This issue commemorates the pivotal contributions to viral carcinogenesis by Ludwik Gross (b. 1904, Krakow, Poland). Since 1946, Dr. Gross has been Chief of the Cancer Research Unit, Veterans Administration Hospital, Bronx, New York. He served as a Consultant (1951–1956) and as Associate Scientist (1957–1960) at the Sloan-Kettering Memorial Center in New York City. During the war (1943–1946), he served as a captain and later as a major in the Medical Corps of the United States Army.


Dr. Gross has been the recipient of many honors, among which are the Walker Prize of the Royal College of Surgeons of England (1961), the WHO United Nations prize (1962), the Pasteur Silver Medal (1962), and the Bertner Foundation Award (1963). He is the author of the now classic monograph, Oncogenic Viruses, 1st ed., 1961; 2nd ed., 1970).