

Dr. Fima Lifshitz was President of Pediatric Sunshine Academics, a non-profit organization committed to pediatric endocrinology & nutrition research and education until December 30, 2017. Dr. Lifshitz is Professor Emeritus, State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, College of Medicine, Brooklyn; previously serving as Professor in the Institution (1991-2007). Formerly he was Professor of Pediatrics at Cornell University Medical College, New York (1975-1991) and University of Miami, School of Medicine, Miami (2002 -2007).

Dr. Lifshitz was a Member of the Board of Trustees at the Sansum Diabetes Research Institute in Santa Barbara, California, and held an appointment as Adjunct Senior Investigator, Pediatric Endocrinologist at the Institute (2012-2016). Previously he was Director of Pediatrics and Senior Nutrition Scientist at Sansum Diabetes Research Institute (2002-2012), serving the needs of the community as a Pediatric Endocrinologist. Formerly he was Chief-of-Staff and Senior Vice-President for Medical Affairs at Miami Children's Hospital, Miami, Florida (1997- 2001). He also served as Executive Director of the Research Institute and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Chair of Nutrition Sciences in the institution (1997-2002). Earlier he was Chairman of Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center, Downstate SUNY Brooklyn (1991-1997); Chief of Pediatric Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Nutrition and Vice Chairman of Pediatrics at North Shore University Hospital, Cornell University Medical College (1972-1991).

Dr. Lifshitz is the author of more than 380 scientific papers, review articles and book chapters. He is the author or editor of 20 books, including Pediatric Endocrinology now in its 5th edition. Dr. Lifshitz was on the editorial board of Growth, Genetics & Hormones since its inception in 1985 and served as the Editor-in-Chief of this journal from 2004 through 2011. Furthermore, he served as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of the American College of Nutrition (1993-1998) and as Editor-in-Chief of International Pediatrics (1998-2002). He was a member of the Committee on Nutrition of the American Academy of Pediatrics (2001-2005).

Dr. Lifshitz is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics and of the American Board of Pediatric Endocrinology. He attained his MD degree at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico, in his native country, Mexico (1961), and obtained his pediatric training at Children's Mercy Hospital and University of Kansas Medical Center (1961-1964); he accomplished his pediatric endocrinology fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital (1964-1967).

Dr. Lifshitz has trained 35 fellows in the field and has been recipient of national and international visiting professorships and named lectureships. He has also received several awards and honors including the "Insignia de Oro" from Santiago de Compostela, Spain; and is particularly proud of The Pediatric Research Center at the Escola da Medicina da Universidade Federal da Bahia, in Salvador, Bahia, Brazil named for him and being bestowed an Honorary Professorship at the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

In addition to his professional activities, Dr. Lifshitz has been actively involved in supporting non-profit organizations and enjoying the arts. He has served on the board of North South Consonance Ensemble, an American chamber ensemble dedicated to the performance of contemporary classical music from the Americas since its inception in 1980. He has also authored two books in the art field, one entitled "An African Journey Through its Art" published in 2009; and the second one "Africa Through its Sculpture-The Lifshitz Collection Memorialized" Published in 2021.