

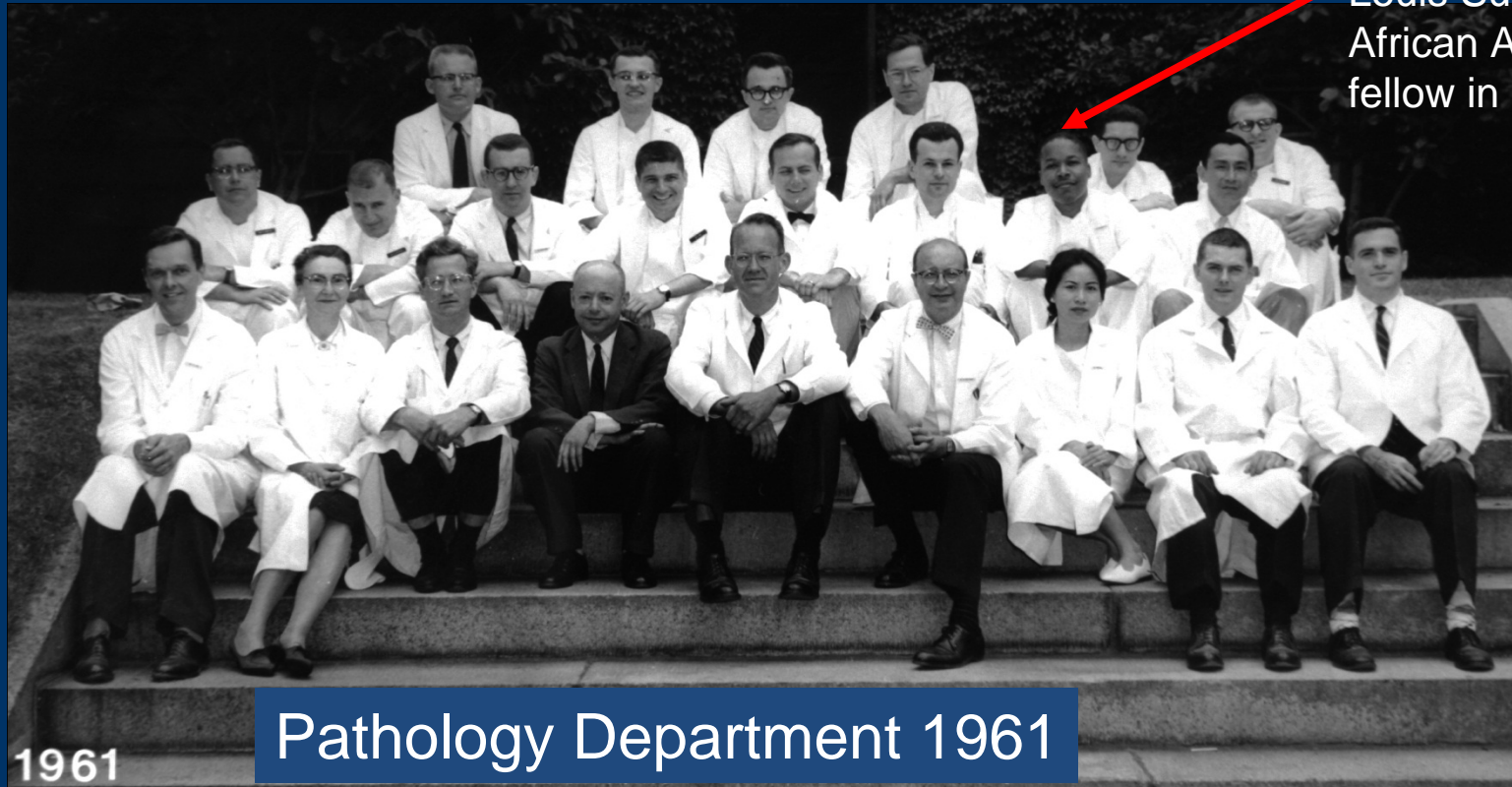
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THE UNTOLD STORY: URM PIONEERS AT MGH



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URM PIONEERS at MGH



Louis Sullivan, 1st
African American
fellow in pathology

1961

Pathology Department 1961

This slide show gives us a window into the contributions of many “first” physicians who are and were underrepresented in medicine (URM) at MGH. They are true pioneers.

