my tour of duty, I trained as a resident in Radiation Oncology at Columbia Presbyterian. I am indebted to Dr. Patricia Tretter for teaching me how to interact with patients in a caring and compassionate way.

After 2 1/2 years of teaching at Columbia, Becky and I left New York in order to help develop a new free standing modern radiation oncology facility in El Paso, Texas. My partner and I were the first certified radiation oncologists in this border city. The patient population was diverse and included referrals from a large military hospital, a large county hospital run by Texas Tech Medical School, and several private hospitals. We were further challenged by walk-in patients from Mexico, many of whom had cervical or breast cancer, and who were refused treatment in Mexico due to lack of funds.

Together with three or four other professionals in the El Paso community, my wife and I were involved in starting the first hospice in El Paso (Hospice of El Paso). There are now approximately 10 hospices in El Paso and Hospice of El Paso is the only not-for-profit hospice here. My wife Becky was the first Clinical Hospice Social Worker in El Paso. For her exceptional work, in 1993 she was awarded the first Heart of Hospice Award (Psychosocial/Spiritual Caregiver) in the nation by the National Hospice Organization, and the award was presented to her by Elizabeth Kubler Ross.

We are now both enjoying retirement. I was an avid racquetball player. After undergoing bilateral hip replacements, I now walk with the dogs 1-3 miles/day. I enjoy reading and playing Scrabble and Words With Friends on Facebook. We have five large rescue dogs who keep us active and busy. We have two children, our son David is an editor, director and producer and lives in Santa Monica. Our daughter Sara is a professional chef.
After leaving Einstein and a year internship at New York Hospital I went overseas for the first of 3 overseas positions with the Peace Corps. I was a Peace Corps physician in Colombia in 1967-1969, in Swaziland in 1971-72, and in Cameroon in 1981-1982. The opportunity to work overseas and with the Peace Corps was a marvelous experience.

I settled in San Francisco in 1969. In 1975 I got a Masters in Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley. Most of my professional life I worked in public health clinics doing adult general medicine and because I speak Spanish, many of my patients were monolingual Spanish speakers. In the early 1980s, AIDS appeared in San Francisco and I became an HIV specialist. In 2005 I moved 70 miles north of San Francisco to Sebastopol, CA where I worked in a rural clinic. I retired in 2009.

My long term partner of 40 years, Buzz, died suddenly in 2010.

WALTER (WALLY) KRAMPF, M.D.

Has it really been 50 years? After internship at Cornell-NY Hospital, spent three years in the Navy as a General Medical Officer, based in Japan and (assigned to minesweepers) off Vietnam. Returned to Cornell for Residency in Psychiatry and then back to Yale for Fellowship in Pediatrics (from whence I had originally come.) Entire career has been in New Haven, mostly in hospital-based Psychiatry and clinical faculty. Started several programs and moved up the proverbial ladder, first as a Section Chief and last several years as Chief of Psychiatry at Yale-New Haven Hospital (St. Raphael campus.) Managed to complete most of an MPH in healthcare policy at Yale prior to assuming that position, no mean feat in one’s late 50s. Susan and I were married 46 years before she passed away 3 years ago, and I retired shortly thereafter. Blessed with two adult children and two delightful young grandsons nearby in CT. In retirement am actively engaged in a variety of mostly non-medical activities. Violinist with a symphony orchestra, avid skier (Telluride, CO this year) and on several boards. Past 3 years have been auditing Yale undergraduate courses in everything from History of Art to Macroeconomics, a real treat.

DANIEL KOENIGSBERG, M.D.
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Elliott Kraus, M.D.

After graduating from Einstein, I spent a year in Syracuse at the Upstate Medical Center and came back to New York for General Surgery at Mount Sinai followed by a Urology residency at N.Y.U.

As a Berry plan participant, I then entered the Army. Prior to going on active duty, I got to meet the Army’s Chief of Urology who told me my background and training made me just the type they needed in their major teaching centers. One month later, I was assigned to rural, southern Alabama at Fort Rucker where life was medically unexciting but where we had a large contingent of young, Jewish medical families from the New York area.

I eventually settled at the Jersey shore and practiced Urology in the Atlantic City area for 37 years. Early in my career and with a long-standing interest in Neuro-Urology and neurogenic vesicle dysfunction, I became associated with the Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation, the main rehab hospital serving southeastern New Jersey, and helped advance the application of the developing new urodynamic diagnostic techniques and management methods for neurogenic bladder in the patient population there as well in my practice.

I became active in medical politics, serving as president of the county medical society and spent seven years on the Board of Trustees of the Medical Society of New Jersey. This was the start of the era of increasing economic and regulatory pressures on medicine and I found many physicians unable to understand the pressures facing them or to consider concrete measures to help themselves. Today, I find it regrettable that physicians have perhaps ceded much more control over their professional lives than might have been necessary.

I’ve been retired for 7 years and enjoy it greatly. My wife Eileen and I have been able to travel extensively and can regularly go to the opera, theater and concerts without worrying about schedules. I’ve become a master gardener, acquired cooking skills and re-learned to swim so I generally do 1000 meters four days a week. I remain active at Bacharach on the Board of Governors and have involvement in local community activities. Best of all, I have more time to see my 2 grandsons and 2 daughters, all of whom live in New Jersey.

Among my Einstein memories, I believe we were among the first students to rotate to Montefiore. I was on the surgical service where they treated us very well and I recall meeting one of the surgeons whom the others referred to as a “character and tinkerer”; Henry Heimlich. I also recall sitting in front of Jacobi with several other students on a warm afternoon when an attending physician stopped to commiserate with us on our now bleak medical future. The reason: Medicare had just been signed into law.

ELLIOTT KRAUS, M.D.
During my interview at Einstein, I had two distinct thoughts: What if I was admitted? Would I live up to the calling of “doctor?” As a woman, especially in the 60’s, my other worry was to be at least as worthy as a male who did not get in and who might complain: “you took my place.”

Well, I obviously did get in, and, at least in my own mind, I have fulfilled what being a doctor entails and accomplished even more than I had hoped in that interview so many years ago.

In my career, I have been very fortunate to be involved in several distinct areas of medicine: basic research, patient care, directing clinical research, developing and bringing novel therapeutics to market for important indications, and, most recently, teaching.

Post internship, I was invited to join Rockefeller University’s faculty in Dr. Tatum’s Biochemical Genetics laboratory. No-one leaves Rockefeller, but having worked in and frequently visited Israel, I couldn’t resist Dr. Sheba’s offering of a cardiology fellowship at Tel Hashomer.

