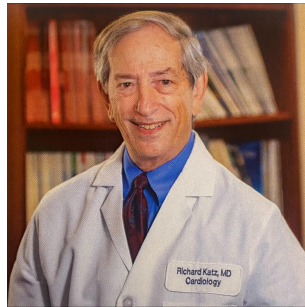


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Tribute to Dr. Richard Katz



After 45 years at the George Washington University, as of June 30th, 2024, Dr. Richard Katz, Bloedorn Professor of Cardiology, will be retiring from the George Washington University School of Medicine and the Division of Cardiology in the GW Medical Faculty Associates. Starting in July he will continue on as Emeritus Professor.

Dr. Katz joined the GW cardiology faculty as Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Echocardiography July 1, 1979 along with new faculty Drs. Alan Wasserman and Jacob Varghese. In addition to being a master teacher and highly regarded clinician, Dr. Katz progressed to full professor conducting numerous research studies evaluating nitroglycerin tolerance, diabetes and coronary artery disease, advances in nuclear cardiology, utilization of mobile health for diabetes-hypertension-and heart failure, integration of community health workers in the treatment of heart failure, and as a co-investigator in many national multicenter clinical trials. His resume includes over 175 publications and 200 abstracts. In 1991 Dr. Katz was granted a 6 month research sabbatical receiving an honorary appointment as a visiting professor to both the Royal Brompton National Heart and Lung Hospital and the Hammersmith Hospital in London England. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and served as governor for the District of Columbia from 1997-2000.

In 1997 Dr. Katz was named Director of the Division of Cardiology and the Bloedorn Professor of Cardiology. He served in that position for 24 years expanding the GW cardiology faculty which has achieved a national reputation. Starting in 2001, Dr. Katz became the first director of the George Washington University Heart and Vascular Institute. Working with the GW cardiology faculty, he helped raise funds and promoted and participated in numerous educational, research, and community service projects. In addition, he served on the Board of Directors for Larry King Cardiac Foundation and on the editorial boards of *Cardiology Review* and the *British Journal of Cardiology*. Over his long career as an educator, Dr. Katz trained 135 general cardiology fellows in addition to teaching and mentoring numerous GW medical students and medical residents. He also had a joint appointment as Professor of Emergency Medicine teaching emergency medicine faculty and trainees. Dr. Katz was elected to the GW AOA Honor Society, and given the Physician Community Service award by the Washington DC chapter of the American Society of Internal Medicine.

As Emeritus Professor, Dr. Katz will stay engaged in medicine continuing to teach GW medical students and cardiology fellows. He will continue on the faculty and the advisory board of the GW Culinary Medicine Institute and teach heart healthy nutrition to community, undergraduates, medical students, and cardiology fellows in the GW Culinary Medicine Seva Teaching Kitchen. He will also continue his commitment to the Washington DC medical community mentoring GW medical students and cardiology fellows in hypertension screening events at DC regional churches, community centers and farmer's markets plus engaging DC high school students in helping patients control high blood pressure.





Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Katz, Dr. Jacob Varghese, Dr. Alan Ross and Dr. Alan Wasserman

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