URM PIONEERS at MGH

Lloyd Ferguson,
1st African
American Medical
resident



Photo: Medical
Group 1960

They broke barriers, often being not only the first, but also the sole, African American male. . .

URM PIONEERS at MGH

Vivian Pinn,
1st African American
Pathology resident

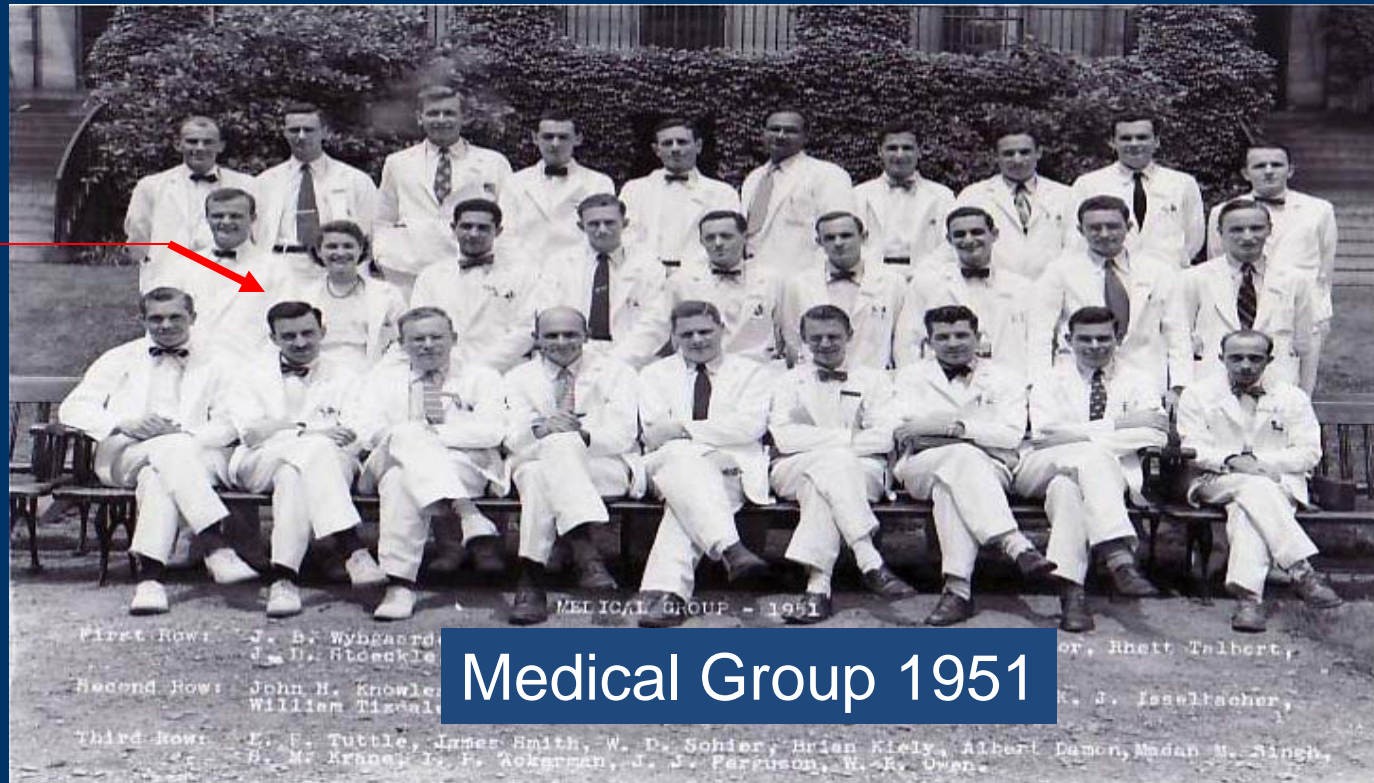


Photo:
Pathology 1970

. . . or African American female. . .

URM PIONEERS at MGH

Guillermo Sanchez, 1st Latino resident and faculty in Medicine



Medical Group 1951

... or Latino trainee or faculty in their department.