A few years later, when Pfizer offered me a position, I was concerned about the overly commercial focus of the pharmaceutical business. However, being Associate Medical Director placed me in a pivotal position in the drug approval process. During the next 15 years, at Pfizer and then at Ayerst, I initiated and directed trials in many fields. I helped test, validate and reposition several important drugs, making sure that the pharmaceuticals were supported by solid clinical data. It was a terrific learning experience.

I brought out doxycycline IV and developed clofibrate (Atromid-S), the first lipid-lowering drug. Premarin was a grandfathered drug with little scientific support and I was proud when it became the first drug approved for the treatment of osteoporosis.

While I had intended to retire, Pfizer asked me to become the Director of Licensing and Development, responsible for in-licensing biotechnology from major research centers and companies. What an opportunity!! This was business at the “dawn of commercial biotech” and an exciting time to travel world-wide to pick the best of these emerging technologies.

Since retiring from Pfizer, I continue to evaluate new products and companies, assist management in expediting their business plans and even enjoy the occasional IPO. It never gets old to learn new technologies and it is even more exciting to help bring them forward.

Fortunately, throughout my career, I’ve been able to maintain appointments at Columbia and Mt. Sinai, working with patients in Preventive Cardiology.

Additionally, for the last several years, I’ve been teaching Physical Diagnosis (Foundations of Clinical Medicine) to medical students at Columbia. Watching the students move from fumbling to well-practiced examining hands is a joy and a great source of pride. They say I am tough on them… and then really thank me for the rigor!

Teaching has reminded me of the Einstein professors and clinicians who taught us. They were the best, and I strive to give my students the same experience and skills that our faculty gave us.

BARBARA J. LEIBOWITZ, M.D.

Following graduation I spend two years as Montefiore Hospital as an intern and assistant medical resident. I was fortunate to receive a medical discharge from the Airforce so I was able to pursue my ultimate professional interests without the Vietnam experience. The next three years were spent at Yale New Haven Hospital as a dermatology resident and I felt that my education at Einstein had provided me with an excellent foundation for pursuing my dermatological endeavors. I continued my affiliation with Yale University as an assistant clinical professor of dermatology for the next four decades. I established a solo practice in Meriden and Middletown Connecticut, which I greatly enjoyed and found tremendous satisfaction. I retired in 2013 primarily so as not to be involved in the onerous task of establishing electronic medical records in my office.

From my personal viewpoint, my life has been wonderful. I will be celebrating my 50th wedding anniversary next year with my wife Gloria. She expressed a desire for four daughters before our marriage and that is what came to pass. We are very close to our daughters, sons in laws and ten grandchildren. We moved to Havre De Grace Maryland to be near three of our daughters who live in the Philadelphia - Washington nexus. They are accomplished in their own right, as a teacher, psychologist and clinical social worker. Our remaining daughter lives in Rhode Island, is a very engaged Mom, and a terrific volunteer in several social service organizations.

We are Florida residents in South Palm beach county during the winter and enjoy numerous athletic and cultural activities as well as travel, and hope to pursue them for many years in good health.

JERROLD C. LEHRMAN, M.D.
After graduation I did my internship and first year residency in Internal Medicine at Jacobi Hospital. I then spent two years doing Immunology research at the National Cancer Institute. In 1970 I migrated to Yale where I did a second year residency, did a year as Chief Resident and then did a fellowship in Medical Oncology & Hematology. After a brief stint in solo practice I and 3 colleagues formed Medical Oncology & Hematology PC which grew to become the largest Hematology/Oncology practice in Connecticut practicing at Yale-New Haven Hospital, the Hospital of St. Raphael and four other area hospitals.

Seven years ago I left my practice and joined the faculty of the Yale Cancer Center where I remain, currently on a part-time basis. I am blessed with a wonderful career, a wonderfully tolerant wife with whom I will be celebrating our-fifty-second anniversary on the day of the reunion, three wonderful children and six extraordinary (of course) grandchildren. Two of my children are physicians, and both, conveniently, live in Charlotte, NC making visiting our four grandchildren there easier. My other son is an attorney with two brilliant (of course) children who lives in Washington, DC. I have learned that grandchildren are God’s reward for not killing your children.
So here we are at 50! Or, at least those of us lucky enough to be here.

Professionally, I am still in full-time private practice in Medical Oncology at Cedars-Sinai in Los Angeles—one of the very few who have not been bought by the hospital. I believe I have a few good years left, though spending most of my time attempting to make sense of the electronic records, Meaningful Use, PQRS requirements is maddening. Ask me about my Moses theory of medicine.

My most distinct memory of Einstein was rounds with Dr. Milford Fulop.

A major part of my professional life is as an expert witness in litigation, both medical malpractice and insurance issues. It is very challenging, fascinating, and lucrative.

Personally, I have been very happily married for five years to an attorney, Claudia Stone. She just reminded me that when I graduated from Einstein she was in the third grade. We have two cockatiels—Einstein and Freud. I have a daughter, Oriana, who has a social work degree from USC and actually has a very good job.

Memories of my years at AECOM are mostly a blur. There are recollections of hard work and terror at presenting patients to the likes of Drs. Wil Tanenbaum, Milford Fulop and Basil Meyerowitz. I was in the first group from Einstein to do a pediatric rotation at Montefiore Hospital where working under Dr. Lawrence Finberg helped form a career interest in nephrology and fluid and electrolyte metabolism. Drs. Abraham and Rhona Rudolph helped provide the impetus to leave New York and follow them to San Francisco.

I have remained in contact with two Einstein classmates over the years. Mike Kazaras shared a moving van with us from San Francisco to New Rochelle in 1968. Mickey Weinstein shared a moving van with us from San Francisco to Cleveland in 1972.

Who is this man?

In his black robe and green, marching
Towards the paper and oath,
To take his place and serve
Becoming, responsible for life,
Having to bear death’s attack
And ‘oft only warn of her coming.

Who yesterday stood and watched
As the all-knowing Doctor spoke
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IRA OCKENE, M.D.

