



Michael Laposata, MD, PhD

Dr. Michael Laposata is the Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Director of the MD PhD Program at the University of Texas Medical Branch-Galveston. He received his MD and PhD from Johns Hopkins and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship and residency in Laboratory Medicine at Washington University. He took his first faculty position at the University of Pennsylvania in 1985 as an Assistant Professor and Director of the hospital's Coagulation Laboratory. In 1989, he became Director of Clinical Laboratories at the Massachusetts General Hospital and was appointed to the faculty in the Department of Pathology at Harvard Medical School, where he became a tenured full Professor of Pathology. Dr. Laposata joined Vanderbilt University in 2008 as the Edward and Nancy Fody Professor of Pathology and Medicine, Pathologist-in-Chief at Vanderbilt University Hospital and Director of Clinical Laboratories.

Dr. Laposata's basic research has focused on fatty acids and their metabolites. His clinical research and patient care are in blood coagulation, especially regarding diagnostic errors. He has over 170 peer-reviewed publications in basic and clinical research. His expertise on diagnostic errors earned him an appointment to the National Academy of Medicine panel that issued the 2015 report on *Improving Diagnosis in Healthcare*.

Dr. Laposata is the recipient of 14 major teaching prizes including the university-wide Lindback Award teaching prize from Penn; the Barger mentorship award from Harvard Medical School; election to the Harvard Academy of Scholars and the Vanderbilt School of Medicine Academy for Excellence in Teaching; and the highest award - by vote of the graduating class - for teaching in years 1 and 2 at Harvard Medical School in 1999, 2000, and 2005.

His textbook, *Laposata's Laboratory Medicine*, has been translated into multiple languages and is used globally to teach laboratory medicine and how to use the clinical laboratory. Among the most influential pathologists, Dr. Laposata has been recognized by the journal *The Pathologist* as first in the United States and third in the world.