URM PIONEERS at MGH



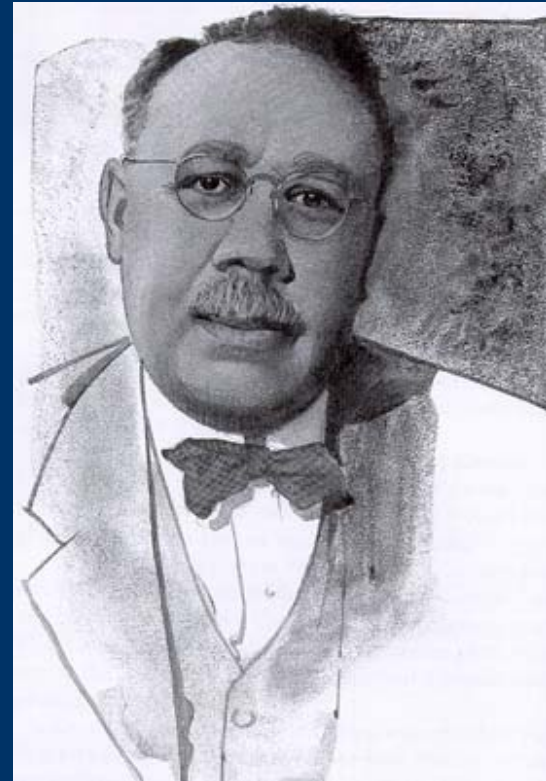
They became role models for many more URM's in and beyond MGH, pursuing careers as clinicians, investigators, educators, community and health care leaders and policy experts.

Jonathan Woodson, MD (MGH '82,'87,'88), Brigadier General, USMA; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

William Augustus Hinton, MD, Pathology

MGH DATE OF NOTE: 1913

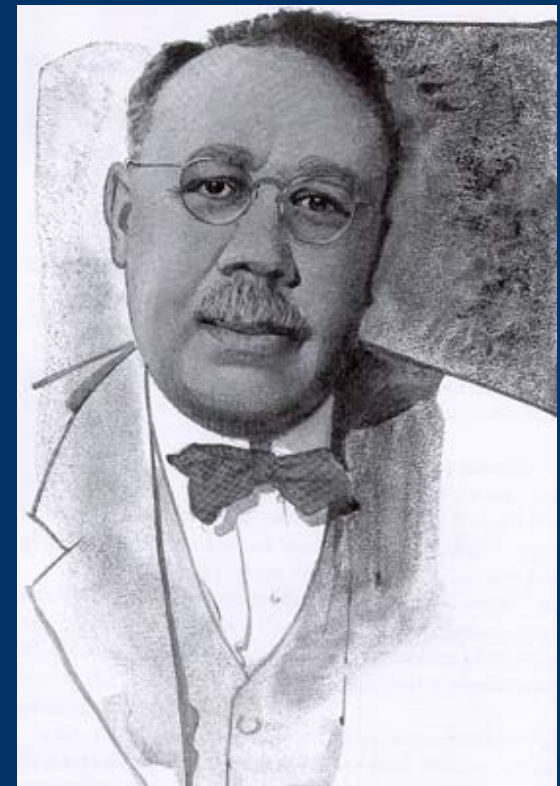
- **First known African American physician at MGH.** He assisted Dr. Wright in the autopsy service of the Department of Pathology.
- First African American to hold a full professorship at Harvard Medical school in 1949



William Augustus Hinton, MD, Pathology

MGH DATE OF NOTE: 1913

- Graduated from Harvard College in 1905 and from Harvard Medical School in 1912
- First African-American physician to publish a textbook - *Syphilis and Its Treatment*, 1936
- Developed the internationally used “Hinton Test,” a flocculation method for detecting syphilis



Julius Rosenwald Fellowships

MGH Dates of Note: 1920-1940

In 1917, Sears President **Julius Rosenwald** established a foundation that included approximately 1,000 scholarships or fellowships to African American students.

1920-1940 - Three of the first African American physicians at MGH were recipients of Rosenwald Fellowships

Julius Rosenwald Fellows

MGH Date of Note: 1920

Theodore Kenneth Lawless, MD
Dermatology, 1920

1919 – Graduated from
Northwestern School of Medicine

1935 – First African American
Certified with American Board of
Dermatology & Syphilology



