



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**  
**Norman L. Cadman '49**

Claremont, California | Medical doctor

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 AFTER SERVING AT PATAN HOSPITAL IN NEPAL

In 2000, Norman Cadman completed a rewarding thirty-two-year career as a physician, one in which he helped establish the Cancer Care Center at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center and served as president of the medical staff. But he harbored no plans to rest. Combining a love for seeing the world, practicing medicine, and helping others, Cadman has spent the past thirteen years as a volunteer doctor in underdeveloped countries.

Cadman has traveled to Eritrea, Kenya, Nepal, Madagascar, Peru, and Uganda to help train local doctors in surgical pathology, paying his own way and staying for a few weeks or months a time. He makes an annual trip abroad on behalf of Pathologists Overseas,

often acting as the local hospital's only pathologist or helping set up pathology labs. While Cadman says he volunteers his expertise for selfish reasons — “because it feels good” — he is pleased if his work abroad helps others, too.

While at Pomona Valley, Cadman was highly regarded by his fellow physicians as a doctor with outstanding ethics, keen knowledge about his specialty, and high standards of excellence. He held many leadership positions, including chair of the hospital foundation board and the Department of Pathology, as well as head of committees for credentials and quality assurance, among others.

Cadman always travels with his wife of fifty-seven years, Eloise, and they often extend their trips by exploring other nearby countries. Together they have visited more than sixty nations. As a southern Minnesota farm boy, Cadman was fascinated by other cultures, but he really caught the travel bug while stationed in Japan for the U.S. Air Force Medical Corps. After completing his residency at the Mayo Clinic, Cadman began his

“Being at St. Olaf for my sixtieth reunion, I hated to leave Northfield. I really had a sense of gratitude for having gone to St. Olaf and great feelings of warmth. I got a great scientific education there.”

medical career in California. He specializes in surgical pathology, particularly the development of screening and detection regimens for cervical cancer.

An active volunteer in other arenas, Cadman teaches children, seniors, and others about opera, and then accompanies them on field trips to the Los Angeles Opera. He also has worked as a docent for the George Page Museum of La Brea Discoveries and the Huntington Library. In addition, Cadman participates in a Simple Gifts program, sitting with hospice patients to give their loved ones a break. The Cadmans are also involved in a group that helps newly arrived foreign students get settled in the United States. 🦋