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ALLAN SMITH CUNNINGHAM, MD is a board certified pediatrician in Cooperstown NY.

Born in Chicago, Illinois 1942. Graduated from Appleton, Wisconsin High School 1958. Married Linda Hall 1964. Five children, 6 grandchildren.

B.A. (History) Yale University

1962

M.D.

Case Western Reserve University 1966

Rotating Intern. Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital, Cooperstown NY 1966 to

1967

Field Health Officer, Director. U.S. Public Health

Service Indian Hospital, Sisseton SD 1967 to

1969

Resident in Pediatrics. University of
Attending

Oregon Medical School, Portland OR 1969 to 1971

Pediatrician. Bassett Hospital 1971 to

1993

Program Chairman. LaLeche
Associate

League Physician Seminar 1993 to 1995

Professor of Pediatrics. SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse NY 1995 to 2007

Selected distinctions: NCAA All-American Swimming Team 1961...Award of Appreciation from the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux Tribe 1969....Certified in Pediatrics 1972. Recertified 1996....Editorial Board, The Journal of Pediatrics 1986 to 1993....Member, American Board of Pediatrics 1994 to 1999..... Professional Advisory Board, La Leche League International

Career summary: For 40 years I did general pediatrics in hospitals and outpatient clinics. Stimulated primarily by my clinical experience, I published many original articles on a wide variety of medical subjects. My most important publications pertain to the epidemiology of infant feeding. They were important in raising awareness of the importance of breastfeeding, even in developed nations, and of the morbidity associated with infant formula feeding.

Over the years I became keenly aware of the problem of the medical overtreatment of children, and of untoward commercial influences on pediatric practice. In retirement I continue to keep up with medical advances and medical foolishness. My longstanding interest in public health includes advocacy for vaccinating children. However, in the last 15 years I have become aware of excessive vaccine promotion and of the non-humanitarian motives driving the immunization program.