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Albert Donnenberg studied Philosophy as an undergraduate student at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He received his Ph.D. in Infectious Disease Epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University in 1980, studying cellular immunity to Herpes Simplex Virus. Upon graduation he was elected to Delta Omega, the honorary Public Health Society. After a postdoctoral fellowship under the direction of Dr. George Santos at the Johns Hopkins Oncology Center, Dr. Donnenberg was appointed Instructor of Oncology in 1982, Assistant Professor in 1983, and Associate Professor in 1989. Through the 80's he worked on adoptive transfer of donor immunity after allogeneic bone marrow transplantation, and on the development and clinical implementation of T-cell depletion of bone marrow to prevent graft versus host disease, one of the first instances of modern cellular therapy. He also performed early studies on cellular immunity in HIV infection, and co-developed the concept of T-cell homeostasis. In 1991, Dr. Donnenberg was recruited to the University of Pittsburgh to serve as the Director of Laboratory Research in the Bone Marrow Transplant Program. He has also served as program Co-director, and as Interim Director. He has directed the UPMC Hematopoietic Stem Cell Laboratory and the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute's Cytometry Facility since 1998. He was promoted to Professor of Medicine in 2001. His current research interests are in regenerative therapy and graft engineering, and the role of stem cells in neoplasia, a project he pursues with his wife Dr. Vera Donnenberg. He is an internationally recognized expert in therapeutic somatic cell processing and flow cytometry. Dr. Donnenberg co-edited the first and second editions of the CRC Handbook of Human Immunology and has authored more than 175 scholarly publications. He is the proud father of 4 daughters and one son. Vera and Albert collect art, make wine and tend to their cabin in the Laurel Highlands.