Mary R. Grealy Healthcare Leadership Council President

Biography

Mary Grealy is president of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of chief executives of the nation's leading healthcare companies and organizations. The HLC advocates consumer-centered health care reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health police.

reform, emphasizing the value of private sector innovation. It is the only health policy advocacy group that represents all sectors of the health care industry. She was appointed to the position in August 1999.

Ms. Grealy has an extensive background in healthcare policy. She has led important initiatives on the uninsured, improving patient safety and quality, protecting the privacy of patient medical information and reforming the medical liability laws. From 1995 until she began her tenure at HLC, she served as Chief Washington Counsel for the American Hospital Association. From 1979 to 1995, Ms. Grealy was Chief Operating Officer and Executive Counsel for the Federation of American Hospitals.

Ms. Grealy has a bachelor degree from Michigan State University and a law degree from Duquesne University. She is a member of the American Health Lawyers Association and the Board of Directors of Duquesne University. She also serves on the advisory boards of Duke Health Sector Advisory Council, Women Business Leaders in Health and the March of Dimes Public Policy Council. She is a frequent public speaker on health issues and has been ranked by Modern Healthcare as one of the 100 Most Powerful People in Healthcare every year since 2003.

Richard Murray, MD, Vice President & Head, Global Center for Scientific Affairs, Office of the Chief Medical Officer, Merck & Co., Inc.

Biography

Dr. Murray joined Merck & Co., Inc. in November 1994, where he was a founding member of the Regional Medical Director

Program. Over the subsequent 18 years, he assumed increasing responsibility within US Human Health Medical and Scientific Affairs, including head of U.S. Academic and Professional Affairs; and he was promoted to Vice President, External Medical & Scientific Affairs in August of 2007. He became Head of the Global Center for Scientific Affairs in May 2010, including responsibility for the Merck Investigator-Initiated Studies Program.

Dr. Murray, a native Washingtonian, graduated from Clark University (Worcester, MA) with an A.B. in Psychology and a M.A. in Chemistry. He graduated form Howard University College of Medicine (Washington, DC) and subsequently was an Intern, Medical Resident, Chief Medical Resident and Pulmonary & Critical Care Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Prior to joining Merck, Dr. Murray was Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania where he was an investigator in the area of reactive airways disease, smooth muscle function and calcium signaling. He was also Co-Director of the Adult Asthma Program at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Murray is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonary Diseases. He is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, a Fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and a Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He serves on the boards of directors for the Merck Childhood Asthma Network, the Southeast Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Heart Association, and the Business Development Committee for the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Murray has previously represented Merck at the IOM Clinical Research Roundtable and the Roundtable on Health Disparities.

William M. Silverman, DO, FACOFP AOA Board-Certified Family Physician Lake Howell Family Medicine Associates

Biography

A fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP), William M. Silverman, DO, is an AOA board-certified family physician. He practices at Lake Howell Family Medicine Associates in Maitland, FL. He also is a clinical instructor at the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Lauderdale, FL, and an associate clinical professor at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, School of Pharmacy, in Bradenton, FL.

Dr. Silverman is a former member of the AOA's Board of Trustees and a past president of the Florida Osteopathic Medical Association and the Florida Society of the American College of Osteopathic Family Physicians (ACOFP). A former captain of the United States Army Reserve, Dr. Silverman served as the officer-in-charge of the health clinic at the Hawthorne (Nevada) Army Ammunition Plant.

After earning his osteopathic medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Dr. Silverman completed an osteopathic rotating internship at Cherry Hill (New Jersey) Medical Center.

Dr. Silverman has been an active participant in the Healthcare Leadership Council's National Dialogue for Healthcare Innovation (HLC-NDHI) since 2011.

Phyllis Greenberger President and CEO Society for Women's Health Research

Biography

Phyllis E. Greenberger, M.S.W., is the President and CEO of the Society for Women's Health Research (SWHR), a national nonprofit organization based in Washington DC, is widely recognized as the thought leader in women's health research. SWHR's mission is to improve the health of all women through advocacy, education and research.

Greenberger is the first and only President and CEO of SWHR since its founding in 1990. Through her leadership, dedication and promotion of women's health, sex differences is now widely known and recognized as a critical factor in women's health. Greenberger is also on the SWHR Board of Directors.

Greenberger has presented and spoken to multiple international and national audiences. Internationally, she was invited by the American Jewish Congress Commission for Women's Empowerment to present at Tel Aviv University, as well as the International Pharmaceutical Federation and the International Council of Nurses. Nationally, Greenberger has addressed among other organizations, the Aspen Institute Health Forum (09) and the Biotechnology Industry Organization about health disparities and drug development for women and minorities. Greenberger frequently testifies before Congress advocating for additional research and funding for women's health.

Greenberger currently serves on the Scientific Advisory Board for WomenHeart; is a board member of the Interstitial Cystitis Association; and serves on the Women's Task Force for the National Hemophilia Foundation.

Greenberger received a B.A. from Syracuse University and an M.S.W. from The Catholic University of America.

David Charles, M.D. Chief Medical Officer Vanderbilt Neuroscience Institute

Biography

Dr. Charles is Chief Medical Officer of the Vanderbilt Neuroscience
Institute. His research interests include the treatment of spasticity and
cervical dystonia and he is currently leading the only clinical trial approved by the United
States Food and Drug Administration to test deep brain stimulation in people with early
stage Parkinson's disease. Dr. Charles also serves as Vice-Chairman of Neurology,
Assistant Dean for Medical School Admissions, Neurology Residency Program Director,
Director of the Movement Disorders Clinic, and is an attending physician at Vanderbilt
University Medical Center.

Dr. Charles is a member of the American Neurological Association, Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, Board member of the United Council of Neurologic Subspecialties, Chair of the Alliance for Patient Access, and Past-President of the Tennessee Academy of Neurology. He is a member of Alpha Omega Alpha honor medical society and in 2007 received the CANDLE Award. Recipients are chosen based upon their positive impact on the lives of physicians-in-training, and are recognized by their students as examples of excellence in medical education. In 2007, 2008, and 2010 Dr. Charles received the Five Star Service Award placing him in the top 10% nationally for overall quality of specialty medical care.

From 1997-98, Dr. Charles served as a Health Policy Fellow in the United States Senate on the staff of the Labor Subcommittee for Public Health and Safety. In 1998 he studied deep brain stimulation for the treatment of movement disorders as a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the Universitaire de Grenoble in Grenoble, France. In 2000 Dr. Charles was a nominee for the United States House of Representatives from Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Dr. Charles graduated from Vanderbilt University School of Engineering in 1986 with a B.S. cum laude in Computer Science and Mathematics, and earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 1990. He did his internship in the department of Medicine and his residency in the department of Neurology at Vanderbilt. From 1993-94 he was Chief Resident in Neurology, and from 1994-95 he was a Fellow in Movement Disorders and Clinical Neurophysiology at Vanderbilt. In 1996, he completed a Health Care Management course at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Management, and in 1997 he completed the Harvard Macy Institute Program for Physician Educators at Harvard Medical School.

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