Julius Rosenwald Fellows

MGH Dates of Note: 1938-1940

Harold E. Farmer, MD

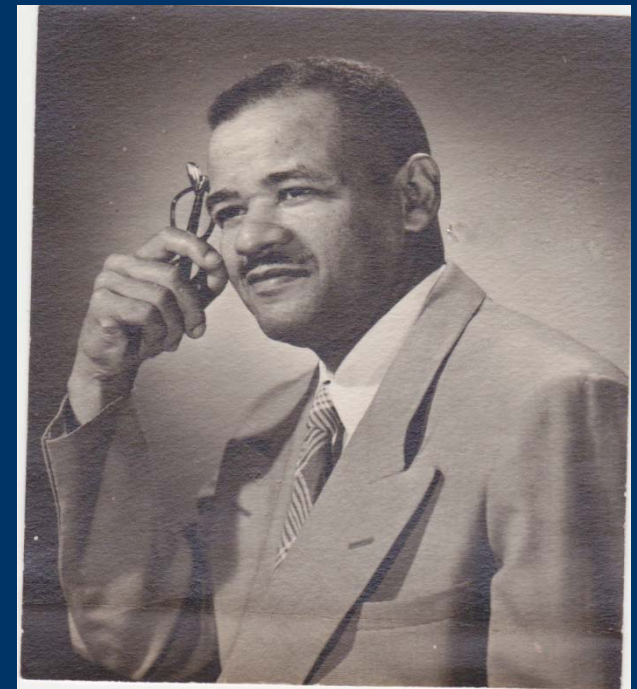
Internal Medicine, 1938

1932 – Graduated from University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Robert E. Fullilove, Jr., MD

Urology, 1940

- 1934 – Graduated from Howard Medical School
- First African American elected president of the Essex County Medical Hospital



Robert Fullilove, MD (above),
courtesy of his son, Robert
Fullilove, PhD

Frances J. Bonner, MD, Psychiatry

MGH Date of Note: 1946, 1949

- **1946 - First African American woman resident at MGH**
- **1949 - First African American woman faculty at MGH**
- Started her MGH research career with a two-year fellowship from Radcliffe College to study hysteria



Frances J. Bonner, MD, Psychiatry

MGH Date of Note: 1946, 1949

- 1975 - received her psychoanalytic certification from the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute
- co-Founded the Psychoanalytic Institute of New England



Effie O'Neal Ellis, Pediatrics

MGH Date of Note: 1951-52

- **First known African American Resident in Pediatrics**
- 1960 - Director of Maternal Care and Health Care, Ohio Department of Health
- 1970 - First African-American woman executive at American Medical Association
- 1970 - One of four appointed to the President's Committee on the Handicapped

Guillermo Sanchez, MD, Medicine

MGH Dates of Note: 1949, 1952



- **1949 – First known Latino resident in Department of Medicine (DOM) and MGH**
- **1952 – First Latino attending in DOM and longest standing Latino to serve on the MGH faculty (50 years)**
- 1995 - Elected founding chairman of the MGH archives and served as one of MGH's leading medical historians

Harold May, MD, Surgery

MGH Dates of Note: 1953-1959



- **First known African American surgery resident**
- Graduated from Harvard Medical School (1951)
- Spent 11 years as a medical missionary in Haiti
- 1970 - Director of the Division of Community Health at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital
- 1997 - Founded Family, Inc.

Honorable Louis Sullivan, MD, Pathology

MGH Dates of Note: 1960-1961

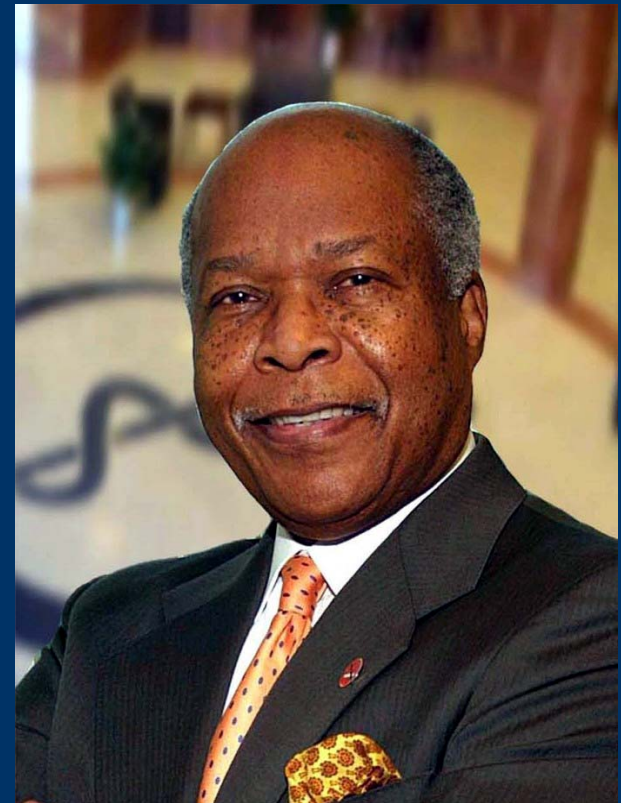
- **First African American to complete a clinical fellowship in pathology**
- 1981 - First Dean and President of Morehouse School of Medicine, and currently is President Emeritus



