



William J. Waddell, MD led the department with distinction from 1977 to 1997, and the departmental faculty and graduate programs experienced significant growth during these two decades. Dr. Waddell received both his A.B (chemistry) and his MD from the University of North Carolina. He held faculty appointments at the University of North Carolina and the University of Kentucky prior to his recruitment to the University of Louisville as Professor and Chair. Soon after his arrival, he initiated the change in Department name to Pharmacology and Toxicology in 1978. He led the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology's hosting of the first joint meeting between the Society of Toxicology (SOT) and the American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) held in Louisville August 1982. Dr. Waddell was appointed professor and chair emeritus in 1997 at the time of his retirement at the University of Louisville. A distinguished seminar series in honor of Dr. Waddell was established by the Department faculty. Dr. Waddell remains quite active as a member of scientific advisory groups and as a toxicology consultant.