After Ira graduated from Einstein he interned at Bellevue and then returned to Einstein for two years of residency, following which he did one year of cardiology at Mount Sinai. He was then rescued from New York City by Uncle Saul, who thought that he could best serve his nation by defending his country’s ski slopes for two years while also serving as the post cardiologist at Fort Carson, Colorado. Ira and Judy (and their children Lauren and Kim) then decided that it might be fun to try Boston for a while, and so Ira did two more years of cardiology fellowship at the Peter Bent Brigham (now Brigham and Women’s) while Judy picked up a PhD in psychology at Boston College. After one more year as a junior attending at the Brigham Ira followed his boss out to the new UMass Medical School and helped to initiate the University Hospital, building the cardiac catheterization laboratory and running it for a decade. But always being interested in prevention, he began to do research in preventive cardiology, specifically being NIH funded to study how physicians could be better trained to intervene for risk factor management via behavioral interventions. At the same time Judy became head of the new Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine at UMass, and was given free rein to do as she saw fit, which in this case was building what became a very well-known group of psychologists, epidemiologists, nutritionists and statisticians all working on behavior change for health improvement. Ira took considerable advantage of this wonderful group, and all of his studies involved such synergy, including splitting NIH overhead 50/50. He then became interested in diabetes prevention, diabetes being a major risk factor for heart disease, and did an NIDDK funded study for preventing diabetes in a low SES largely Latino city. The next thing he knew people were thinking of him as the community guy! So at present he is the David and Barbara Milliken Professor of Preventive Cardiology and Director, Community Engagement Section, UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science at UMass Medical School. Of course, not to be outdone, Judy holds the Barbara Helen Smith Chair in Preventive and Behavioral Medicine and is Associate Vice Chancellor of Faculty Administration, especially interested in women’s advancement in academia. Judy and I used to be able to reasonably compete for Google hits, but after her article from the Women’s Health Initiative on the downside of estrogen replacement was published in JAMA, it was a lost cause for me.

Anyway, we are both working full time and still enjoy what we do. We have three extraordinary children and four grandchildren, and it is one of the great delights of our life that we are all close.

LEONARD OZERKIS M.D.

Greetings to all my classmates,

“Love is all we have for now, what we don’t have is time.”

- Peter Allen

Even as a child I knew I wanted to be a doctor. I read medical history books, Arrowsmith, The Cry and The Covenant, and all the Frank G. Slaughter MD novels. I idolized my GP, Dr. Jacobowitz, on the lower east side of Manhattan apt. and winter and summer at our CA home. I am a fairly good ceramist and photographer having my work in local art shows.

I and Arlene Antin, of the Bronx, a pianist and life-long lover of, and educator in music, married in my second year. She is the love of my life for the last 52 years and many more to come. We have 2 daughters: Danielle, the older, who is head of the Interstitial lung program at Yale. She is married to Eric Baum, MD, pediatric ENT specialist. They gave us 2 grandchildren, Orly & Daya. who light our lives, and our younger daughter, Rebecca is an art conservatory-trained, highly esteemed tattoo artist, who lives in San Diego.

For my elective period I chose to serve a 5 month sub internship at the Hospital For Joint Diseases. This led to my orthopaedic training at HJD, a terrific program finishing in 1971. By way of the Berry Program deferral I served at Scott AFB, Illinois, as an AF major, providing tertiary orthopaedic care to Vietnam wounded, and all other AF personnel and dependents. A very rewarding period.

I practiced general orthopaedic surgery with a wonderful group In Oceanside CA for 30+ years where I was an ethical and innovative surgeon. A Femoral neck fracture while bicycle riding and a subsequent later surgery for spinal stenosis led to my retirement. I’m doing fine now living a fairly vigorous life. Arlene and I now spend our time travelling and spending spring and fall in our Manhattan apt. and winter and summer at our CA home. I am a fairly good ceramist and photographer having my work in local art shows.

We enjoy our time with our east coast and west coast families and friends.
SUSAN RAKO M.D.

Remember when we trudged over to Bronx Municipal to the inpatient psych service on Friday mornings during second semester of first year? It was our one experience of the week having contact with living patients. Dr. Wil Tanenbaum was the Preceptor who introduced a dozen or so of us to Psychiatry. Wil’s respect for the patient, his attention to the details of the patient’s story, his empathic intelligence were compelling for me. It was there that I discovered for myself Frederick Buechner’s description of a calling: “the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.”

I spent my five month senior elective in Boston, rotating through Harvard Medical School’s psychiatry clerkships. Eventually, during residency at Mass Mental, I met Dr. Elvin Semrad, who was to become my most significant mentor. Following Semrad’s death in 1976, I co-edited a collection of Semrad’s observations on therapy and life, which were published as “Semrad: The Heart of a Therapist,” a book that happily is still in print.

I have enjoyed the private practice of psychiatry in Boston and Newton since 1970, glad to be able to continue helping and learning from my patients.

My daughter, Jennifer, has been a source of the greatest joy since her birth in August 1963 (ten days before my 37th birthday). My granddaughter, Alexandra, before she turned three.

In my late 40’s, approaching menopause, estrogen supplement therapy was not adequate to restore waning energy and libido. At Countway Medical Library, I searched, learned, and eventually came to write, “The Hormone of Desire: The Truth About Testosterone, Sexuality, and Menopause,” (Random House 1996 and still in print). In 2004, I founded the educational nonprofit, Women’s Health on Alert (WHOA) which produced conferences with panels of experts discussing “The Women’s Hormonal Health Crisis.” For several years, I traveled widely, invited to present information about the critical role of testosterone in female physiology.

I have written two more books for Random House. The title of the most recent one, “That’s How the Light Gets In: Memoir of a Psychiatrist,” is derived from the song, “Anthem,” by Leonard Cohen: “There is a crack, a crack in everything. That’s how the light gets in.”

I’m grateful for the light in my life. For my daughter, Jennifer. For my granddaughter, Alexandra. For having chosen Albert Einstein College of Medicine. For having had the fortune to meet Wil Tanenbaum and Elvin Semrad. And for much, much more.

In 1907, my grandmother, Vera Stelmark, immigrated to America, 17 years old, alone, and in steerage. She worked as a cleaning woman, scrubbing the floors of the building that later housed my high school (Bronx Science). In 1966, she saw me graduate from AECM.

AECM has always nurtured humanity in staff and students alike and was instrumental to my choosing psychiatry.

In my 4th year, I met and later married Judy Yanoff (1st cousin of my classmate, Allen Yanoff). After interning at Greenwich Hospital, we returned to NYC where I did my psych residency at Einstein. We will celebrate our 50th anniversary in August.

