Notable General Practitioners and Family Physicians in American History


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.


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


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.


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.