



RICHARD J. VETTER, PHD, CHP

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

BS, Biology, South Dakota State University, 1965
MS, Biology, South Dakota State University, 1967
PhD, Health Physics, Purdue University, 1969

PRESENT POSITION

Federal Agency Liaison
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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Richard J. Vetter, PhD, is professor emeritus and former radiation safety officer for the Mayo Clinic. He received his BS and MS degrees in biology from South Dakota State University. Supported by a fellowship in environmental toxicology, he earned his doctorate in health physics at Purdue University in 1969 and is board certified by the American Board of Health Physics and the American Board of Medical Physics.

Dr. Vetter was assistant professor of biology at Point Park College in Pittsburgh in 1969–1970 and served on the Purdue University faculty from 1970 to 1980. Prior to joining the staff at Mayo Clinic in 1980, he was professor of health physics at Purdue, where he taught health physics, conducted research, and served as assistant radiological control officer. He served as radiation safety officer and professor of biophysics at Mayo Clinic from 1980 to 2010.

Vetter is past editor in chief of the *Health Physics Journal*, past president of the Health Physics Society, past president of the American Academy of Health Physics, and author or coauthor of more than 220 publications, books, book chapters, and monographs. He is or has served as a reviewer for 20 journals and granting agencies. He currently serves on the editorial board for the journal *Operational Radiation Safety* and is a member of several professional organizations that reflect his interest in radiation safety and the use of radiation in medicine and research.

Vetter is a member of the National Academies Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board and a distinguished emeritus member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements. He served as vice chair of the NRC Advisory Committee for Medical Uses of Isotopes and member of the Radiation Advisory Committee of the EPA Science Advisory Board. He currently serves on the academic advisory boards for the medical and health physics training programs at three universities. Vetter has received outstanding alumnus awards from the Purdue School of Pharmacy and Pharmacal Sciences and from South Dakota State University. He is a fellow member of the Health Physics Society and recipient of the Society's Founders Award.