I am working full-time in private practice since 1970. In 1980 I completed my psychoanalytic training at the William Alanson White Institute. Additionally, 35 years of community psychiatry (Children’s Village and JBFCS) has provided me with a deep appreciation for the real-life complexities that patients struggle with, which often gets short shrift in psychoanalytic thinking. I view myself as a psychodynamic-oriented therapist, facilitator, and educator, melding interpersonal, cognitive, and neuroscientific frames.

My hospital affiliations include AECH, St. Vincent’s, NYU Langone, CUNY Post-Doc, and Lenox Hill Hospital, supervising residents and medical students. I continue to love this job!

My greatest blessing, though, is my wife, Judy (a clinical psychologist) and our very close family. My daughter, Aimee, works as a Director in the Global Corporate Innovation group at Este Lauder. My son-in-law, Ross Levin, has a new Vice President position at China International Capital Corporation (CICC). We have our wonderful grandkids: Jack (a 10½ year old obsessed with playing hockey) and Serena (a 6½ year old player in every role, whether artist, singer, or gymnast). It helps to live 3 blocks away!
Medical school was an incredible experience. In the first two years I felt as though I was given the New York telephone book and told to memorize it. It seemed that all I had time for was studying medicine. At the start of the third year, things improved when I married Linda Gewirtz and started my clinical years which were less stressful and more enjoyable. I spent most of the last two years at Montefiore Hospital where I found the staff incredibly helpful and friendly. After graduation I stayed at Montefiore for my first two years of pediatric training, and then went to Columbia-Presbyterian for my final year. I couldn’t have asked for better training. After my training was complete, I left New York for the Public Health Service. I spent two years working on the Navajo Indian reservation at Tuba City, Arizona, as a pediatrician. The reservation was an incredible experience, during which time I felt privileged to have been able to help a poverty stricken population that was desperately in need of medical care. In my free time, I explored a land of incredible natural beauty, and interacted with Native Americans and their unique culture.

While in Arizona, Linda and I fell in love with the desert southwest and decided not to return to New York. We moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where we have remained ever since. Albuquerque is situated at the base of an 11,000 foot mountain, and the city and the state are incredibly beautiful, and offer year round outdoor activities.

I opened a solo medical practice in 1971 and practiced pediatrics until about a year ago, when I finally retired. In addition to my practice, I was an ordained Mohel and performed Brit Milah services in the Jewish community. My wife Linda joined the University of New Mexico School of Medicine faculty where she did research in neuroscience and taught medical students. She is now a retired Professor Emerita. Both our sons attended UNM Medical School and are now physicians. Jeffrey, the younger son, is division chief of Pediatric Nephrology at Mount Sinai in New York. My older son, Kenneth is a cardiologist in private practice in Dallas, Texas. Both sons are married to practicing physicians, and each have three children.

Retirement is the next great adventure and so far has been enjoyable. I was the captain of the CCNY track team in college, and continued running, then jogging and now hiking ever since. I belong to a “senior” hiking club where I combine the fun of hiking in the wilderness areas of New Mexico with my other hobby which is photography. The mesas, canyons, deserts and mountains of New Mexico are incredibly photogenic. The advent of digital photography and photoshop computer programs have taken my photography to a higher level than I ever imagined.

I will not be attending the 50th reunion, however, I look forward to the “Class of 1966 reunion booklet” to see how all of my classmates are doing.

I have always been appreciative of the preparation Einstein provided me for my future in medicine. After graduation, I remained in the Einstein orbit for two years. I did an internship and a year of residency in internal medicine at the affiliated Lincoln Hospital. With this background, I served as an internist for three years in the Panama Canal Zone. I was an officer in the Air Force assigned to the Army at Fort Clayton. I practiced internal medicine in an outpatient setting which complemented my excellent training in acute and inpatient medicine at Lincoln Hospital.

I returned to New York with my wife, Jan and our three children who were born while we were in Panama, to a residency in diagnostic radiology at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Following residency, I spent ten years as an attending radiologist at Brookdale Hospital. Six of those years I was Physician in Charge of Body Imaging. In 1986, I opened a solo practice in breast imaging and ultrasound in the Madison section of Brooklyn. I retired in 2010 following surgery for cervical spinal stenosis.

Jan and I have been married for nearly forty-nine years. We have five children. Our three eldest, a son and two daughters, who were born in Panama, now live in Israel with their families which includes nine of our grandchildren. Our younger daughter and son and their families live in Woodmere not far from our home in Lawrence. Our son, Joshua, is an attending in emergency medicine and is celebrating his 10th reunion from AECOM as we celebrate our 50th.

Retirement has given me the time to pursue Judaic studies which I missed during my years practicing medicine. It has also afforded me the opportunity to get to know our grandchildren in Israel and spend time with our grandchildren in New York.
DAVID SCHICK, M.D.

Fifty years, certainly a milestone in my life and career. The skill set I acquired at Einstein was essential to my professional development. Anita and I were married August 28, 1966 and I completed a medicine internship at Kings County—Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn June 1967. I then served as a general medical officer in the Indian Health Service (USPHS) on the Navajo reservation in Crownpoint, New Mexico. The experience was fascinating and satisfying: delivering babies, treating fractures, sewing lacerations, treating infections, treating alcoholism, treating burns come to mind. I returned to New York to complete medical residency at Montefiore under Dr. David Hamerman (Dr. Hamerman had been my preceptor as third year clinical clerk at Einstein.) My cardiology fellowship was completed at Montefiore Medical Center and served on the clinical faculty at Einstein. Over the years I served as president of the Moses Division Council, president of the Montefiore Medical Staff and Alumni Association. Practicing clinical cardiology for me was a labor of love and I enjoyed exceptional relationships with my patients and colleagues. In 2014 I retired from clinical practice and have been living in New York, Florida and Nova Scotia. Certainly much has changed since our class completed studies at Einstein 1966. We were academically well prepared and this education has served me superbly. Both the academic and humanistic aspects of our profession were properly emphasized. Einstein and indeed all of us have much to be proud of.

For 41 years I practiced adult clinical cardiology at Montefiore Medical Center and served on the clinical faculty at Einstein. Over the years I served as president of the Moses Division Council, president of the Montefiore Medical Staff and Alumni Association. Practicing clinical cardiology for me was a labor of love and I enjoyed exceptional relationships with my patients and colleagues. In 2014 I retired from clinical practice and have been living in New York, Florida and Nova Scotia. Certainly much has changed since our class completed studies at Einstein 1966. We were academically well prepared and this education has served me superbly. Both the academic and humanistic aspects of our profession were properly emphasized. Einstein and indeed all of us have much to be proud of.

