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Peter Springberg was born in Beloit, Wisconsin, in April of 1941 and graduated in 1959 from Beloit Memorial High School as class salutatorian and a National Merit Scholar. He attended the University of Wisconsin, Madison, as a pre-med student for three years, then gained early admission to the UW medical school graduating in 1966.

Next it was off to Duke for two years of Internal Medicine and two of Clinical Nephrology. Peter moved to California in 1970 and was a Veterans Administration Research and Education Associate while taking a Nephrology Research Fellowship at Harbor General Hospital in Torrance from 1970 to 1972.

While at Duke he was on military deferred status under the Berry Plan and, after his training was completed he served two years on Air Force active duty at Langley AFB, Virginia. He was in charge of the nascent physician's assistant program there and was appointed as Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Nebraska (the PA trainees took their first year there; Peter has never been there physically). He was recruited to join a Stanford-associated medical practice in San Jose in 1974, but remained in Reserve status while running the Stanford Nephrology Service at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center as a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine with a small private practice in Mountain View.

Peter returned to Active Duty Air Force status in 1977, was the Air Force Consultant in Nephrology for some years, again stationed at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center in San Antonio, then served at Clark AFB, in the Philippines from 1984 to 1986 as nephrologist and deputy chief of staff. In 1985, while flying back to San Antonio for a tropical medicine course, he sat next to an Air Force Clinical Social Worker named Lynnette Jung. He subsequently returned to Wilford Hall, served as Chief of the Division of Medicine which included Internal Medicine and its subspecialties, the subdivision of Mental Health, Neurology and the Emergency Department from 1986 to 1987. When he became Deputy Chief of Staff in 1987, Lynnette, who had been one of his department chairs was no longer in what was termed his Chain of Command. The two-star Commander suggested he bring her to an evening function; that turned into a twenty-nine-year relationship, with the two of them marrying in 1988.

From 1988 to 1991 he commanded the Air Force Hospital in Wichita Falls, TX, then the Keesler AFB Medical Center from 1991 to 1993. He returned to San Antonio and was the interface between the 6000-person medical center and the base from 1993 until his retirement in 1998.

After moving to Fort Collins in 1999 (it was Lynnette's turn to pick) Peter has been active on boards and committees for non-profits. He is a Past President of the Fort Collins Symphony Board, successfully ran the Capital Campaign for Bas Bleu Theatre, was (with Lynnette) the local parent equivalent for CSU graduate students from India and China and currently teaches a mini-seminar in stewardship (he terms it Donor Stroking) for non-profits.