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Medical School Graduated From: N.Y.U. School of Medicine

Residency Location: Bellevue Hospital New York University; Fellowship, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA

Specialty: Medicine/Endocrinology

What factors influenced your decision to become a physician?

The application of science to human welfare.

Did you have any mentors or influential people in the course of your medical training or careered who made an impact on you?

Ms. Elizabeth Coyne, my 8th grade teacher; Dr. Saul Farber – my mentor; Dr. Milton Hamolsky – Director of my fellowship.

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

Working at Bellevue Hospital. New York City, directly with patients who had no other medical care, helping them, learning from them, and translating the experience to clinical research.

As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice could you not have done without? Do no harm.

What advice would you give to medical students graduating in the class of 2007?

Continue to teach thyself. Help society to understand the folly of the current excessive economic constraints.

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

The application of the frontiers of science to medical testing and imaging as well as to therapy.