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Dr. Alan G. Wasserman is the Eugene Meyer Professor of Medicine and the Chairman of the Department of Medicine at The George Washington University Medical Center, a position he has held since 1997. From 2000 to 2016, he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of The George Washington University Medical Faculty Associates, which comprises the University's full-time clinical faculty.

Dr. Wasserman is a Master of the American College of Physicians and Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. In 2008, he was awarded the John F. Maher Memorial Laureate Award which honors select Fellows and Masters of the ACP in the DC Chapter who have "shown by their lives and conduct an abiding commitment to excellence in medical care and service to the College."

His clinical and research activities have comprised many areas of cardiology including cardiac imaging, ischemic heart disease, and preventive cardiology. His current research interest involves the early diagnosis, prognosis, and treatment of patients with coronary artery disease.

Dr. Wasserman is a graduate of Hahnemann Medical College. He completed his fellowship in cardiology at The George Washington University Medical Center. After completing an extra year devoted to research in the then new field of nuclear cardiology, he returned to The George Washington University Medical Center where he joined the faculty and established the first nuclear cardiology laboratory in the Washington, DC area.

For the next five years, he devoted his research efforts to exploring the use of nuclear imaging in the diagnosis and prognosis of coronary artery disease. His lead article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* regarding the low specificity of exercise nuclear ventriculography for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease (better known as MUGA imaging) resulted in a major change in practice habits in the United States and led to the prominence of perfusion imaging as the main diagnostic procedure.

In the mid-80's, he retrained as an Invasive Cardiologist and spent the next 15 years studying the use of thrombolytic drugs and then angioplasty in treatment of acute myocardial infarction as a TIMI investigator. His early work with the use of intracoronary streptokinase followed by being one of the first investigators to use t-PA led to over a hundred papers, abstracts, and book chapters over the next decade. Dr. Wasserman was the Co-director of the of the largest world-wide symposiums held for 25 years prior to the American Heart Association Annual Scientific Session entitled, "Thrombolysis and Interventional

Therapy in Acute Myocardial Infarction.” Every landmark study in the field of acute myocardial infarction over this time frame was presented at these meetings, most for the very first time.

While on faculty at The George Washington University, Dr. Wasserman has been the Co-director of the Cardiology Fellowship Training Program (1982-1993, Director of the Non-Invasive Laboratory (1985-1997, and Director of the Division of Cardiology (1994-1997). He has been a member of and/or chaired dozens of department, MFA, George Washington University Hospital and GW School of Medicine and Health Sciences committees (for example; Research, Risk Management, Credentialing, Bylaws, Compliance, Patient Education), and has served on the Faculty Senate and as Chief Medical Officer. He has been the Co-director of the MKSAP and board review courses for the ACP, as well as many other educational symposiums and he has served on many local and national committees.