Honorable Louis Sullivan, MD, Pathology

MGH Dates of Note: 1960-61

- 1989 - Appointed by President George H.W. Bush to serve as Secretary of Health and Human Services
- He appointed many URM pioneers:
 - First female director of the National Institutes of Health
 - First female and Hispanic Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service
 - First African American Commissioner of the Social Security Administration
 - First African American Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration



Vivian W. Pinn, MD, Pathology

MGH Date of Note: 1967-70

- **First African American Pathology resident**
- After Wellesley College, entered medical school at the University of Virginia as the only African American and only woman in her class



Vivian W. Pinn, MD, Pathology

MGH Date of Note: 1967-70

- 1991 - first director of Women's health at the National Institutes of Health
- 1994 - Inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 1995 - Received the Elizabeth Blackwell Award from the American Medical Women's Association and was elected to the Institute of Medicine.



Lloyd Ferguson, MD, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 1960, 1964-1966

Lloyd Ferguson



Photo: Medicine Housestaff, 1960

- **First known African American intern and resident in Internal Medicine (1960, 1964-66)**
- 1964 - Completed residency in Pathology at University of Chicago
- Professor and Assistant Dean of students in the division of the biological sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago

Charles E. Brown, MD, Neurosurgery

MGH Dates of Note: 1965-1969

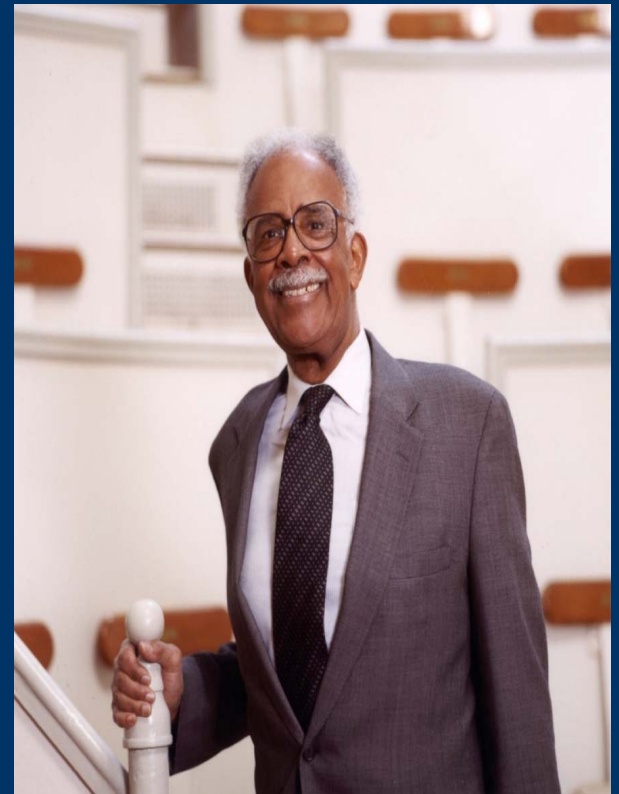


- **First African American Neurosurgery Resident**
- 1 of 5 African Americans in Neurosurgery Training in the country during the 1960s
- Graduated from Meharry Medical College in 1960

