

Douglas Richman, M.D.
2004 PASCV Clinical Virology Award Recipient

Dr. Douglas Richman received his A.B. from Dartmouth College and went on to receive his M.D. at Stanford University where he completed his residency. He was a Research Associate in the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases at the NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases and a Clinical Fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Beth



Israel Hospital and Children's Hospital Medical Center of Harvard Medical School in Boston. Dr Richman is Professor of Pathology and Medicine at the University of California San Diego and holds the Florence Seeley Riford Chair In AIDS Research. He is now Director of the Center for AIDS Research at UCSD and of the Research Center for AIDS and HIV Infections at the San Diego VA Healthcare System where he attends in infectious diseases and directs the Clinical Virology Laboratory.

His initial research in medical virology focused on influenza virus, herpesviruses and hemorrhagic fever viruses before the arrival of HIV in the 1980s. HIV drug resistance was originally recognized in his laboratory in 1988. In addition to his continuing interest in HIV treatment and drug resistance, his research interests have focused on HIV pathogenesis including the issues of viral latency and evolution. He is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Association of Physicians, the American Clinical and Climatological Association, and the Infectious Disease Society of America. He is a member of the NIH AIDS Vaccine Research Working Group. Dr. Richman has authored or co-authored over 480 scientific publications. He is also a co-editor of

Clinical Virology, a state of the art clinical reference book, and editor of *Antiviral Drug Resistance*. He has two adult children and lives in La Jolla, California with his wife, Eva, and his dog.

Steven Specter, Ph.D.
2004 PASCV Diagnostic Virology Award Recipient

Dr. Specter received his BA in Biology (1969) and Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology (1975) from Temple University, Philadelphia, PA. He was a post-doctoral fellow in Experimental Immunology with Dr. Herman Friedman at the Albert Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia, then served as Director of Clinical Virology at the same institution.

Dr. Specter joined the faculty of the University of South Florida College of Medicine in 1979 as Assistant Professor of Medical Microbiology and Immunology. He became a Professor in 1991.

Dr. Specter has served on numerous College of Medicine and University-wide committees. He was named Co-Director of Curriculum and Medical Education in July, 1997, then Associate Dean for Pre-Clinical Education in 1998; he was appointed Associate Dean for Student Affairs in May, 2001. He is currently the Associate Dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

He has served as Chair of the Clinical Immunology Division of the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), Editor-in-Chief of the Cumitech series for ASM, President of the Florida Branch of ASM, and was President of the Pan American Society for Clinical Virology.

Dr. Specter serves on numerous journal editorial boards and professional councils. His research spanned the fields of retrovirus-induced immune deficiency and effects of drugs of abuse on the immune system. He is the author of more than 185 original scientific publications, review articles and book chapters and has edited over a dozen books. Dr. Specter's awards include 2 outstanding teaching awards (1991, 1996) and the 1997 Theodore and Vanette Askonas-Ashford Distinguished Scholar Award from the University of South Florida.



Dr. Specter and Dr. Gerald Lancz established the Annual Clinical Virology Symposium in 1985, and Dr. Specter continues to chair this internationally renowned conference. Through the Symposium he has had a significant effect on both Clinical and Diagnostic Virology and has touched the lives of many clinical virologists through his tireless and seemingly effortless work to host this meeting in Clearwater each year. With his warm smile and extended arms, Dr. Specter brings together a family of scientists, clinicians and educators from around the world to discuss and debate the latest developments in Diagnostic and Clinical Virology. He continues to provide a wonderful forum with an open and relaxed atmosphere for the exchange of ideas and knowledge in the field; for that we are very appreciative and most thankful.