

Frank C. Snope, MD, Emeritus Professor and Founding Chair of the department was one of the seminal leaders in the national family medicine movement of the 1960's and 70's. A New Jersey native he was graduated from Rutgers University and the New York University School of Medicine. After a rotating internship at Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, New Jersey, he completed his residency training at one of the nation's first family medicine programs at our affiliate, Hunterdon Medical Center, in Flemington, New Jersey. Between 1960 and 1969 he practiced family medicine in rural Lebanon, New Jersey. He served on the faculty of the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center (Pennsylvania State University) under Thomas Leaman, MD, before being asked to found the department in 1973. As the department's first chair, he recruited some of the key faculty who have been national leaders in family medicine, and created a formal network of affiliated residency programs throughout central New Jersey. This Network is now one of the oldest residency networks in the country. Along with faculty, he pioneered the use of community preceptors for undergraduate medical education, and started a quality assurance program using videotaped patient doctor encounters with trained patient actors, a program that foreshadowed today's widely used Objective Standardized Clinical Examinations by more than thirty years. He lives with his wife, Betsy, in a complete care retirement community for senior adults in Burlington County, New Jersey.