



Full Biography

Glenda F. Newell-Harris, M.D., is a physician, author, speaker and patient advocate. Board-certified in internal medicine, she has devoted her decades-long career to addressing health disparities and advocating for equal access to treatment and quality health care for all.

Dr. Glenda is a native of North Carolina and resides in Oakland, California. She received her medical degree from the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine, and her Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Tufts University in Massachusetts. She is also certified in Physician Leadership and Managing Ambulatory Care from the Harvard School of Public Health.

Each professional and personal role that graces her life fuels the commitment she has to be a trusted voice for her family and friends, her patients and community abroad.

Dr. Glenda has spent most of her professional career providing community and international service and health advocacy to underserved populations in the United States, Latin America, Africa and the Caribbean.

She is a practicing physician serving as regional medical director for YesCare (formerly Corizon Health)—one of the foremost providers of correctional health care in the United States—where she is licensed and leads a team of physicians and other medical providers in seven states.

Dr. Glenda is a former Lieutenant in the National Health Service Corps. She has served as a physician for Kaiser Permanente, Planned Parenthood and Alameda Health System in the San Francisco Bay area. Prior to that, she held private practice for half a dozen years, and served as a medical consultant in various health care settings. Dr. Glenda also has served as a vice chair of the Health Commission for the City of Oakland.

She is the recipient of the National Medical Association's highest honor, the Scroll of Merit. In 2016, she was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Award for Leadership and Global Community Service by Ambassadors to the United States and other members of the MLK, Jr. International Salute Committee. She is also the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from the National Medical Fellowship, an organization that provides scholarships to medical students. And she is recognized with awards and honors from many organizations, including the NAACP, John Hale Medical Society, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Jack and Jill of America, and many others.

Dr. Glenda is a longstanding member of the National Medical Association and has served as its regional officer. In addition, she is an active member of the Sinkler Miller Medical Association, the Advisory Board for Mentoring in Medicine & Science, and UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland.



She is a valued medical expert frequently invited to participate on national and regional panels about complicated medical issues, health topics and patient navigation; and is a sought-after speaker and spokesperson who shares her expertise and provides strategic leadership to youth and faith-based groups; non-profit organizations for women's health, preventive care and patient advocacy; professional and medical organizations; and corporations.

She has also served in leadership roles within various local and regional medical societies and organizations, including as former chair of the board at Imani Community Church in Oakland, former trustee at Miss Porter's School in Farmington, CT, and past chair of the School of St. Leo the Great in Oakland.

In addition to her work inside the health care system, Dr. Glenda is a global leader. She is the 16th National President for The Links, Incorporated and The Links Foundation, one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations. As the first and only medical doctor to serve, Dr. Glenda brought her health and medical expertise to increase awareness and education in health care and prevention. Under her leadership, the organization launched a minority women's medical scholarship program to increase the number of minorities successfully completing medical schools. The goal of this effort was to reduce the shortage of minority medical doctors in communities nationwide.

Her involvement in a diverse collection of organizations inform her expertise on other related topics, such as leadership development, courage and work-life balance.

Her physician leadership in the public and private sectors for more than 25 years inspired Dr. Glenda to co-author with Brenda B. Spriggs, M.D. the book, *Focus On Your Best Health*, a smart guide to practical solutions for medical problems facing health care consumers. The book was created to teach health care consumers how to communicate, navigate and advocate for themselves in the health care system.

To book Dr. Glenda for speaking engagements, please visit doctorglenda.com.
