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**Medical School Graduated From:** University of Tennessee

**Residency Location:** General Surgery: Pittsfield Affiliated Hospitals, Massachusetts and Presbyterian Hospital, Denver; Plastic Surgery: Cornell/N.Y Hospital

**Specialty:** Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

**What factors influenced your decision to be a physician?** Initially the study of living organisms through biology which progressed to the fascination with/and the study of the human body.

**Did you have any mentors or influential people in the course of your medical training or careered who made an impact on you?** Robert Teabeaut, MD, Professor of Pathology; Bill Trear, MD and Tom Rees, MD, attending plastic surgeons at the U.S. Naval Hospital, St. Albans, NY; Gerald Haidak, MD, Director of Medical Education and Ralph Zapanec, MD, Chief of Surgery, Pittsfield Affiliated Hospitals; K.C. Sawyer, MD, Chief of Surgery, Presbyterian Hospital, Denver; Herbert Conway, MD, Chief and Professor of Plastic Surgery, N.Y. Hospital/Cornell Medical Center, NYC; John E. Williams, MD, private practice of plastic and reconstructive surgery, Century City, Los Angeles, California.

**Did you experience a defining moment that made you feel you had become a physician?** Yes, one twenty-four hour period in the gynecological unit of the emergency room of Kings County Hospital/Brooklyn.

**As you were training to be a physician, what one piece of advice could you not have done without?** 'Common Things are Common.' by J. Robert Teabeaut, MD, Professor of Pathology

**What advice would you give to medical students graduating in the class of 2007?** Be honest with yourself, learn your limitations, and never stop learning from the literature and especially other physicians.

**What is the most significant medical innovation you experienced in your years of practice?** The refinement of general anesthesia and the support provided by injectible anesthetic agents.

**What regrets, if any, do you have about your medical career?** Premature retirement following radical prostatectomy in which it was unclear by the path report whether the tumor was removed and recommended post-operative radiation was refused by me. Survival has now reached 16 years since surgery.

**Is there one patient, situation or incident that stands out above all others in your career?** Yes. A woman with basal cell carcinoma of the right lower eyelid and lateral canthus which was excised and the wound protected. The permanent section clearance report came back indicating that more excision was necessary. We excised more tumor migrating along the floor of the orbit and again protected the wound. Following report of permanent section clearance, the lower eyelid and lateral canthus were reconstructed with a successful result and no complications.