



# Harvey Goldman, M.D.

## Biography



Harvey Goldman, M.D. was professor of pathology at Harvard Medical School, Vice Chair of the Department of Pathology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, an international authority in gastrointestinal pathology, and a longstanding leader and educator on behalf of USCAP. He was born on May 25, 1932 in Philadelphia, PA and died in Boston, MA on April 6, 2009.

Dr. Goldman received an A.B. degree in mathematics from Temple University in 1953 and his M.D. from Temple University School of Medicine in 1957. After undertaking a rotating internship at Philadelphia General Hospital, he did his residency in pathology at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. In 1964, after serving for two years as a pathologist at the US Naval Hospital in Great Lakes, MI, he returned to Boston, Beth Israel Hospital and Harvard Medical School, where over the subsequent 45 years he developed a stellar career as an educator, clinical investigator, administrator, and mentor.

During his career, Dr. Goldman held several major hospital leadership positions. In 1989, he left Beth Israel Hospital to become Chairman of the Department of Pathology at both the New England Deaconess Hospital and the New England Baptist Hospital in Boston, positions he held until 1996 when Beth Israel and the New England Deaconess Hospitals merged to become Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. At the newly-formed Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, he served as senior pathologist and Vice Chairman of the Department of Pathology until his death. Concurrently during this era, his recognized expertise in GI pathology resulted in busy and productive appointments as a consultant at several other Boston institutions including Children's Hospital, Brigham and Women's Hospital, and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

Perhaps even more than being recognized for his expertise as a pathologist, Dr. Goldman was revered as an educator. His love of teaching and dedication to medical education led him to successfully undertake teaching and leadership roles at Harvard Medical School, Beth Israel Hospital/ Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and at the national and international levels. At Harvard Medical School, he taught in the basic pathology course and in the GI pathophysiology block as well as in cardiovascular, renal, and respiratory pathophysiology courses. For 14 years, he was the pathology coordinator for a highly popular elective pathology course for third- and fourth-year medical students. He served as chairman of the Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology Human Pathology Course from 1971 until 1988, and supervised the elective pathology clerkship at Beth Israel Hospital for 18 years. He served a five-year term as faculty dean for medical education (1988-1993) at Harvard Medical School during which time he helped convert the preclinical curriculum from a lecture-based to a small group, tutorial-based interactive format (the "new pathway" at Harvard Medical School). He was one of the most popular educators at Harvard Medical School, receiving multiple medical student teaching awards between 1970 and 2006, and culminating in his being awarded the Special Faculty Prize for Sustained Excellence in Teaching in 2007. He was also a dedicated and beloved teacher of scores of pathology residents and fellows. At Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, he was the first faculty member to receive the Resident Teaching Award in Anatomic Pathology (in 2001) and he was also selected that year for the S. Robert Stone Honorary Teaching Award, a yearly prize given to an outstanding clinician-educator at the medical center.

Dr. Goldman's interests in teaching also extended to the postgraduate level. Perhaps those outside of his department will remember him best for his many contributions to USCAP. For most of his professional career, he was a tireless advocate for the Academy. He served on virtually all of its committees, was Chairman of the Education Committee, a member of the governing council, led courses (his gastrointestinal mucosal biopsy course ran, by popular demand, for more than 10 years), and he served as President of USCAP (1999-2000). At the time of his death, he was enthusiastically anticipating a role as one of three faculty members at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center to teach a new short course comparing clinical and pathological findings in pediatric and adult patients with a variety

of inflammatory/immunologic conditions such as celiac disease and inflammatory bowel disease. At a time when many would have been satisfied to simply coast on 40-plus years of achievements, he remained fully committed to education in our specialty. His many contributions to USCAP were recognized by his being given both the F.K. Mostofi Distinguished Service Award (1995) and the Distinguished Pathologist Award (2006).

Dr. Goldman's special talents as an educator were also recognized by his invitations to serve as a visiting professor, lecturer, or course director at numerous institutions and professional society meetings throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe as well as forays in Israel, Argentina, and the Far East. He was a founding member of the Gastrointestinal Pathology Society (now the Roger Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society) and served as its President from 1982-1983. He was also active in the New England Society of Pathologists (President, 1992-1993), the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation, and the International Academy of Pathology (North American vice president).

Harvey Goldman was a pioneer in advancing the study and interpretation of gastrointestinal mucosal biopsy specimens and correlating the findings with clinical and imaging data. His studies, often in collaboration with other pathologists and physicians in other specialties (especially gastroenterologists, surgeons, and radiologists) resulted in major advances in our understanding of reflux esophagitis, allergic gastrointestinal disorders, inflammatory bowel disease and Barrett's esophagus (including the elucidation of histologic criteria for identifying dysplasia in both inflammatory bowel disease and Barrett's esophagus). In addition to publishing seminal articles on these subjects, he found time to co-edit two editions of a major textbook on GI pathology and to publish a monograph on GI mucosal biopsies. His two-part paper on the usefulness of GI mucosal biopsies, published in *Human Pathology* in 1982, remains a landmark review that is still widely referenced.

There was a personal side to Harvey Goldman that was equally, or even more, important than his professional achievements. He was devoted to his family and always found time to share their lives. He was well known as a serious fan and long-time season ticket holder of the Boston Red Sox. He combined his love of baseball with his love of reading, bringing a book to every Red Sox game, reading between innings and even during protracted innings. Ironically, he died on what was scheduled to be opening day of the 2009 Red Sox season.

Harvey Goldman was a giant in the field of pathology and a giant of a person. It is so fitting, therefore, that he will be remembered and honored in perpetuity through the USCAP Harvey Goldman Master Teacher Award.

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