

Duncan Clark Awardee

William H. Barker, MD, FRCP

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William Barker is Professor Emeritus of Community and Preventive Medicine at University of Rochester School of Medicine & Dentistry. Dr. Barker received his MD from Johns Hopkins University in 1966 and completed both internal medicine and preventive medicine residencies at the University of Maryland. He spent five years with the Epidemiology Program at CDC, two as EIS Officer, two as head of the Enteric Disease Branch, and one year on assignment with the Director's office. In 1971 he received the Alexander Langmuir EIS prize manuscript award. For 25 years he has been an adjunct senior investigator at the Kaiser Center for Health Research. Between 1988 and 1992 he served as a leader of the nationwide Medicare Influenza Vaccine Demonstration, which led to Medicare payment for annual flu shots. In 1998, he was made an honorary member of the Edinburgh royal College of Physicians to recognize his research and service in the field of aging.



Dr. Barker joined ATPM in the early 1970s during his preventive medicine residency and has served two terms on the ATPM Board of Directors, five years on the Executive Committee and was President from 1998 to 2000. His leadership in ATPM led him to develop ties between the ATPM and CDC, between CDC and the University of Rochester School of Medicine, and between ATPM and the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC). Dr. Barker also served two terms on the Board of Directors of the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine (AJPM)* and was Chairman of the Kellogg funded Preventive Medicine Curriculum Development Project in the 1970s. Dr. Barker served as Chairman of the Professional Advisory Committee for the *Teaching Immunization for Medical Education Project (TIME)*, for which he played a key role in its conception and convinced the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund. In 1991, Dr. Barker received the ATPM Special Recognition Award in appreciation for his twelve years as Editor of the ATPM Newsletter.