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Dr. Robert Montgomery is senior investigator at the Blood Research Institute of BloodCenter of Wisconsin, professor of Pediatric Hematology and Population Health – Epidemiology of the Medical College of Wisconsin, and attending physician in Hematology at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

After he earned his medical degree, he was a pediatric intern at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia/University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, pediatric resident at Johns Hopkins Hospital, pediatric hematology fellow at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Denver Children's Hospital, and molecular immunology fellow at Scripps Clinical and Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif. He also served in the USPHS Indian Health Service at Chinle and Tuba City on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. After three years on the faculty of the University of Colorado, he moved to Milwaukee in 1980, where he has carried out his research to the present.

During his career, Montgomery served on various national and international committees, boards and councils. He received an Established Investigator Award from the American Heart Association, the 1991 Dr. Murray Thelin Award from the National Hemophilia Foundation, the 2001 ISTH Investigator Recognition Award in Paris, the 2005 Tibor Greenwalt Scientific Award, the first Leadership in Research Recognition Award from the National Hemophilia Foundation, a 2006 Distinguished Service Award from the Medical College of Wisconsin, and the 2011 Distinguished Career Award from the International Society of Thrombosis and Haemostasis in Kyoto, Japan.

Montgomery and his research group were the first to identify the immunologic risk of patients with hemophilia – later identified as HIV, defined many of the molecular DNA causes of von Willebrand disease, identified a gene therapy strategy for treating hemophilia patients who developed antibodies against the missing Factor VIII protein, and is currently funded by three NIH projects that he directs for the diagnosis and molecular biology of von Willebrand Disease and hemophilia.

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