A Brief & Necessarily Incomplete Overview of Blood Transfusion Throughout the Ages

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Dr. McCarthy was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and received his undergraduate and medical degrees from the University of Nebraska. He is a 1964 graduate of the UNMC College of Medicine. After completing an internship in California, he served two years in the U.S. Navy and one year in the U.S. Marines as a field surgeon in Vietnam.

Dr. McCarthy completed his residency training in pathology at Stanford University and achieved board certification in anatomical and clinical pathology with special competency in hematology and blood banking.

He joined the faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1971, where he became professor of pathology, medicine, and pediatrics. He also was director of the Division of Transfusion Medicine for decades. He retired from the faculty after 32 years and now holds the rank of Professor emeritus.

Dr. McCarthy has authored more than 300 publications and has presented at numerous national and international meetings. He also is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians both of Edinburgh and Ireland and has received many honors and awards for his scientific, scholarly, and professional service. In 2002, he received the John Elliott Memorial Award for his outstanding service to the American Association of Blood Banks (AABB); was the recipient of the Victor H. Muller Award from the Indiana State Association of Blood Banks (ISABB); and in 2003 was recognized as a Sagamore of the Wabash for his service to the state of Indiana. A philanthropist whose gifts have benefitted education, Dr. McCarthy has a passion for the history of medicine and insuring that our vision of the future is informed by the lessons of the past.
Richard B. Davis, M.D., Ph.D., professor emeritus of Internal Medicine at the University of Nebraska Medical Center was born in Iowa City, Iowa. He received an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Yale University in 1949, following U.S. military service in 1945-1946. Dr. Davis received his M.D. from the University of Iowa in 1953 and completed residencies in Internal Medicine in Burlington, VT and at the University of Minnesota. He received a doctorate from the University of Minnesota in 1964. From 1964-1965, Dr. Davis served as Visiting Investigator at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology and at the M.R.C Blood Coagulation Research Unit, both in Oxford, England.

Dr. Davis came to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in 1969 as Associate Professor of Medicine. He served as Director of the Special Coagulation Laboratory from 1970-1987 and as Acting Director of the Division of Hematology from 1974-1976. Dr. Davis was appointed Director of the Division of Hematology from 1976-1979 and as Head, Section of Hematology, Department of Internal Medicine from 1979-1982. He served as Director of the Nebraska Regional Hemophilia Center from 1983-1986. Richard B. Davis retired from UNMC in 1994.

Dr. Davis published over 90 articles on hematology, with later publications focusing on the science of hematology throughout the ages. His interest in the history of medicine led him to establish the Richard B. Davis, M.D., Ph.D., History of Medicine Lectureship at the UNMC McGooogan Library of Medicine, in 2008.