

# NASA JOHNSON SPACE CENTER ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

## BIOGRAPHICAL DATA SHEET

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**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

B.A., University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 1951

M.D., University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, 1955

M.S. in Preventive Medicine, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1961

**MILITARY EXPERIENCE:** United States Air Force (USAF), 1956-1958, rank unknown

**PRE-NASA CAREER:**

Aviation Medical Examiner/ Flight Surgeon, USAF (1956-1958)

Private General Practice, Wheatridge, Colorado (1958-1959)

Resident, Aviation Medicine, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio (1959-1961)

Chief Resident, Aviation Medicine, The Lovelace Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Albuquerque, New Mexico (1961-1962)

**NASA CAREER:**

NASA Manned Spacecraft Center, Houston, Texas

Acting Assistant Chief, Center Medical Operations Office (1962-1963)

Associate Chief, Center Medical Operations Office (1963-1964)

Assistant to the Chief, Center Medical Programs (1964-1965)

Chief, Flight Medicine Branch, Center Medical Office (1965-1966)

Deputy Director, Medical Research and Operations Directorate (1966-1971)

**POST-NASA CAREER:**

Member, Air Traffic Controller Career Committee, US Department of Transportation (1969-1970)

President, Aerospace Medical Consulting, (1971-1976)

President, Airport Medical Associates, (1976-1983)

Staff Physician, Kelsey-Seybold Clinics, Houston, Texas (1983-Present)

**PROFESSIONAL & HONORARY SOCIETIES:**

- American Medical Association
- Aerospace Medical Association
- Harris County Medical Society
- Phi Rho Sigma
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- American College of Preventive Medicine

**AWARDS & CITATIONS:**

- Melbourne W. Boynton Award, American Astronaut Society, 1971

**SELECT PUBLICATIONS:**

“Distribution of Hg203 – Labeled Mercaptomerin in Organs of Normal Rabbits”  
Proceedings of the Society for Experimental Biology and Medicine, 1955 v. 89, 204-206, with Jerry K. Aikawa and Aaron J. Blumberg.

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