



Deborah C. German, M.D.

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Deborah German earned her M.D. degree from Harvard Medical School. She was a Resident in Medicine at the University of Rochester in New York and a Fellow in Rheumatic and Genetic Diseases at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina. She became a faculty member at Duke, involved in research, patient care, and education. As an Associate Investigator at the

Howard Hughes Medical Institute at Duke, she studied adenosine metabolism. She became Director of the Duke Gout Clinics in 1984 and Associate Dean of Medical Education at Duke in 1987. She also maintained her own private practice of Internal Medicine and Rheumatology

In 1988, Dr. German joined Vanderbilt University as Associate Dean for Students and later Senior Associate Dean of Medical Education. She was also the National Chair for the Association of American Medical Colleges Group on Student Affairs.

After 13 years at Vanderbilt, Dr. German next served as President and Chief Executive Officer at Saint Thomas Hospital in Nashville. She was also Senior Vice President and Chief Academic Officer for Saint Thomas Health Services. While there, Dr. German led a successful hospital turn-around and initiated service excellence and quality programs at the hospital that received national recognition. Throughout this time she continued to practice medicine.

In 2005, Dr. German spent a year at the Association of American Medical Colleges in Washington, D.C. as a Petersdorf Scholar in Residence. She studied the leadership of academic health centers framed in the concepts of chaos theory and complex adaptive system science.

Dr. German was appointed as the Founding Dean of the College of Medicine at the University of Central Florida in December 2006. She leads the development of a full-scale medical school and academic medical center that is part of an evolving research-based medical city within a highly engaged central Florida community. In less than two years she has hired over 200 employees and appointed over 800 volunteer faculty, gained preliminary accreditation, raised enough money to provide full four-year scholarships for the entire Charter Class, and is overseeing construction of 400,000 square feet of medical school space.

Dr. German served on the Board of Trustees for the Tennessee Medical Association. She chaired the Tennessee Board of Directors for the Arthritis Foundation.

Many communities have recognized Dr. German for her contributions. The city of Nashville honored her as the recipient of the Athena Award and inducted her into the YWCA Academy for Women of Achievement. She is the recipient of the AAMC Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award. Dr. German was named a Local Legend of Medicine in the National Library of Medicine. She is the Orlando Business Journal and Orlando Regional Healthcare 2008 recipient of both the Business Executive of the Year and the Businesswoman of the Year. Most recently, Dr. German received the Orlando Sentinel's Editorial Board Central Floridian of the Year, 2008.

Dr. German is the mother of two daughters. She enjoys walking, running, gardening, and cooking.