Mitchell G. Scott, Ph.D., DABCC

After 34 years, Dr. Mitchell Scott will be retiring in June and we would like to highlight some of his contributions to the LGM division and laboratory medicine. A Washington University “lifer” (AB, PhD and fellowship from WU), he joined the LGM faculty in 1987 and is currently Professor and Co-Medical Director of Clinical Chemistry. With a keen interest in education, he has been the co-director of the clinical chemistry fellowship and, until 2019, course master for lab medicine in the 2nd year pathology course and the lab medicine clerkships. Sixty-five chemistry fellows and over 200 pathology residents have come under his tutelage, and he is most proud of how many past trainees have gone on to be successful leaders in pathology and clinical chemistry. The American Association of Clinical Chemists (AACC) Outstanding Contributions in Education Award recognized his educational accomplishments in 2000. A champion and leader for quality and accuracy he has been a constant fixture in the BJH clinical chemist ry lab and most recently he led the multi-department task force implementing high-sensitivity cardiac troponin I at BJH. Dr. Scott’s research has spanned broad areas of laboratory medicine. He has been the principal investigator on over 60 sponsored clinical research studies, most recently focusing on cardiac biomarkers in several clinical settings. Together with many collaborators and trainees, he has authored 159 original scientific papers and 49 reviews/book chapters. Other highlights of his career include being President of the AACC in 2005, President of the American Board of Clinical Chemistry from 1998 – 2000 and President of the Academy of Clinical Laboratory Physicians and Scientists (ACLPS) in 2010. Since 2005, he has also served as Associate Editor for Clinical Chemistry, the preeminent journal in the field. In 2019, he received the AACC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. Scott’s clinical chemistry expertise and institutional knowledge are irreplaceable. He will be greatly missed.

After retirement, Dr. Scott and his wife Barb will spend a lot of time on the East Coast visiting their grandchildren and pick up their extensive travels where they left off last March once the world opens again.