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In Memoriam: Gary J. Miller, M.D., Ph.D. (1950–2001)

Gary J. Miller, Professor in the Department of Pathology at the School of Medicine of the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, died suddenly while jogging on the evening of May 25, 2001. Professor Miller received his undergraduate, graduate, and medical degrees at the State University of New York, Buffalo. He began his pathology residency training at Buffalo and completed his final training in pathology at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center. Dr. Miller joined our faculty in 1979, rising to the rank of tenured professor of pathology in 1993. He also held a secondary appointment in the Department of Surgery in the Division of Urology, and was Director of Urologic Cancer Research at the University of Colorado Cancer Center. He was the Chair of the NIH Pathology B Study Section and belonged to several medical and research societies. Dr. Miller was recently elected a member of the prestigious American Association of University Pathologists and was on the editorial boards of several distinguished journals.

Professor Miller was recognized as one of the outstanding prostate cancer researchers in the world and was a brilliant diagnostician in that area. He described the presence of vitamin D receptors in prostate cancer cells and their role in growth regulation of that cancer, which resulted in recent clinical trials using that phenomenon. Recently his laboratory found that certain *HOX* genes are inappropriately expressed in prostatic cancer. He also pioneered the use of computer-assisted three-dimensional reconstruction to understand the natural history of prostate cancer and modeling of biopsy techniques. He was invited to lecture world-wide on prostate cancer, his field of expertise. Dr. Miller has published over 150 research papers and book chapters. Dr. Miller will be sorely missed by his family (his wife Heidi, and sons Jason and Corey) as well as his colleagues and friends.

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