

Effie W. Petersdorf Biography

Effie Wang Petersdorf, M.D. is Member, Clinical Research Division, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center; Professor, Division of Oncology and Department of Medicine, University of Washington School of Medicine, and Attending Physician, Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. She holds the Madeline Dabney Adams Endowed Chair in AML Research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, and is Director of the Unrelated Donor Transplant Program at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance. Dr. Petersdorf earned her A.B in 1978 from Harvard University, and M.D. in 1982 from McGill University in Montreal. She completed her residency in internal medicine and fellowship in oncology at the University of Washington before joining the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in 1987. Dr. Petersdorf has devoted her research to the immunogenetics of the HLA system in transplantation. President Bill Clinton awarded her the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers in 1999. Dr. Petersdorf is the 2016 recipient of the Ceppellini award from the European Federation for Immunogenetics; the 2018 Hilliard Festenstein Lecturer of the British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, and the 2019 recipient of the Rose Payne Award from the American Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics. She is past president of the World Marrow Donor Association and the American Society for Blood and Marrow Transplantation.