



*David Satcher, MD, PhD  
Director,  
National Center for Primary Care  
16th US Surgeon General*

Dr. Satcher completed his four-year term as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States in February 2002. He also served as Assistant Secretary for Health from February 1998 to January 2001, making him only the second person in history to have held both positions of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health simultaneously.

In January 2002, Dr. Satcher was named the Director of the new National Center for Primary Care at the Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia. Before assuming this post in September 2002, he served as a Senior Visiting Fellow with the Kaiser Family Foundation, where he spent time reflecting and writing about his experiences in government and consulting on public health programs.

From 1993 to 1998, Dr. Satcher served as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Before that, he was President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1982 to 1993 and professor and chairman of the Department of Community Medicine and Family Practice at Morehouse School of Medicine from 1979 to 1982.

As Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Satcher led the Department's effort to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health, an initiative that was incorporated as one of the two major goals of Healthy People 2010, the nation's health agenda. He also released Surgeon General's reports on tobacco and health; mental health, which was followed by supplements on children's mental health, health disparities and mental retardation, and culture, race and ethnicity; suicide prevention, which was followed by a national strategy to prevent suicide; oral health; sexual health and responsible sexual behavior; youth violence prevention; and overweight and obesity.

Dr. Satcher, a Morehouse College graduate (1963), is a former Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar and Macy Faculty Fellow. He is the recipient of over 40 honorary degrees and numerous distinguished honors, including top awards from the National Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the American College of Physicians, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Academy for the Advancement of Science and Ebony magazine. In 2004, he received the "Voice of Conscience Award" from Aetna for his work in eliminating health disparities. In 2000, he received the Didi Hirsch "Erasing the Stigma" Mental Health Leadership Award, and the National Association of Mental Illness Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Satcher received his M.D. and Ph.D. from Case Western Reserve University in 1970 with election to Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. Dr. Satcher would most like to be known as the Surgeon General who listened to the American people and responded with effective programs. His mission is to make public health work for all groups in this nation. He not only is a champion of promoting healthy lifestyles, he is also an avid jogger and enjoys tennis, gardening, and reading.

Born in 1941 in Anniston, Alabama, Dr. Satcher and his wife, Nola, a poet, reside in Atlanta, Georgia. They have four grown children, all of whom he is very proud.



*George Rust, MD, MPH  
Deputy Director,  
National Center for Primary Care  
Morehouse School of Medicine*

Dr. George Rust is a graduate of Loyola University School of Medicine, and completed his residency training in Family Medicine at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. After his training, he served for six years as Medical Director of the West Orange Farmworkers' Health Association in Central Florida. He is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Family Physicians and the American College of Preventive Medicine. In 1991 he joined the faculty of the Morehouse School of Medicine, where he was founding director of the Morehouse Faculty Development Program, the leading producer of African-American primary care faculty in the nation. In 1994 he was named Family Practice Educator of the Year by the Georgia Academy of Family Physicians.

Dr. George Rust is currently Professor of Family Medicine, and Deputy Director of the National Center for Primary Care at Morehouse School of Medicine, under the leadership of Dr. David Satcher, the 16<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States. The National Center's mission is to promote excellence in community-oriented primary health care and to encourage healthy lifestyles and optimal health for all Americans, with a special focus on underserved populations and on eliminating health disparities.

His academic interests focus on health care delivery for underserved populations, primary health care delivery models, primary care clinical outcomes, and the primary care health professional workforce. He teaches regularly in ResDAC workshops related to using Medicaid and other HCFA claims data in health services research. Dr. Rust is the principal investigator for the Southeast Regional Clinicians' Network, which works to improve clinical outcomes among the 1.5 million inner-city and rural clients of federally-funded community health centers in the Southeastern United States. He is also working with HRSA's Bureau of Primary Health Care and Johns Hopkins University to develop a National Sentinel Network in primary care safety net sites across the United States.

Dr. Rust and his team work closely with health centers across the country to improve clinical outcomes for disadvantaged and medically-underserved populations. Dr. Rust is known for his expertise on issues of access to high-quality, culturally-competent primary health care for underserved populations.



*Yolanda Wimberly, MD  
Medical Director  
Sexual Health Program  
National Center for Primary Care*

Dr. Wimberly is currently an Assistant Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. She is also the director of the Adolescent Medicine rotation for the pediatric residency program. The department of pediatrics at Morehouse is the recipient of the CDC Faculty Expansion Program grant where she is the faculty that was hired to teach the medical students, residents, and faculty about STI prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Dr. Wimberly completed her pediatric residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, IL and an adolescent medicine fellowship at Cincinnati Children's Medical Center in Cincinnati, OH. She has a special interest in adolescents because they are a high-risk, underserved population that needs appropriate guidance and education. The transition from childhood to adulthood is often met with many difficulties such as teen pregnancy, substance abuse, and sexually transmitted infections. Her goal is to help make this a positive transition and assure teens will emerge healthy, educated about their health, and a functional part of society.

