



2022 Lifetime Achievement Award Edward B. Herzig MD, FACP, MACR



Edward B. Herzig MD, FACP, MACR combined 38 years in the clinical practice of rheumatology with research, mentoring, and public service. He was a founder of the Internists of Fairfield, Ohio, a multispecialty practice, and the Cincinnati Rheumatic Disease Study Group. Dr. Herzig was a Professor of Medicine, Voluntary Faculty, of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, his alma mater.

Dr. Herzig received his B.A from Western Reserve University and his M.D. from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He served his internship and first year residency at Boston City Hospital. As a Berry Plan inductee, he was Chief of Hospital Services at USAF Hospital Tainan, Taiwan and General Medical Officer at Kelly AFB, Texas. Dr. Herzig returned to his hometown of Cincinnati to finish training as a Senior Resident and then Fellow in Rheumatology/Immunology at University of Cincinnati Hospital. His Rheumatology Fellowship was guided by Dr. Evelyn V. Hess and Dr. Jerome Herman. He then served as a Chief Medical Resident and Instructor in Medicine for his final year at the University. He has published more than 25 papers, abstracts, and clinical studies.

Dr. Herzig was affiliated with Mercy Hospital Fairfield and was Chief of Staff in 1984. When the Internists of Fairfield joined Mercy Health (now Bon Secours Mercy Health), Dr. Herzig was appointed Chair of the Board of Mercy Health Physicians. He was recognized as a Physician of High Distinction by the physicians of Mercy Hospital Fairfield.

He became active in the American College of Rheumatology as a member of several committees as well as the Chair of RheumPAC. He then served on the Board of Directors. He also was a member of the former Ohio Rheumatism Association. He joined the Ohio Association of Rheumatology and was a member of the Board of Trustees 2008-2010. He remains active as a member of the ACR serving on COIN's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion sub-committee. He was honored to become a Master of the ACR.

Dr. Herzig was President of Rockdale Temple (K.K. Bene Israel), 1997-1999. For six years, he was team physician for Wyoming High School. He also served his community of Wyoming, Ohio, as a member of the Strategic Planning committee and the Economic Development Committee. In retirement, he became a Court Appointed Special Advocate for ProKids Cincinnati and a Docent of the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. He was appointed to the Cincinnati Board

of Health and became its Chair in 2019. Dr. Herzig is also a member of the Hamilton County, Ohio Tax Levy Review Committee.

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