

Dr. Augustus Garland Parker III, M.D.

President and founder of Columbus Women's Care, Inc.

A board certified, practicing physician in the field of Obstetrics and Gynecology who has devoted much of his time to serving the Columbus community. Dr. Parker is a native of Columbus, Ohio who has practiced there since 1985. Recent 2014 awards include: Who's Who in Black Columbus Man of Excellence, 2013 Living Legend Award Whitehall Education Foundation, Columbus Black Leaders & Legends Award Recipient. Past honors and accomplishments include: former Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Grant Medical Center and OSU East, former president of local chapter of the National Medical Association, Teacher of the Year Award from Grant Medical Center and recipient of the Special Ties Award (for work with disadvantaged children), Physician of the Year (2008 Mt. Carmel Health Systems), March of Dimes Community Health Leadership Award, former medical director of the Heart of Ohio Whitehall Family Health Center, former director of Mt. Carmel East Obstetric and Gynecologic Clinical Services, and past Mt. Carmel House Officer Director.

Dr. Parker is an inventor, holding patents on medical devices and tools used in practice today. He is a pioneer in innovative Obstetrical, surgical techniques such as, Endometrial Ablation and da Vinci Robotic Laparoscopic hysterectomy. Dr. Parker pioneered the Mobile Health Units that are currently serving the Columbus City Schools.

Dr. Parker has served on numerous boards such as the YMCA, the Medical Advisory Committee for the Eastside Surgical Center, the Ohio Sickle Cell board of trustees, The Ohio State University Resident Selection Committee, The Ohio State University Medical School Admissions Committee, The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative, Better Birth Outcomes, and the Blue Chip Foundation. In 2007, Mayor Michael Coleman appointed him to the Columbus Board of Health and he was elected president in January, 2009. Recently, Dr. Parker served as the Director of Robotic Surgery for Mt. Carmel Health Systems here in Central Ohio. He is a member of Lambda Boule, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and a member of New Salem Missionary Baptist Church. He lectures on numerous topics related to healthcare. In his spare time, he enjoys golf, tennis and photography. He has even made a film debut in a comedy movie playing a "doctor."

Dr. Parker earned his B.A. degree in Biology from Kent State University in 1977. He then attended the University of Cincinnati and received his medical degree in 1981. He performed his Residency at Aultman Hospital in Canton, Ohio and Oncology rotations at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio.

Currently, he serves as the Physician Executive Director of Diversity and Health Equity for Mt. Carmel Health Systems and is a member of the Mt. Carmel Foundation Board, a Physician Expert on the Infant Mortality Task Force locally and at the State level, and he serves on the Perinatal Patient Safety Steering Committee for Trinity Health. He is married to Cheryl Gibbs Parker, and they have three children, Dr. Augustus Parker IV, Dr. Jason Parker and Dr. Krista Parker.