Chester M. Pierce, MD, Psychiatry

MGH Date of Note: 1968

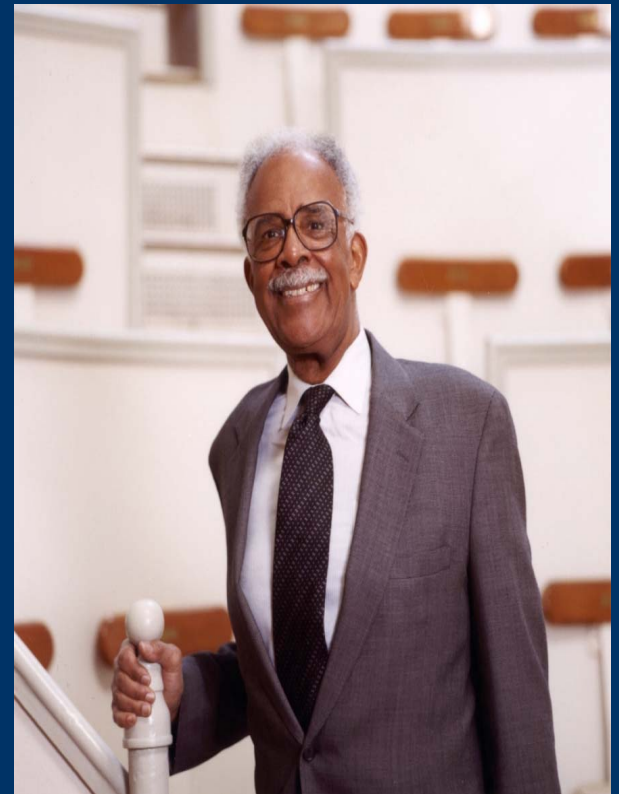
- **First African American full professor at MGH.** Practiced in the Department of Psychiatry for over 25 years.
- 2011 – Emeritus Professor of Education and Psychiatry at HMS, and at the Harvard University Graduate School of Education and School of Public Health
- Past President of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and the American Orthopsychiatric Association



Chester M. Pierce, MD, Psychiatry

MGH Date of Note: 1968

- Founding president of the Black Psychiatrists of America
- Held rank of Commander in the US Navy
- Served on 22 editorial boards
- Senior consultant to the Surgeon General of the US Air Force
- Advisor to the Children's Television Network (*Sesame Street*, *Electric Company*) and the US Arctic Research Commission



Juan Taveras, MD, Radiology

MGH Date of Note: 1971



- **First Latino and URM Service Chief at MGH**
- Professor of Radiology and Radiologist-in-Chief for 17 years
- 1988 – became Professor Emeritus and Harvard created the Juan M. Taveras Chair in Diagnostic Radiology
- Credited as the “Father of Neuroradiology”

Hector Manuel Tarraza, MD, OB/GYN

MGH Date of Note: 1981, 85



- **First Latino resident and fellow in OB/GYN**
- 1981-85 - residency in OB/GYN
- 1985-87 - clinical fellowship in GYN oncology
- Currently - Chair, OB/GYN Department, Maine Medical Center

Ernesto Gonzalez, MD, Dermatology

MGH Dates of Note: 1976, 2008



- **1976 - First Latino faculty in Dermatology**
- **2008 - First Latino full professor in Dermatology** and fourth Latino to hold this faculty appointment at MGH
- In 2006, the MGH established the *Ernesto Gonzalez Award for Outstanding Service to the Latino Community* to honor Dr. Gonzalez many contributions. 10 MGH employees have been recipients of this Award
- Currently, Director of the MGH Dermatology International Training Program

Jonathan Woodson, MD,

Medicine, Surgery, Vascular Surgery

MGH Date of Note: 1982, 1987, 1988



- **First and only African American to complete training in Medicine, Surgery and Vascular Surgery at MGH**
- Professor of Surgery and Associate Dean at Boston University School of Medicine
- Holds the rank of Brigadier General, United States Army, Reserve and has supported several Army Medical Departments
- Recently appointed by President Barack Obama to be assistant secretary of Defense for Health Affairs

