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HENRY TRAVERS, MD, FACP, FCAP

A native of South Carolina, Dr. Henry (Pete) Travers has retired from an active practice in pathology at Physicians Laboratory, Ltd., Sioux Falls, South Dakota in 2013. As a clinical professor of pathology at the University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, he is involved in small group teaching sessions as well as teaching physical diagnosis. He serves as the historian for the South Dakota State Medical Association and is Secretary-Treasurer of the World Pathology Foundation.

Dr. Travers received his undergraduate degree in chemistry from Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida where he did research work on tris(ethylenediamine) cobalt compounds under the direction of Professor Richard Neithamer. He received his MD degree from the **Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine** in Hershey, Pennsylvania in 1971. During his undergraduate medical training, his research involved the cardiac conduction system and endocrine influences on the development of the lung. A rotating internship (major medicine) was followed by residency in pathology at the **Naval Regional Medical Center** in Portsmouth, Virginia. His research in the Navy involved reinfection rubella. Thereafter he was the chief of the Clinical Pathology Branch of the Naval Regional Medical Center for 3 years.

Dr. Travers taught at the **Eastern Virginia Medical School** (instructor and assistant professor) and the **University of Kansas** where he was **professor and chairman of the Department of Pathology** at the Wichita Campus. While in Kansas, he was president of the **Kansas Society of Pathologists** and the **Group for Research in Pathology Education**. During this time and following years his research interests included placental disorders, human papillomavirus epidemiology in cervical cancer and mysteries in medical history.

Dr. Travers served in the Middle East as Laboratory Director for **Fleet Hospital Six** during the **Desert Shield/Storm** conflict. He has been a **governor of the College of American Pathologists** and served on numerous committees for the College. He received the **Frank Hartmann** award from the College. He chaired committees on Medical Practice and Education for the **South Dakota State Medical Association**. Internationally, he has been a director, Secretary-Treasurer and President of the **World**



Association of Societies of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. He is the recipient of the **Gold Headed Cane** award from that organization. He served on the **Board of COLA**, a laboratory accrediting organization, for five years. Dr. Travers is currently the secretary-treasurer of the **World Pathology Foundation** which provides Gordon Signy Fellowships to young pathologists around the world for further study abroad. He is an emeritus fellow of the **American College of Physicians**, an emeritus fellow of the **College of American Pathologists**, **President of the South Dakota Society of Pathologists**, and an emeritus member of the **American Medical Association**. In 2015, he was elected to membership in the **American Osler Society** and serves on the publications committee and the board of governors.

Since retiring, Dr. Travers has published a number of articles about historic events in medicine and articles focused on the humanities in medicine. He has presented historical papers about William Osler, the Sioux Falls typhoid epidemic of 1885 and historical medical considerations regarding the assassination of president James Garfield to the American Osler Society.

Dr. Travers and his wife, Sally, make their home in Sioux Falls and together have six children, five grown sons and one grown daughter.