

Brief Resume: Robert M. Fineman, MD, PhD

I have worked in the fields of education, pediatrics, and human genetics for more than 35-years as a clinician, laboratorian, researcher, teacher, administrator, and mentor. In 1972, I received an MD and a PhD degree from the State University of New York, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn. While in medical school I also studied at the Johns Hopkins and Boston Children's Hospitals. My post-doctoral training included an internship and residency in pediatrics at the Duke University Medical Center, and a post-doctoral fellowship in human genetics and pediatrics at the Yale University Medical Center.

I achieved the rank of Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah, and I am currently a Clinical Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Washington.

Over the past 30-years I spend a significant amount of time at the local, state, regional, and national levels in public health genetics, with a special emphasis on financial, ethical, legal, and social issues. I am particularly interested in cultural awareness, cultural competency, and access to services for traditionally under-served populations.

I have also been a primary care physician, member of the Washington State Department of Health/Department of Social and Health Services Human Research Review Board, and a grant writer and reviewer.

I published and/or presented more than 100 times in peer-reviewed journals and at national and international meetings, and served as a consultant to many public and private agencies, organizations, and institutions throughout the United States and in China.

Presently, I am the Dean of the Health and Human Services Division, North Seattle Community College.