Francisco Cigarroa, MD, Surgery

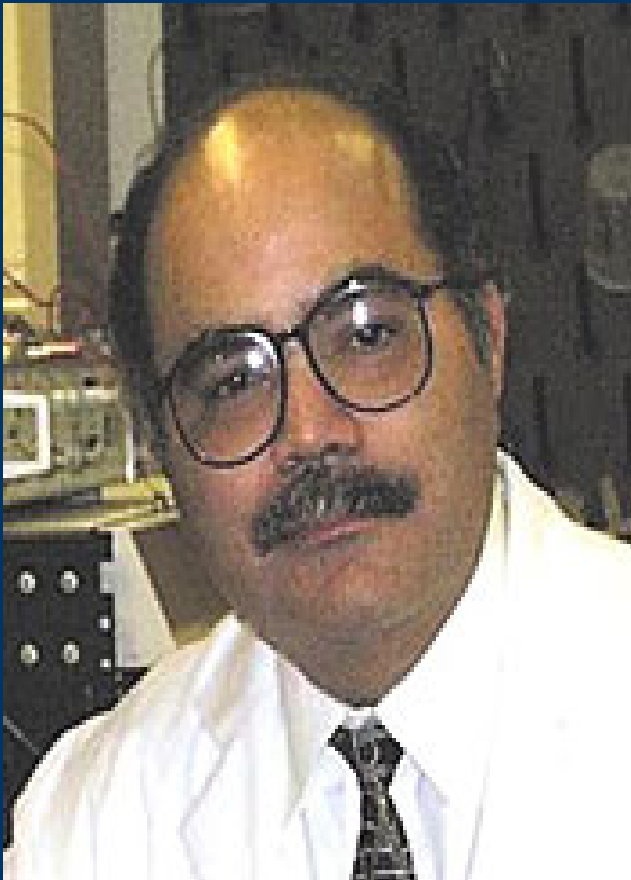
MGH Date of Note: 1983



- **1983 - First Latino chief resident**
- First Hispanic appointed to lead a major AMC and public university system in the US
- 2000 - President of the UT Health Science Center (San Antonio)
- 2009 - Chancellor of the University of Texas System

Raphael Lee MD, Plastic Surgery

MGH Date of Note: 1983



- **First African American Plastic Surgery Resident**
- First African American from MGH to receive a MacArthur Fellowship, “genius grant”
- Named one of "America's Top Surgeons" by the Consumers' Research Council of America

Juanita Merchant, MD, PhD, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 1987-88



- **First Chair of the Minority Recruitment Committee in Medicine**, which was the first MGH effort in any department for recruitment of URM
- Medicine residency ('87) and Fellowship in Gastroenterology at MGH ('90)
- Professor of Medicine, University of Michigan

Tina I. Young Poussaint, MD, Radiology

MGH Date of Note: 1989-1992



- **1989 - First African American Radiology attending**
- 1987 and 1989 - First African American woman to complete a residency training in diagnostic radiology and a fellowship in neuroradiology
- Graduated from Yale University School of Medicine
- 2003 - Director of the Neuroimaging Center for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Consortium, Children's Hospital

Winfred W. Williams, MD, Medicine

MGH Dates of Note: 1990, 1992



- **1990 - First known African American attending in the Department of Medicine (DOM)**
- **1992 - Founded the Office for Minority Health Professions in the DOM**, with the support of then chair John Potts, MD
- The office evolved into the MGH Multicultural Affairs Office, which:
 - Promotes the recruitment and retention of physicians and scientists underrepresented in medicine
 - Develops culturally competent physicians

Edward M. Barksdale, Jr., MD, Surgery

MGH Date of Note: 1991

- One of first two African American co-chief residents in Surgery
- Currently:
 - Chief of the Division of Pediatric Surgery at the Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital
 - Vice-Chairman of the Department of Surgery at University Hospital, Case Medical Center



Lynt Johnson, MD, Surgery

MGH Date of Note: 1991



- One of the first two African American co-chief residents in Surgery
- Currently:
 - Chairman, Department of Surgery
 - Director, Hepatobiliary Surgery
 - Transplant surgeon at Georgetown University Hospital

Carlos Fernandez del Castillo, MD, Surgery

MGH Dates of Note: 1991, 2010



- **1991- First Latino staff attending in Surgery**
- **2010 - first Latino full professor in the Department of Surgery,**
and fifth Latino professor in MGH's history
- Research focused on acute pancreatitis and Pancreatic Cancer
- Director, Pancreas and Biliary Surgery Program

Walter R. Frontera-Roura, MD, PhD, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

MGH Date of Note: 1996



- **First Latino Chair and professor of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department**, and second Latino full professor at MGH
- President of the International Federation of Sports Medicine
- Developed rehabilitative interventions using therapeutic exercises
- Currently, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine; Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Physiology, University of Puerto Rico

Vilma E. Ortiz, MD, Anesthesia, Critical Care & Pain Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 1996



- **1996 - First Latina faculty in the Department of Anesthesia, Critical Care & Pain Medicine**
- Completed residency in Anesthesia at MGH (1992) and Fellowship in OB Anesthesia at Beth Israel Hospital (1995)
- Currently, Director, Bariatric Anesthesia at MGH and course co-Director, Medical Spanish at Harvard Medical School

Paula O'Connor, MD, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 1998



1998 - First African American Chief resident in Medicine

1994-2001 - Completed residency in Internal Medicine and fellowships in Hematology/Oncology and AIDS Oncology at MGH

2002-present - career in industry and biotechnology, as medical director of Genentech, Inc., and Onyx, Inc.

