



Harold M. Mauer, M.D, Excellence in Resident Education Faculty Teaching Award donated by Dr. Mauer. The description of how the award came about is described in detail below.

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In the Spring of 1957, my cousin visited Germany and purchased at my request a microscope for my use in medical school at State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn, New York. At that time, every medical student had to purchase their own microscope for use in pathology, histology, hematology, CSF analysis and urinalysis. My cousin purchased this Leltz Labolux, which together with Zeiss were the best two microscopes in the world.

I used this microscope during my pediatric residency at Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, New York and Bables Hospital, Columbia-Presbyterian Medical center, New York City. I also used it during my hematology-oncology fellowship at Bables Hospital.

After my training, I joined the pediatric faculty in the division of pediatric hematology-oncology at the Medical College of Virginia and used the microscope extensively during my 25-year tenure there, including 17 years as Chair of the Department of Pediatrics. I read all my bone marrow aspirates and peripheral blood smears myself and looked at all the CSF's I collected from my lumbar puncture procedures.

I brought this microscope with me when I became Dean of the College of Medicine at UNMC in 1993.

This microscope is in its original wooden case with the block that protect the stage, as well as, literature and lens holders. I hope it brings great vision and perspective to all who hold it in the future as it has done for me.