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Yoon Berm Kim graduated from Seoul National University College of Medicine in 1958 and University of Minnesota with a Ph.D. degree in Microbiology and Immunology in 1965. He served as Assistant and Associated Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, School of Medicine, University of Minnesota

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Yoon has investigated the ontogenic development and regulation of the immune response using the gnotobiotic miniature swine model for over 47 years and more recently, immunotherapy of cancer. He has published over 120 papers and 270 abstracts in scientific journals and presented numerous invited lectures and seminars in national and international conferences, universities and institutions.

Yoon is a Fellow of the American Academy of Microbiology, a Member of the Korean Academy of Science and Technology, and a member and officer of over 20 Professional Societies, some as founding member. He has received numerous awards, including a Research Career Development Award for U.S. Public Health Service 1968-1973, The Morris Parker Award for Meritorious Research, University of Health Sciences/the Chicago Medical School 1984, Korean Abroad Who Illuminated Homeland Country by Prominent Achievement in the Field of Biomedical Sciences and Honorary Citizens of Seoul Award at the 50th Anniversary of Liberation Day- August 15, 1995, Ham Choon Grand Prize for Distinction in Medical Research, Seoul National University College of Medicine 2003, and Distinguished Alumni Award in Recognition of Life-Long Achievements and Leadership in the Field of Medical Science, Seoul National University 2004.