



ASHI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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How long have you been an ASHI member? 20 years

When was your first ASHI Meeting? I believe my first ASHI meeting was in San Antonio, about twenty years ago. I remember putting "faces" with names of those I had been in contact with.

What made you decide to work in HLA? I am trained as an Immunologist and Rheumatologist. Early in my career I performed bone marrow transplants for patients with severe immune abnormalities. I was asked to manage lupus-patients regarding their renal transplants. I was part of the cardiac transplant team. During this time, I worked with the HLA laboratory team, as I was performing donor selection. Since I am also a molecular biologist, in the early 1990s, I was helping to develop molecular techniques for HLA typing.

What do you find to be the most rewarding aspect of your work? One of the most rewarding experiences is helping patients do well.

Fun fact: I like music. I play a mountain dulcimer... I wished I could play it well.