



Tom Alexander earned a BA in Biology at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL where he also spent time as drum major of the marching band. Following an MS degree in microbiology from Colorado State University, Tom spent three years doing tumor and basic immunology research at the Harvard School of Public Health in Boston. He then spent a year working in a translational autoimmunity research lab at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation before moving to Akron (OH) City Hospital (later Summa Health System) as a Research Associate. While in Akron in the early 80s, Tom developed lymphocyte typing and various autoimmune assays that were also used clinically (who remembers E rosettes and immune complex assays?!). Tom also began a PhD program through the Northeast Ohio Medical University and Kent State University. During that time Tom was asked to direct the clinical diagnostic immunology lab at the hospital. He then completed his PhD through Kent State and spent more than 35 years directing the clinical immunology/special procedures laboratory at Summa Health. Following Tom's retirement from full time employment in 2019, he joined Flowmetric Life Sciences in Doylestown, PA to establish and direct a clinical laboratory for that Contract Research Organization. He has also set up a clinical immunology consulting LLC.

Tom has been Board Certified by the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology (ABMLI) since 1994 and is a Professor of Pathology at Northeast Ohio Medical University. He has served as AMLI Treasurer and President, Chair of the ABMLI, Chair of the Diagnostic Immunology Division of the American Society for Microbiology and is currently on the Board of Governors for the ASCP Board of Certification. While on that board, and with the support of many ABMLI Diplomates, Tom proposed that ASCP develop a doctoral level board certification examination to replace the ABMLI certification which had been sunsetted by the ASM. ASCP agreed to develop that examination and has formed a committee, which Tom chairs, that includes several AMLI members. Tom has published 50 papers, chapters and editorials and has delivered more than 75 national/international oral meeting presentations. He is the Editor in Chief of *LabQ*, previously was an editor of *Clinical and Vaccine Immunology*, and is currently on the editorial boards of *Infectious Disease in Clinical Practice* and *Laboratory Medicine*. In addition to the Neter Award, Tom has received the AMLI Distinguished Service Award, the ASCP's Chair Award and was selected as the Gelfand Lecturer at Ohio University.