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Education and Professional Experience

Villanova University, B.S., 1972 (Chemistry) Harvard Medical School, M.D., 1977 Mass General Hospital, Residency in Anatomic and Clinical Pathology, 1977-81 Mass General Hospital, Fellowship in Cardiovascular Pathology, 1981-82 Pathologist at Lahey Clinic until 1990, then at Deaconess Hospital until 1996, since 1996& at MGH, specializing in cardiovascular pathology. Course director in the second year at HMS for 13 years. Since April 1999 at Harvard Medical International, now Partners HealthCare International. Cofounder of three medical technology companies.

Scholarly Interest

I am spending my time directing the academic alliances of PHI and being part of the senior management team. Activities have included assessment of institutions and the curriculum; curriculum development; medical school and academic medical center planning and implementation; postgraduate education programs; health care policy development and assessment; health care management training; faculty development. My educational interests concern themselves mainly with curricular design, integration of the curriculum, and creation of organizations that can support those efforts. I have had the pleasure of working in over 30 countries.

Personal Background

Born and raised in Germany; came to the U.S. in 1968 on an athletic scholarship and never left. After eight years in semi-private practice in pathology, I decided to return to more academic practice for research and teaching. Over the years, I became increasingly interested in teaching, especially curricular change, faculty development and organizational structure. In 1997, I became involved with international universities, and in 1999, decided to make that a career. Married with four children: two boys, 40 and 37, and two girls, 29 and 27.