Dr. Wimberly's primary focus is research involving inner city youth for prevention of pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. She has chosen this population because of her joy in working with them and a desire to provide health care to a population that is sometimes overlooked. Inner city adolescents are one of the most underserved populations in our society and they are at the highest risk for teen pregnancy and acquisition of sexually transmitted infections. In addition, there are many barriers for them to contend with to assure they receive health care such as: access, confidentiality, parental consent, payment issues, and transportation. Her goal is to help alleviate some of those barriers and enable them to get appropriate health care and health education.

Dr. Wimberly's research interests include prevention of STIs including HIV/AIDS. She is interested in focusing on training medical students, residents, and faculty on sexual history taking and STI screening and prevention education. Dr. Wimberly believes that this is one of the keys to helping educate the population on STI prevention. She is also interested in development of intervention techniques to decrease the acquisition of STIs in the population.



*Mollyann Brodie, Ph.D,  
VP, Director of Public Opinion and  
Media Research  
Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation*

Mollyann Brodie is Vice President, Director of Public Opinion and Media Research of the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation. Currently, she directs a variety of public knowledge and survey related projects including ongoing survey partnerships with the Washington Post, National Public Radio and the San Jose Mercury News. Prior to joining the Foundation, Dr. Brodie was a Health Policy Fellow and the Assistant Director of the Program on Public Opinion and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her research efforts focus on public opinion and knowledge, media content and the role of political institutions in health policy.

Dr. Brodie currently serves on the National Council of the American Association of Public Opinion Research, and served as president of Pacific Chapter of AAPOR, in 2002. Additionally, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research.

She received her Ph.D. in Health Policy from Harvard University, holds a Master of Science degree in Health Policy and Management from Harvard's School of Public Health, and a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from the University of California, Los Angeles.



*James W. Couch  
Chief  
Health Improvement Program*

James Couch is former Deputy Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH). Jim currently serves as Chief of the new Health Improvement Programs (HIP), which oversees Minority Health, Women's Health, Rural Health Services, the Commission on Men's Health and the attached agencies -State Medical Education Board, Georgia Board of Physician Workforce and the Medical Composite Board.

With a distinguished career of 20 plus years as an advocate for the poor and medically underserved, Jim served as Senior Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer at West End Medical Center (WEMC) in Atlanta, Georgia. During his 7-year tenure at WEMC, he was Chairman of the National Association of Community Health Centers. His effective leadership and spokespersonship in the debate on health care reform, managed care and health care delivery systems, allowed Jim to emerge as a prominent figure in the national health care arena. Highly regarded as an expert on health issues, he has appeared before numerous legislative forums, headed workshop discussions and has written over 25 papers on the subject.

Jim specializes in health systems development, start up-operations, alliance formation, and business strategy. His experience includes hospital alliances and networks, physician organizations of all types, and a host of community health care organizations seeking to develop market strategy, integrated delivery systems or manage care ventures.

Jim is skilled in developing and facilitating strategic and tactical plans with emphasis on implementation for acute and specialty hospitals, medical groups and other related organizations, he is recognized for his ability to facilitate consensus among individuals and groups divided on critical issues.



*Denise Stokes*  
*Motivational Speaking*  
*AIDS Educational Consultant*

Denise Stokes is a Motivational Speaker and AIDS Educational Consultant. By building upon her life experience (which includes living with HIV for 20 years) she shares her tenacity and hope with audiences around the world. Denise uses her life as an example of how to overcome insurmountable obstacles. As a speaker she is both powerful and memorable. As a woman, her life story is nothing less than miraculous.

As a result of advocating at a very young age Denise helped to put a face on heterosexual HIV infection in the 80's and was instrumental in gaining access to southern African-American churches in the early 90's. Now 33 years old, she presents to diverse groups from The National Football League and The CDC to Fortune 500 Companies and Colleges. She has also been a featured speaker at the African American Women on Tour for several years.

Ms. Stokes served as an advisor to President Clinton as a former member of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council from 1995 to 2000. The purpose of the council was to advise President Clinton on effective HIV prevention policy, advanced research initiatives, a quality health care issues and discriminating issues. Denise is now an active member of several boards of directors including Outreach, Inc, Atlanta, a minority AIDS Service Organization and Covenant Community, a men's recovery facility.

With numerous media interviews to her credit and an endless amount of enthusiasm, Denise continues to eloquently speak for the rights of people disenfranchised by HIV, addiction, homophobia and racism—as well as carry a passionate message of prevention and awareness to the world.