PETER SCHWARTZ, M.D.

I am currently the John Slade Ely Professor of Gynecology at Yale University and Vice Chair for Gynecology in its Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. After graduating from Einstein in 1966, I married Arlene, completed a surgical internship at the University of Kentucky Medical Center and an Obstetrics and Gynecology residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital, served two years at Travis Air force Base in California and moved to Houston, Texas where I did a fellowship in Gynecologic Oncology at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. In 1975, I joined the Yale faculty where I established the Division of Gynecologic Oncology and a fellowship training program in Gynecology Oncology.

My research has focused on gynecologic cancers and their treatment. Early in my career, I developed an international reputation for the management of the rare germ cell ovarian malignancies. Subsequently, I introduced neoadjuvant chemotherapy in the treatment of advanced ovarian cancers, which now has been accepted as a standard treatment by the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. I performed the first prospective randomized trial incorporating hormonal therapy with platinum-based chemotherapy for treating epithelial ovarian cancers, based on laboratory research at Yale identifying estrogen receptor proteins in these cancers. I reported the first series of gynecologic cancer patients to have massive hemorrhage controlled by selective arteriography and transcatheter techniques and then demonstrated these techniques could control massive post-partum hemorrhage. My clinical studies on uterine serous cancers established a very successful standard therapy for early stage disease which had been previously associated with an extremely poor prognosis. I established the Yale Early Detection Program for Ovarian Cancer, one of the first such programs in the United States. I have served as the President of The New Haven Obstetrical Society, The New England Association of Gynecologic Oncologists, The Felix Rutledge Society and the Society for Gynecologic Oncology.

Arlene and I have been married for 49 years. We met at Einstein through the efforts of Steve Rinsler who I roomed with in my senior year after I returned from a six month research fellowship at the Mayo Clinic. Arlene received a Master’s Degree in Spanish Literature from New York University and had a very successful career teaching World Languages and History. We have three wonderful sons, Bruce, Andy and Ken, married respectively to three loving daughter-in-laws, Anne, Kelly and Michelle and four fantastic grandchildren, Paul, Josh, Judah and Toby. Arlene and I enjoy time with our family as well as traveling, skiing and hiking.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine had many outstanding faculty members. Dr. Robert Goetz gave me a position in his surgical research laboratory after my freshman year of medical school. Dr. Goetz assigned me the first Friday of that summer job to design a technique to glue a larger vein to a smaller artery. My fondest Einstein memory was his shock the following Monday when I did just that. Dr. Goetz unquestionably was responsible for my staying in medical school, my love of surgery and my career in academics in a surgical specialty.
I look to Einstein as a, if not the, major influence that has allowed me to have a life filled with love, success and fulfillment on many levels. I came to Einstein several months after my beloved mother died. Einstein greeted me with outstretched arms and enormous support, including a full scholarship which allowed me to learn first class medicine and to graduate as a physician. I spent the summer between first and second year working with Henry Barnett and Chet Edelman. Henry invited me to join him in the pediatric library for a reception welcoming the new interns. I went up to one who was wearing a name tag; I asked how do you pronounce that name - which fortunately has been my name, too, for the past 53 years. Bennett and I are truly one, we both trained at Einstein in Pediatrics, where Bennett was also Chief Resident prior to completing a fellowship in Pediatric Neurology. We have spent our entire professional lives at Yale where I am the Audrey G. Rahner Professor in Learning Development and Bennett, the Charles and Helen Schwab Professor in Dyslexia. Yup, you guessed it, we are so fortunate to work together, founding and co-directing the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity and, mostly together, publishing over 300 papers and chapters. I am very proud to have authored, “Overcoming Dyslexia,” (Knopf, 2003) which has received critical acclaim and remains the top-selling trade book on dyslexia. Among the honors I have received are the Townsend Harris Medal from CCNY and the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Einstein; an honorary Doctor of Science degree from Williams College, and American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry’s Sidney Berman Award and (with Bennett) election to IOM, now the NAM. Given my passionate interest in translating scientific discoveries (with Bennett) election to IOM, now the NAM. Given my passionate interest in translating scientific discoveries into dyslexia and reading into policy and practice, I have served on the Congressionally-mandated National Reading Panel and, by Presidential appointment (President Bush, President Obama) on the National Board of the Institute for Education Sciences of the US Department of Education and (with Bennett) spoke at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Most recently, I testified on “The Science of Dyslexia” before the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology; presented a Congressional briefing sponsored by the AAAS and to a US Senate field hearing. I also co-chaired the NRC Committee on Gender Differences in the Careers of Science, Engineering and Mathematics Faculty; and serve on the Advisory Board of the Adult Literacy X Prize. In addition, I have also served on the Advisory Council of NINDS and the NRC Committee on Women in Science and Engineering. My greatest blessing is our three extraordinary loving sons, David, Jonathan and Adam, all of whom attended Harvard Medical School. David is an MD/PhD from Harvard/MIT, CMO of a biotech company, a visiting professor at Harvard and frequent writer on Forbes; Adam, an MD/PhD (Harvard/Harvard) devotes himself to finding cures for rare diseases and Jonathan, an exceptionally dedicated psychiatrist, is Director of Behavioral Health at a Southern California medical center. We try to spend as much time as possible with our 5 truly extraordinary, bright, sweet and caring grandchildren: David’s daughters, Juliet, Amelia and Mirielle; Adam’s son Ari Levi; and Jon’s daughter, Evelyn. We constantly marvel at how lucky we are to have such incredibly caring, brilliant and loving sons. We know that fame and honors are transient, and that what is permanent and really matters is your family. We are especially grateful at how much our sons love and care about one another; that is the best accomplishment of all, one which no amount of fame or riches can achieve. They all live on the West coast; however there is a saving grace. Bennett and I are very often invited to speak or serve on panels/boards. Where do we accept? No question – we go where our children and grandchildren live. Now, that is true nachas.

