

About Margaret L. Kripke

Margaret L. Kripke, Ph.D. is widely regarded as a trailblazer and role model for women in medical science, academia and executive leadership. She has supported and mentored countless colleagues, employees and trainees throughout her distinguished career. Dr. Kripke continues to serve on the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center faculty in a reduced-time capacity as special advisor to the provost. Her many accomplishments include:

- First woman chair of an M. D. Anderson academic department, Immunology
- Pioneering research focused on ultraviolet radiation's role in skin cancer
- Creation of the field of photoimmunology, the study of interactions between light and the immune system
- First woman member of the institution's management and executive committee
- First woman to attain the title of senior vice president and, ultimately, executive vice president and chief academic officer
- Two-time appointment by President George W. Bush to the three-person President's Cancer panel, on which she continues to serve

Dr. Kripke's well-earned reputation and legacy at M. D. Anderson and throughout the international cancer research community factored prominently in efforts to establish the award in her honor.