

SHORT BIO FROM JOE MONROE

Joe Monroe earned a BS as a medical technologist in the '60's but discovered the PA profession in the early '70s, leading to his acceptance to the OU PA program in 1976 from which he graduated in 1978.

After a few years in primary care, he was seduced by dermatology and dermatological surgery and by 1985 was doing both full-time.

In 1992, after a nationwide search, he had found a total of 6 dermatology PAs in the entire country which became the nexus of what eventually became known as the Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants (SDPA), of which there are now over 5,000 in this country and in Europe.

In addition to practicing full time, Monroe has been heavily involved in teaching and writing hundreds of clinical articles and textbook chapters on various dermatologic topics.

He has spent decades teaching didactic and clinical dermatology for PA students and medical residents from the Universities of Oklahoma, Washington, Oregon and Pacific University.

Currently, at the age of 80, he is taking on a new challenge, that of becoming the teledermatology provider for the Oklahoma City Region of the Veteran's Administration.