I went to Einstein because a fellow-Madisonian, Harvey Barash (AECOM 1965) wrote from the Bronx to tell me that the faculty was very interested in teaching. He was right! In my senior year, Stuart Silverman, Franklin Strauss, and I went to London for elective studies. Because I was thinking about a career in neurology, my elective was at the National Hospital, Queen Square. There, in November, 1965, I met Jacqueline Smith, an EEG technician, and we were married in April, 1966. We then returned to the Bronx for my mixed medical internship at Jacobi. During my senior year I had corresponded with Sidney Hart (AECOM 1965), who was having a wonderful time as a Peace Corps staff physician in Africa. I applied to the Peace Corps and, after my internship, I spent two years (1967-1969) in Recife, Brazil looking after Peace Corps volunteers in three Brazilian states. My experience there got me interested in psychiatry, and during the first year of my neurology residency at Einstein I got Labe Scheinberg’s permission to switch into psychiatry at the end of the year. I did my psychiatry residency from 1970-1973 at The New York Hospital-Westchester Division, after which I spent two years on the full-time faculty at the University of Oregon in Portland. In 1975 I joined the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins, where I have been ever since. Between Oregon and Hopkins I was the psychiatry residency program director for 17 years, and then the director of the Hopkins psychiatric consultation service for 15 years. In 2008 I became an emeritus faculty member, and have ongoing teaching and administrative responsibilities. Jacqueline and I have found much to like and admire in Baltimore, where I have often been reminded of Einstein, not only because Einstein graduates such as Jerry Winkelstein (1965) and Gordon Tomaselli (1982) have been Hopkins colleagues, but also because, over the years, several Einstein graduates have been Hopkins psychiatry residents. The Einstein faculty’s interest in teaching that Harvey Barash first told me about has been a common thread in all our memories.
H. DAVID STEIN, M.D.

After graduating from AECOM, I did my internship and first year of residency at Jacobi in General Surgery. We (Ruth, Lynn, Sharon, and I) then moved to Washington D.C. where I served my military duty in the Public Health Service at the Experimental Therapeutics Branch of the National Heart Institute of the NIH doing research on collagen metabolism and wound healing. These two years were great as there was no night or weekend responsibility. We then returned to Einstein where I completed where my residency. My first posting as an attending was at the old Lincoln Hospital which was in the middle of a busy civilian battlefield (made famous by the film, Fort Apache). I moved to the new Lincoln Hospital and stayed there until the affiliation changed and I moved to Jacobi as an attending on 6S. In 1984 I moved to Woodhull Hospital, a newly opened city hospital in Brooklyn as chief of Surgery and professor of surgery at SUNY-Brooklyn. In 1987 I return to Einstein as chairman of surgery at Flushing Hospital (an Einstein affiliate) where I stayed until my retirement in 1997. I always placed most emphasis on teaching during my surgical career and was pleased that medical schools valued and compensated people on teaching and not just clinical productivity as they do now. I had a brief fling with medical informatics and then retired completely. I took up photography as a hobby but it got out of control and now consumes most of my free time. My photographs are exhibited in several galleries, commercial establishments, and in many private homes. Ruth and I have been blessed with three wonderful daughters. Lynn, born during our fourth year of Medical School, is Associate Dean and Professor of Computer Science at Olin College. Sharon is a colorectal surgeon at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, and Deborah is chief of Trauma at the Maryland Shock Trauma Hospital, at the University of Maryland, in Baltimore. All 3 are married to wonderful/terrific guys.

RUTH E.K. STEIN, M.D.

My training in pediatrics began at Jacobi, where I spent my career until 1997. While David was at the NIH, I completed residency at DC Children’s Hospital. Returning to the Bronx, I developed a Home Care program for children with chronic illnesses and later a nurse practitioner training program. I subsequently became director of the ambulatory pediatrics (later renamed general pediatrics) division and later of Jacob’s Pediatrics. In 1997, I moved to Montefiore as vice-chair of Einstein’s department of pediatrics responsible for education and research. Although I still think of myself as a general pediatrician, I am boarded in Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics. I continue to work full-time at Einstein-Montefiore. I love teaching and mentoring of residents, fellows, and junior faculty, and doing clinical and health services research. The research findings from my initial randomized controlled trial of home care enabled me to serve on many national advisory groups and to enjoy the reward of influencing public policy for the nation’s most disadvantaged children. Our family life has been extremely rewarding and filled with many wonderful experiences. David described our 3 wonderful daughters, who have been a real joy and source of pride, as have our 4 terrific grandchildren. Sara is completing a second Master’s degree (first was in computer science) to get her license to teach computer science to the hearing impaired. Miriam majored in computer science and both she and her husband Marc have great jobs at Google in NYC and a wonderful apartment near Lincoln Center. Joshua is completing his sophomore year at NYU’s Gallatin School and still deciding on his long-term goals. Finally, Mimi, 4½, enters kindergarten in the fall and has a fabulous imagination.
STEPHEN STEIN, M.D.

55 years ago, when I applied to med schools, I hedged my bets by sending out applications to chem graduate schools. The first positive response I received from anywhere was a telegram saying: “Accepted to Albert Einstein.” 24 hours to hold place in class with $250 deposit.” Was this a misspelling, a cruel joke or my future unfolding? After a quick call to Einstein (Dr. Hirsch’s office) and dropping off a certified check at the registrar — I was officially a member of the AECOM class of 1966 family — a very serious matter for a Jewish boy from the Bronx! Near home, kosher food, incredible reputation for a med school that had been founded, opened and established only a few years before!! And after that — the rest is history!! I sweated, crammed and actually became a doctor during the first two pre-clinical years at Einstein! I admit — I hated biostatistics, Einstein’s labs and lectures were unreal— especially when someone was drawing anatomy on a blackboard with both hands while I was trying to take notes and during physiology experiments when we were holding our breath for 5 to 12 minutes (with oxygen) and someone was standing by to slap us into resuming our breathing!! I studied for Pt 1 of the Med Boards. The Einstein clinical training was assigned to the NCDC in Atlanta, Georgia followed by 4 years of training in radiology with Milt Elkin and Bob Bernstein at Einstein/Jacobi. 34 years at Waterbury Hospital mostly as director of Interventional Radiology and several years as chairman of the Radiology Section at the hospital. For the past seven years I have worked three days a week (no nights, no weekends) at Bridgeport Hospital/ Yale Health System training radiology residents — doing Emergency Radiology, mammography, body imaging and less and less of the Big IR cases. Along the way I have been able to check things off my medical bucket list — publishing articles now and then, presenting at meetings, being recognized for my teaching by my residents and being the oldest guy to become a Fellow of the American College of Radiology two years ago at the national meeting. From my regular bucket list I am most proud and most regretful of having been a four year, two term president of our conservative shul. As for our future plans- as I said in our 25th AECOM Reunion Journal — I will be studying the grass growing in our backyard and continuing to raise our pygmy elephants. Two are currently available for sale — Albert and Jacob!! In summary — THANK YOU EINSTEIN for all of the above!!

