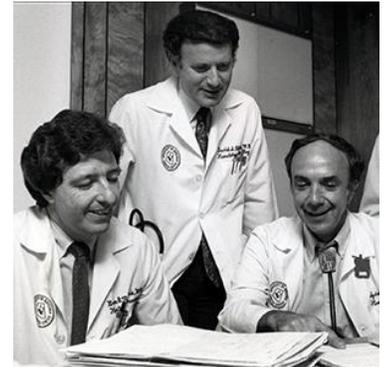


About David S. Alberts, MD



Dr. Alberts is a Regents Professor of Medicine, Pharmacology, Nutritional Science, Public Health and BIO5 at The University of Arizona College of Medicine, and Director Emeritus of the Arizona Cancer Center. Dr. Alberts was instrumental in the founding of the Arizona Cancer Center in 1976 and in building the Cancer Prevention and Control Program into one of the top programs in the United States. A brief history of his career shows dedication to patients, identification of new effective treatments for cancer, and for conducting research in preventing cancer. He has been an inspiring mentor and colleague.

Clinically, Dr. Alberts pioneered new treatments for advanced ovarian cancers, including in vitro tumor cell chemosensitivity testing for personalized medicine strategies, intraperitoneal chemotherapy, maintenance chemotherapy. More recently, he helped initiate a dietary and physical activity intervention (i.e. the LIVES trial) to prevent disease recurrence. His laboratory research concentrated on the evaluation of new endpoint biomarkers for cancer prevention trials with a special focus on precursor lesions for bladder, breast, colon, cervical, endometrial, ovarian, prostate, and skin cancers, using quantitative histopathology (i.e. karyometric) approaches. His NCI funded drug and diagnostics research resulted in 18 patents and the co-founding of four Arizona pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.



During his career, Dr. Alberts also served as an advisor to numerous cancer research foundations and committees including Chair of the Oncologic Drug Advisory Committee to the FDA (1984-1986), and National Cancer Institute's Board of Counselors to the Division of Cancer Prevention (1990-1994), the Board of Scientific Advisors (1999-2006), and he Clinical Translational Advisory Committee (2006-2009).

Dr. Alberts authored or co-authored over 540 peer reviewed publications, 100 book chapters and 60 invited articles, and Editor and Co-Editor of nine books. He served on the editorial boards of peer-reviewed scientific journals including Associate Editor for Cancer Research from 1989-2002 and Co-Editor-in-Chief of Cancer Epidemiology, Biomarkers & Prevention from 2002 and 2008.



He was acknowledged as an outstanding clinical and cancer prevention researcher. In 2003, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) recognized his contributions to cancer clinical care with the Joseph H. Burchenal Clinical Research Award; in 2004, the American Society for Preventive Oncology gave him its Distinguished Career Award for research excellence and the AACR awarded Dr. Alberts with its Cancer Research and Prevention Foundation Award for Excellence in Cancer Prevention Research Worldwide. In 2014, he was honored by the American Association for Cancer Research with its Pioneer in Cancer Prevention Award.

As a component of Dr. Alberts' responsibility for leading the UACC's Cancer Prevention and Control Program in the late 1980s, he and senior members of the cancer center became intensely interested in primary skin cancer prevention. They successfully competed for a National Cancer Institute Program Project Grant that has been continuously funded for the past 36 years. As a clinician and a scientist, he saw the impact that skin cancer, including melanoma, had for our communities. He envisioned a center at the University of Arizona that would bring together clinicians, lab scientists, behavioral researchers, and educators to address the increasing incidence of all forms of skin cancer. His dream, along with the efforts of other Arizona faculty, led to the founding of the UACC Skin Cancer Institute in April 2007 with its mission to prevent and cure skin cancer.