Distinguished Alumnus Award Recipient

Samuel Hellman, MD, Class of 1959

Dr. Hellman is the A.N. Pritzker Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Radiation and Cellular Oncology at the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois.

Best known for his expertise in radiation oncology, Dr. Hellman has served as Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine, and Vice President for the Medical Center from July 1988 to June 1993. He was Physician-in-Chief of the Memorial Sloan Kettering Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases from 1983-1988. He concurrently held the Benno C. Schmidt Chair in Clinical Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. In addition, Dr. Hellman was Professor of Radiation Oncology at Cornell University Medical College from 1984-1988. Before joining Sloan-Kettering, Dr. Hellman served as Chairman of the Department of Radiation Therapy at the Harvard Medical School where he was the Alvin T. and Viola D. Fuller American Cancer Society Professor. He was Director of the Joint Center for Radiation Therapy at the Harvard Medical School. During the same period, he served simultaneously as chief or director of radiation therapy at a number of major hospitals in Boston. Dr. Hellman has been active in both clinical and laboratory investigation. He has been involved in studies of breast cancer, prostate cancer and lymphoma.

He is the author or co-author of some 262 scientific articles in his field and co-editor of the standard textbook on cancer, Cancer: Principles and Practice of Oncology. Dr. Hellman is a Fellow of the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received the 1980 Richard and Hinda Rosenthal Foundation Award for Clinical Research of the American Association of Cancer Research and is the recipient of the gold medals of both the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology and the del Regato Foundation. Dr. Hellman is also the recipient of the American Society of Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology Centennial Hartman Orator Medal and the Claudius Regaud Medal of the European Society for Therapeutic Radiology and Oncology.