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Notable General Practitioners and Family Physicians in American History

Regina Benjamin, MD – 18th Surgeon General of the United States (2009-2013).

Otis Bowen, MD – Governor of Indiana (1973-1981) and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services (1985-1989).

Penny Wise Budoff, MD – Author of *No More Menstrual Cramps and Other Good News* and the *New York Times* bestseller *No More Hot Flashes and Other Good News* and founder of the Penny Wise Budoff, M.D., Women's Medical Center in Bethpage, NY, one of the nation's first multispecialty women's health centers.

Nancy Dickey, MD – The first female President of the American Medical Association (1998-1999).

Peter J. Katsufraakis, MD, MBA – First family physician to serve as President of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) (January 30, 2017-present).

R. Adm. William L. Lukash, MD, USN – Personal Physician to Presidents Gerald R. Ford and Jimmy Carter (1974-1981).

Col. Kevin C. O'Connor, DO – Physician to Vice President Joseph Biden (2009-2017).

William Y. Rial, MD – President of the American Medical Association (1982-1983).

Barbara Ross-Lee, DO – First African American woman to be appointed dean of an American medical school (College of Osteopathic Medicine of Ohio University, 1993-2001); she is the older sister of singer Diana Ross.

James Roy Rowland, MD – U.S. Congressman from Georgia (1983-1995).

David Satcher, MD, PhD – 16th Surgeon General of the United States (1998-2002), Assistant Secretary for Health (1998-2001), Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (1993-1998), and President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee (1982-1993).

Victor F. Snyder, MD – U.S. Congressman from Arkansas (1997-2011).

Brig. Gen. Richard J. Tubb, MD, USAF – Personal Physician to President George W. Bush (2002-2009).

Ray Lyman Wilbur, MD – President of the American Medical Association (1923-1924), President of Stanford University (1916-1943), and U.S. Secretary of the Interior (1929-1933).

Marcus Welby, MD – Fictional but popular star of the television drama which aired from 1969 to 1976, and was played by actor Robert Young.