

Brian Kotzin, M.D. completed his medical education at Stanford University and residency in internal medicine at the Beth Israel Hospital (Harvard) in Boston Massachusetts. He completed his rheumatology fellowship in the Division of Rheumatology and Immunology at Stanford University Medical Center. Dr. Kotzin joined the faculty at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver Colorado in 1981, and his academic career included concomitant faculty appointments in the Division of Basic Sciences at the National Jewish Medical and Research Center in Denver. His positions as a professor in the Departments of Medicine (Rheumatology) and Immunology included Chief of Rheumatology (VA Med Center), Head of Rheumatology at National Jewish, Henry Claman Chair and Chief of Clinical Immunology at the University of Colorado, and Director of the Denver Autoimmunity Center of Excellence. His ~25 year academic career included major commitments to patient care, research, and teaching. Interest in clinical research to develop novel therapeutics for rheumatic diseases resulted in Dr. Kotzin joining Amgen Inc. in Thousand Oaks California in 2004 as Vice President of Global Clinical Development and Head of the Inflammation Therapeutic Area. Positions at Amgen also included Vice President and Head of Medical Sciences, an integrated department comprised of Early Clinical Development, Molecular Sciences, Imaging Sciences, Clinical Immunology, and Computational Biology. During his leadership, Medical Sciences was responsible for the planning and execution of early-phase clinical development (to proof of concept) as well as the discovery and implementation of pharmacodynamic biomarkers in clinical studies at Amgen.

Dr. Kotzin's academic research work focused on two major areas relevant to the immunopathogenesis of disease. Studies in mouse models included attempts to understand the genetic basis of disease and the immunological defects central to the development of autoimmunity, as well as treatments to prevent and suppress lupus-like disease. Research studies in human immune-mediated diseases, including rheumatoid arthritis, were directed at delineating critical T cell functional defects and defining T cell recognition of antigen in these diseases. He has published extensively with over 200 publications in peer-reviewed journals. In industry, Dr. Kotzin was involved in the early-phase and late-phase development of new therapeutics for rheumatoid arthritis, other rheumatic diseases, psoriasis, and other inflammatory diseases.

Dr. Kotzin was a member of the American College of Rheumatology (ACR) Board of Directors, Scientific Program Chairman for the Annual ACR Scientific meeting, and member of various ACR councils, study groups and committees. He received a Senior Fellow Scholar Award from the ACR. Additional selected national responsibilities have included Member and Chairperson of the NIH Immunological Sciences Study Section, Chairperson of the NIH (NIAID) Autoimmunity Centers of Excellence, Member of the Advisory Council of the NIH National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), Industry Representative for the FDA Arthritis Advisory Committee, Co-Chairperson of the Immunity and Inflammation Steering Committee for the FNIH Biomarkers Consortium, and Member of the Board of Directors for the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCIS). He has won numerous honors, including the Kirkland Scholar Award for Lupus Research, the Henry Claman Chair in Clinical Immunology, the Clemens Von Pirquet Award for Distinguished Work in Immunology, and the Gretchen Kramer Award for Outstanding Contributions to Medicine. Dr. Kotzin is an elected member of the American Society of Clinical Investigation and Association of American Physicians. He is also an elected Master of the American College of Rheumatology.