

# **Nortin M. Hadler, MD, MACP, MACR, FACOEM**

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For 35 years Dr. Hadler has been a student of "the illness of work incapacity." Over 200 papers and 12 books bear witness to this interest.

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## **Description**

Dr. Hadler trained at the Massachusetts General Hospital, the NIH, and the Clinical Research Centre in London. He was certified a Diplomate of the American Boards of Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, Allergy & Immunology, and Geriatrics. He joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina in 1973, was promoted to Professor in 1985 and transitioned to Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Microbiology/Immunology in 2015. He served as Attending Rheumatologist at the UNC Hospitals till 2015. In recognition of his clinical activities, he was elevated to Mastership in both the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology.

The molecular biology of hyaluran and the immunobiology of peptidoglycans were the focus of his early investigative career. Because of the contributions of his laboratory, he was selected as an Established Investigator of the American Heart Association and elected to membership in the American Society for Clinical Investigation. The focus on basic biology was superseded by "industrial rheumatology." Over 200 papers and 12 books bear witness to his analyses of "the illness of work Incapacity" including the sociopolitical constraints imposed by various nations faced with the challenges of applying disability and compensation insurance schemes to predicaments such as back pain and arm pain in the workplace as well as for a more global illness narrative such as is labeled "fibromyalgia." Occupational Musculoskeletal Disorders (3e), published by LWW in 2005, sets forth his thinking on the regional musculoskeletal disorders. In recognition of this work he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance and is a Fellow of the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Fifteen years ago he turned his critical razor to much that is considered contemporary medicine at its finest. Assaults on medicalization and overtreatment have appeared in many editorials and commentaries, and in 6 monographs. In 2015 he assumed a leadership role in an initiative designed to provide rational health care as an evidence-based, cost effective, employer-sponsored, defined contribution, insurance benefit.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Research, Health and Wellness

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## **Topics**

Health Policy, Musculoskeletal Disorders, Regional Musculoskeletal Disorders, Social Construction of Illnesses, Molecular Biology, Rheumatology, Workers' Compensation, Health Insurance

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## **Affiliations**

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## **Education**

**Harvard Medical School**  
M.D. Medicine

**Yale University**  
A.B. Undergraduate Studies

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