Michael Watkins, MD, Surgery

MGH Date of Note: 2002



- **First African American staff attending in Surgery**, and most senior ranked in the Department
- Director, *Vascular Surgery Research Laboratory*
- Associate Editor, *Circulation*
- 20 years of continuous extramural funding (VA Merit, NIH, AHA, ADA and Private Foundations) in ischemia reperfusion injury

Joan Y. Reede, MD, MPH, MBA, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 2002



- **First African American from MGH to serve as Dean at Harvard Medical School (HMS)**
- First African American Dean at HMS (Dean for Diversity and Community Partnerships)
- 1992 – joined MGH staff in Mongan Institute for Health Policy
- First African American woman from HMS and MGH to be a member of Institute of Medicine

J. Carl Pallais, MD, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 2003



- **First Latino Chief resident in Medicine**
- 2003-2004 - Fellowship in Endocrinology at MGH
- 2004 – joined staff at MGH
- Director of endocrine rotation for Internal Medicine Residents and Longitudinal Series in Genetics for Medical Grand Rounds
- Recipient of Howard Hughes Research Fellowship, Excellence in Resident Teaching Award

Marcela G. del Carmen, MD, MPH, OB/GYN

MGH Date of Note: 2003



- **2003 - First Latina faculty in the Department of OB/GYN**
- 1999 - completed MGH fellowship in GYN Oncology
- 2005 - Became the Clinical Director of the GYN Oncology Division
- 2009 – became the first Latina Associate Professor in the Dept
- Research focused on understanding barriers to cancer care among Latina women in the US

William T. Curry, Jr, MD, Neurosurgery

MGH Date of Note: 2004



- **First African American attending physician in Neurosurgery**
- Completed Neurosurgery residency at MGH (1997-2004)
- Recipient of the 2005 Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation Young Clinician's Award
- Clinical Director, Neurosurgical Oncology, MGH

R. Gilberto (“Gil”) Gonzalez, MD, Radiology

MGH Date of Note: 2005



- **2005 - First Latino full professor to be promoted within the ranks of MGH and Harvard Medical School**
- 1989 - MGH fellowship in Neuroradiology
- 1996 - Became the chief of the MGH Neuroradiology Division
- Awarded the lifetime research achievement award from the American Society of Neuroradiology

Emery M. Brown, MD, PhD, Anaesthesia

MGH Date of Note: 2006



- **2006 - First and only African American with an endowed MGH and HMS professorship: the Warren Zapol Professor of Anæsthesia**
- First and only African American with joint appointments as professor at MIT, MGH, and HMS
- His research uses neuroscience to study how anesthetic drugs act in the brain
- 2007 – Received NIH Director’s Pioneer Award and elected to the Institute of Medicine

Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD,

Radiation Oncology

MGH Date of Note: 2010



- **First African American staff attending in Radiation Oncology**
- 2007-2010 - residency in Radiation Oncology
- Only African American Radiation Oncologist in Boston teaching Hospitals
- President, New England Medical Society

Valerie Stone, MD, Medicine

MGH Date of Note: 2011



- **First African American female full professor at MGH** and the most senior academic ranked at Harvard Medical School
- 2002 – present: First African American Director of the Primary Care Program and Associate Chief of the General Medicine Division
- HIV/AIDS specialty

Carlos A. Camargo, MD, MPH, DrPH,
Emergency Medicine
MGH Date of Note: 2012



- **2012 - First Latino full professor in Emergency Medicine**
- 1993 - Graduated from the MGH Internal Medicine program
- 1996 – Earned DrPH in Epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health
- Founder and director of the Emergency Medicine Network (EMNet), a research collaboration of 204 Emergency Departments

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