

James Shelhamer Pampa High School Class of 1965



James Shelhamer was born in Pampa, Texas in 1947. He was educated through the Pampa School District where he graduated from Pampa High School in 1965. He is the son of Lois and E.E. Shelhamer. Jim has two siblings--Gene Shelhamer, PHS '61 and Pam Shelhamer Grant, PHS '68. During his high school years, he was president of the Key Club and a member of the National Honor Society. He attended Baylor University from which he received a BA degree in 1969, and Baylor College of Medicine from which he received an M.D. in 1973.

He was a resident in Internal Medicine at the Baylor Affiliated Hospitals in the Texas Medical Center, Houston, Texas. He subsequently did fellowship training in Allergy and Clinical Immunology at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland; and in Pulmonary Medicine at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Allergy and Clinical Immunology, Pulmonary Medicine and in Critical Care Medicine. In 1981, he became physician and senior investigator in the Critical Care Medicine Department, Clinical Center, and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Since 1989, he has been Deputy Chief of the Critical Care Medicine Department, Clinical Center, NIH.

He has been active in clinical and bench research and has published over 200 peer reviewed papers, reviews and book chapters. He has trained both clinical and research fellows who are active in medicine in this country as well as internationally. He is an editor of two books. In recognition of his contributions, he has been named membership in the American Society of Clinical Investigation and in the Association of American Physicians. His contributions to medical education, patient care and research has been recognized by awards including: the NIH Director's Award, NIH Clinical Center Director's Award, NIH Clinical Center Distinguished Clinical Educator Award and the Public Health Service Outstanding Service Medal. He is a member of Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church and lives in Kensington, Maryland with his wife Ruth. His daughter, Claire, is a student at Davidson College.