FRANKLIN STRAUSS, M.D.

After Einstein graduation in 1966, I completed an Internal Medicine internship and residency at Baltimore City Hospitals, a Nephrology Fellowship at Georgetown University School of Medicine, and served in the U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky as Chief of the Department of Medicine for two years during the Vietnam War. I practiced Nephrology (and Internal Medicine) for 40 years at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, with special interests in renal transplantation and peritoneal dialysis. I was very active in medical staff affairs, and served as Clinical Chief of Medicine for four years, as well as being on the Medical Executive Committee for six years. I also served as a delegate to the California Medical Association representing the American College of Physicians on the Specialty Society Delegation. I was on the UCLA School of Medicine faculty as Clinical Professor of Medicine, with ongoing teaching responsibilities over the years. My wife Merle and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 2015, and take special joy in being with our family. We have homes in Los Angeles as well as Santa Fe, NM, dividing our time between both places. Merle and I continue to play violin and viola and continue our chamber music activities, as well as singing in the Verdi Chorus (Santa Monica, CA) where we sing and perform operatic choruses and ensembles. I have been President of the Chorus for the last two years, and continue to evolve from being a novice in organizational management, publicity and fundraising towards achieving some measure of success. Additional personal interests include cycling, hiking, reading, travel, and recently cooking (special interest in Moroccan cuisine). There is life after medicine! I look forward to reuniting with my medical school classmates this year, and continue to follow not only the science of medicine, but also its ongoing highly problematic transformation in new directions.
Sheila Tanenbaum, M.D.

My then-husband, Marty and I lived in apartment on Rhinelander Ave, in student housing, so I always felt a bit of an outsider. Einstein was especially good to me. When my child was born, I needed extra funds to pay for a nanny. The loan I received from the school was remarkable in that it did not fall due, nor did any interest accrue, until I completed my residency. Go find something like that today! They also extended themselves when I had trouble with Histology. I feel very indebted, and have tried to pay back. I participated in phonathans for nearly 30 years. My oldest child was born a year before graduation, so I chose to intern at Montefiore, which, before the merger with Einstein residency program had a special on-call system. We were free to leave at 9 p.m. (usually earlier) as our chairman had a “deal” with the Oncology chairman for his residents to handle night emergencies. On weekends, so long as I had been covering nursing home residents as their primary doc. Decided I didn’t want any more night or weekend phone calls, so gave that up. Looking forwards to being cleared for air travel, so I can return to my annual trips to Israel to see family and friends.

Howard A. Wishnie, M.D.

I came to Albert Einstein after three years of college as a history major with no undergraduate degree. If I didn’t make it, I’d have to go back and earn a bachelor’s degree. That was motivation enough. Having taken the minimum requirements for medical school, I enjoyed the immersion in science as a medical student.

The best parts of the training were the clinical years. While I loved medicine and surgery (being a real doctor), I was struck by the numerous patients coming to the clinic and emergency room with self-inflicted problems. I did a “mixed-medicine internship” at Jacobi Hospital. My impression about the psychological issues leading to medical problems was reconfirmed. I asked my attending physicians what their private practices were like. Several of them were very clear - 75-80% of the issues bringing people to their offices were emotional. That was enough for me. To my mother’s dismay, I decided upon psychiatry.

I went to Massachusetts Mental Health Center in Boston. It was a fabulous training experience in intensive psychotherapy. At the same time, I took a half-time job at the Mass. General Hospital doing research on the emotional issues involved with coronary heart disease. With trepidation, the cardiologists allowed us (Ned Cassem, Caroline Bascomb, and I) to interview patients in the ICU. This was a time when cardiac patients spent four to six weeks in the ICU after an MI. One and a half years later, I visited these people in their homes with their families. One subgroup, told me that they had never been hospitalized, or had only had outpatient tests. These were the “deniers” who had the most trouble getting back to work and ordinary life. Again - the individual’s psychology had its impact.

While at Einstein, I had become involved in civil rights issues through the New York Medical Committee for Human Rights. Marches and meetings protesting the treatment of African-American’s and eventually antiwar protests. In Boston there were similar involvements.

After my psychiatry residency, I spent two years at the NIMH Clinical research Center in Lexington, KY. In those years, the country was in the throws of a national drug crisis. People were sent to the “Narco”, (the nickname for the open door treatment center for narcotic addicts) from prisons and jails. Six months with us could result in a sentence reduction. My mentors told me to forget what I had learned, these people were unreachable. I walked in the door and found that my mentors were wrong. These individuals were transparent. One had to translate our dynamic/analytic understandings into a different format. I later wrote a book about this (The Impulsive Personality). This only heightened my sense that we had to change much in our society.

After Lexington, I returned to Boston where I began teaching psychiatry for seven years at Cambridge hospital. My fourth child was born and I decided to get out of teaching to focus more on my marriage. It had been my hope that having the children would help our marriage. Ten years after leaving teaching, we divorced. Five years later I remarried and we had two children.

Our situation was unique, Th eldest grand children became best friends with my youngest children. They have been a tight-knit foursome who refer to each other as “cousins”.

I completed psychoanalytic training in the 1990’s, and published a second book, “Working in the Countertransference”.

At 75, my youngest daughter heads off to college, and Cathy and I face an empty nest. I still work intensively in private practice and spend time working on social issues. My children have all gone beyond me in making the world a better place. Their commitments to human rights, the environment, and human needs go far beyond my efforts.
LESLIE WOLFSON, M.D.

My notable memories from medical school include Ernst Sharrer introducing neuroanatomy with a brain in his outstretched hands with the now familiar words, “This is the only thing which contemplates itself”. I also recall the anxiety during the Thursday evening preparation for rounds with Milford Fulop who I thought wanted us to know every single detail about each of our patients but with the wisdom of hindsight only the detail required in understanding a patient’s illness. In a larger sense each of these role models had a significant effect on my career.

After finishing at AECOM I spent one year in Medicine at Georgetown and then returned to AECOM for a Neurology residency. Following this, I spent a few months in Lab research with Bob Katzman before heading off for two years in the Air Force in Florida. Einstein beckoned but rewarding 4 year phase in my journey as a clinician. At Einstein, I held almost every position possible including at the end, stints as director of Neurology and eventually to Mobility and Gait in Aging. In my last years at Einstein I led the Einstein Aging Grant which eventually to Mobility and Gait in Aging. In my last years at Einstein I led the Einstein Aging Grant which included at the end, stints as director of Neurology and eventually to Mobility and Gait in Aging. In my last years at Einstein I led the Einstein Aging Grant which included at the end, stints as director of Neurology and eventually to Mobility and Gait in Aging.

