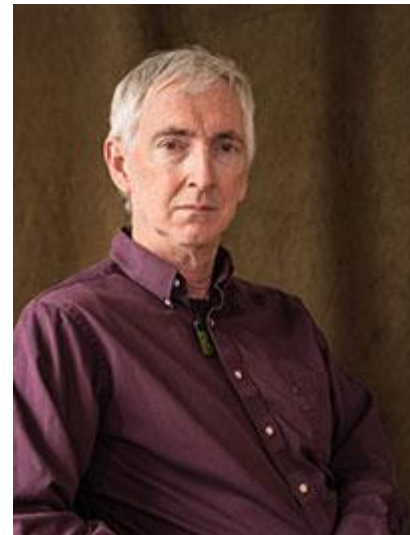


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Retirement Note

Following about 2 decades in clinical medicine and now 20 years at the Merck Manuals—15 as editor-in-chief—I'll be retiring at the end of July, just before my 68th birthday. This may strike some of you as early (and by comparison to some of you, it may be), but it is the right time for me. I'll be spending more time with my airplane and my photography and also pestering my family and friends with long-postponed visits.

I don't think anyone can leave a job that they love without some sadness, and I will miss working with each of you and all my colleagues at the Manuals but it is a good time for someone new and a little bit closer to the current crop of students and trainees to take over The Manuals. I want to express my gratitude and thanks to all of you who have worked hard over the years to ensure that The Manuals have been such a wonderful success. In an era abounding with misinformation, it has never been more important to make accurate, reliable, clear, concise medical information widely available. I am proud of all that you have done in service of this goal and trust that you will continue to support The Manuals under the next editor-in-chief. Thank you.



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The Merck Manuals Highlights: You!

Our distinguished authors and editors are critical to our mission to provide quality trusted medical information to the medical community and the community at large, and we want to make sure our authors' expertise is represented well on our website. Highlighting the expertise of our authors also helps to increase the reach of The Manual, raising our ranking in Google search results and increasing the number of people who will find our information.

Toward that end, we are putting together "author bio pages" to publish on our website. Each bio page follows a set format and includes a headshot and information on your areas of expertise; education and training; certifications; select awards, achievements, and publications; and your Merck Manuals chapters and any expert commentaries you've written for us. We have gleaned information about each of you from various other websites, and over the next several weeks, we will send you a draft of your bio page to review. When you receive it, please review the information and reply back promptly with your approval or any needed edits.



The Manuals Announces a New Collaboration With Microsoft Teams

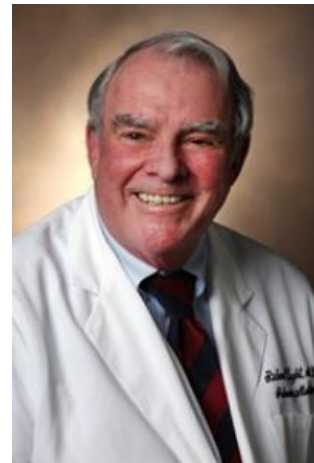
We are pleased to announce that the professional content of The Manual is now available within Microsoft Teams. Teams offers chat, videoconferencing, and file storage tools. Teams users can customize the tool with numerous apps to make their work easier. Now The Merck Manuals is one of those apps. The free app, which can be acquired on Microsoft AppSource, is available in English for people in the United States and Canada. Having The Manual within Microsoft Teams allows users to share medical knowledge seamlessly during online meetings and chats. We are excited about this new collaboration and are looking forward to introducing more users to the wealth of credible medical information The Manuals has available.

Dr. Raul Artal-Mittelmark: A Difficult Start Led to a Life's Work

Dr. Raul Artal-Mittelmark, author of our Normal Pregnancy, Normal Labor and Delivery, and High-Risk Pregnancy chapters was born in a Nazi concentration camp in Eastern Europe. Dr. Artal-Mittelmark was a breech delivery, and fortunately, he landed on his feet. In an interview with "St. Louis on the Air," a program of St. Louis Public Radio, Dr. Artal-Mittelmark described how the timely intervention of a physician during his birth saved his life and that of his mother and led to his life's work in obstetrics, especially in caring for patients with high-risk pregnancies.

In Memoriam: Richard W. Light

We are saddened to share the news that our author, Richard W. Light, MD, unexpectedly passed away in May 2021, after a fall. Dr. Light was author of our chapter "Mediastinal and Pleural Disorders." His research as a medical resident led to the pulmonary diagnostic tool Light's criteria. We are grateful for the expertise Dr. Light shared with The Manuals and for his contributions to science and medicine.



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