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**City:** Inverness, IL

**Date of Graduation from Medical School:** 1957

**Medical School Graduated From:** University of Santo Tomas, Manila, P.I.

**Residency Location:** Hines V.A. Hospital

**Specialty:** General Surgery

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**What factors influenced your decision to become a physician?** The ambition to be a surgeon.

**Did you have any mentors or influential people in the course of your medical training or career who made an impact on you?** Dr. Joseph Moles, Director of Medical Education, West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park, Illinois.

**Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician?** Completing my residency in general surgery at Hines V.A. Hospital.

**As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice could you not have done without?** Be compassionate.

**What advice would you give to medical students graduating in the class of 2007?** Be ready for a long and exhaustive profession.

**What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice?** Minimally invasive surgery with the advent of advanced laparoscope.

**Is there one patient, situation or incident that stands out above all others in your career?** Yes. Pulling through a severely traumatized teenager in an accident.