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I left Einstein to become Chair of Neurology at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and Hartford Hospital, a position I held for 24 years. I enjoyed the challenges of starting a residency program, fellowships and a neurology clerkship although the financial and administrative burdens became wearying. It was also rewarding to help young faculty begin their careers. I was able to continue my research which evolved into the effects of microvascular disease on motor and cognitive function as well as the brain white matter using MRI. Currently, I am devoting the most of my time to our clinical trial of blood pressure control to slow the progression of the functional and structural effects of this condition as well as teaching of students and residents.

None of this would have been possible without Linda, my partner in life for the past 50 years. It has been my pleasure to watch the development of her career as a counseling psychologist, which is second only to her talents as a Mom. We have three terrific children; Shelly—a clinical psychologist/athlete/mom, Jonathan—who founded and runs a biotech company and Todd—a political anthropologist, social activist, and teacher. Carey, Nelly and Allison, their spouses, are wonderful and accomplished in their own fields and yes there are grandchildren, 7 of them, ranging in age from 1 to 17 years. What a wonderful legacy. Linda and I have had a great trip but we still have some gas in our tanks for future challenges.

EILEEN YAGER, M.D.

It blows my mind to think it’s been 50 years since med school graduation! Joel and I got married at the beginning of the third year. We did residencies at BMHC and finished in 1969—pediatrics for me, psychiatry for him. He had the Berry Plan in the Army and we went to Fort Ord in Monterey CA for two years. We loved California! I worked part-time in general pediatrics and our son Jonathan was born at Fort Ord. We decided to stay in CA and moved to San Diego where I worked part-time at a pediatric public health clinic, and our daughter Allison was born. In 1971 Joel was recruited to UCLA, so we moved and had a wonderful 22 years in Los Angeles. I worked at UCLA part-time in General Pediatrics; started the UCLA Lactation Clinic; helped start the UCLA Pediatric Primary Care Residency track; did lots of medical education (was co-director of the Pediatrics residency for 5 years) and saw faculty/housestaff private patients. In 1990 I was on the founding faculty of the UCLA Pediatric Pain Center. Our kids grew up and went to UC Berkeley and Brown. In 1994 the Northridge earthquake struck, and we decided to leave LA. We moved to Albuquerque NM in 1995, where I worked at UNM part-time, doing General Pediatrics and running the Pediatric Pain clinic and Pediatric GI Pain Clinic, mostly working with kids with chronic pain. We really enjoyed New Mexico, but it was a “way station” until our kids settled down. Jonathan went to Harvard medical school and Allison went to Stanford med school. Jonathan, a cardiologist, stayed on the East coast in the DC area, where his wife’s family lived, and Allison, a pediatrician, and her husband, a nephrologist, decided to settle in Denver. So after 13 years in the Land of Enchantment, we moved to Denver 7½ years ago—we are very happy here! I am almost retired and do one clinic/week: Integrative Pain/Symptom Management, at Children’s Hospital Colorado (U of CO). Joel works half-time now in the Psychiatry department at the U. I do patient consultations, give workshops on non-pharmacological techniques for pain and stress reduction, and recently joined the new medical campus-wide Resilience Council, running workshops, retreats, and leading mindfulness practice and resilience groups for faculty, housestaff, students and staff. Physician stress and burnout (for others too) is a “hot topic” now and finally the medical establishment is really starting to do lots of things to treat and reduce burnout and workplace stress. I love it, having mediated for 48 years and taught meditation for 24 years! Mindfulness also includes breath practices; yoga, tai-chi and exercise; and many stress reduction techniques. I just finished teaching a year-long online course called Healing the Healer: Stress Reduction and Self-Care. We now have 7 grandkids, 3 in Denver and 4 in Vienna, VA. We try to visit the DC area about every 2 months, and we see the Denver kids every week. Joel and I recently celebrated our 55th anniversary. We both intend to continue our medical work as long as possible. Life is never boring!!
While at Einstein I decided to become a pediatrician partly due to the strong role model set by Dr. Lewis Fraad. I completed my pediatric internship and residency at Babies and Childrens Hospital (now Rainbow Babies and Childrens) in Cleveland, Ohio. During my final year of residency, I met my wife, Aileen. After residency and a five-month hiatus during which I worked at an OEO clinic, I entered the Air Force though the Berry Plan and served 18 months on Okinawa, Japan and then 6 months at Westover Air Force Base in Massachusetts. After the Air Force, I joined a former Air Force colleague in practice in Houston, Texas which at that time was booming and modern. I remained with his group for seven years and then went into solo private practice for a total of 25 years. While in practice, I foresaw changes in the practice of medicine and, in 1988, obtained a MBA from Houston Baptist University. In 1996, I sold my practice, and became the initial and organizing medical director for Texas Children’s Health Plan, the nation’s first HMO for children owned by Texas Children’s Hospital and affiliated with Baylor College of Medicine. I am currently full time Medical Director for Medicaid and Government Products for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas. I am an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and have served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Section on Administration and Practice Management (SOAPM) from 1998-2004. During that time, I became the editor of the Section's newsletter, a position I still hold. I was chairman of the Pediatrics Online Professional Advisory Committee, currently serve on the Physician Advisory Committee for AAP’s APEX Program and the Advisory Group for financing of medical care for special needs children. I received the Charles “Buzzy” Vanchiere Award from SOAPM in 2010 for “outstanding contributions in the education of pediatricians in administrative pediatrics, practice management and reimbursement”. I also serve on Texas Pediatric Society and Texas Health and Human Service Commission committees. Aileen and I have 3 children. Our oldest son, Jason, is a law librarian and faculty member at the University of Richmond (VA) Law School. He has degrees from Tufts (BA), UCLA (MA, economics), University of Southern Calif (JD), Georgetown (LLM) and University of Texas -- Austin (MLIS). Our second son, Randy, is a partner in the BDO Healthcare Advisory Group. He graduated from Emory (BBA), University of Texas Health Science Center – Houston (MPH) and University of Houston (MBA) and is a CPA. He lives in Houston. Our daughter, Marni, is a partner in the real estate law practice at Winstead in Houston. She graduated from MIT (BS) and University of Texas School of Law.