



Dean's Lecture

"Providing Medical Education and Maternity Care in Rwanda, Central Africa"

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Dr. Hill is the past President and Chief of the Medical Staff at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. He is also past Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Medical Director, Labor and Delivery there. He received his undergraduate education, a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in chemistry in 1961 at Rutgers University, College of South Jersey in Camden, New Jersey. His Doctor of Medicine Degree was received from Temple University School of Medicine in 1965. Dr. Hill interned at Walter Reed General Hospital in 1966 and spent the next nine years as a Medical Officer in the United States Army. He conducted his residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at William Beaumont General Hospital. After 12 years of private practice in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Hill had a career change and completed a Fellowship in Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco and Children's Hospital of San Francisco in 1984. After fellowship, he has practiced this subspecialty across the country. He served as Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Meharry Medical College, School of Medicine, educating minority medical students and residents from 1990 until 1992, when he took the position as Director of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and The Perinatal Center of Sarasota Memorial Hospital in Sarasota, Florida. Throughout his career, he has provided high quality continuing medical education to physicians practicing in both of these settings, promoting optimal health care of high risk pregnant women by nurses, medical students and physicians. Dr. Hill is also a member of numerous medical societies. Dr. Hill has a strong interest in global health, education, patient care, teaching and clinical practice. He is a regular participant at conferences which teach perinatal healthcare providers management and use of research in caring for high risk pregnancies. He has been a leader in the development of a center of excellence known throughout the nation for the care of high risk pregnant patients. Dr. Hill is a frequently sought after speaker in the community and at medical centers around the nation in high risk pregnancy management. His areas of interest include obstetrical ultrasound, preterm labor management, ambulatory obstetric management, HIV in pregnancy, multiple births and perinatal education. Dr. Hill has contributed numerous publications, abstracts and a book to the scientific literature. He has served as a reviewer and/or an editorial board member of a number of journals in Obstetrics and Gynecology. In the past, Black Enterprise Magazine has named Dr. Hill as one of the "Top 100 Black Physicians in the country." Rutgers University recognized Dr. Hill as an Outstanding Alumnus of their South Jersey Campus. He was inducted into the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni because of superlative achievements in both his professional and civic life. This award is given sparingly by Rutgers University. Dr. Hill was most recently with the Human Resources for Health Program Rwanda and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Maternal-Fetal Medicine at the Duke University School of Medicine, Kigali, Rwanda. He has a keen interest in an interest in Global Health. In that role he is involved in providing and teaching safe motherhood in Africa with others who are a part of this program.