

Dr. L.D. Britt is a widely respected surgeon and philanthropist and is active nationally within the surgical profession. A general and critical care surgeon, Dr. Britt is the Brickhouse Professor and Chairman, Department of Surgery at EVMS. He is the first African-American in the country to have an endowed chair in surgery.

Dr. Britt is a native of Suffolk, Virginia. He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and a graduate of Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health. Dr. Britt was elected Chair of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Board of the Regents for 2008-2009. The American College of Surgeons is a scientific and educational organization of surgeons that was founded in 1913 to raise the standards of surgical practice and to improve the care of the surgical patient. The College has more than 73,000 members, and it is the largest organization of surgeons in the world.

Dr. Britt is a director of the American Board of Surgery. He is also a member of several national and international organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, Society of University Surgeons, Southern Surgical Association, Societe' Internationale de Chirurgie, and the American Surgical Association. He has served on the National Institutes of Health SOH Study Review Panel and has had many national and international leadership positions, including President of the Halsted Society, President of the Society of Surgical Chairs, Chairman of the ACGME Residency Review Committee for Surgery, Secretary of the Southern Surgical Association, and the Executive Director of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons.

Dr. Britt is associate editor of the American Journal of Surgery, and serves on the editorial boards of several other prominent surgery and critical care journals, including the Journal of the American College of Surgeons, Annals of Surgery, Archives of Surgery, Journal of Trauma, and Shock. Throughout his distinguished career he has led or participated in research endeavors that address health care disparities and various aspects of critical surgical care.

Dr. Britt sits on the executive board of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) and is a former member of the Examination Committee of the American Board of Surgery. Dr. Britt was also a member of the Executive Council of the American College of Surgeons National Committee on Trauma and Chair of all the regional committees of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, which includes the international community. Dr. Britt served as Vice-President and Recorder/Program Chair of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. He is past President of the Southeastern Surgical Congress, President of the Halsted Society, and was also appointed to the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar Program National Advisory Committee.

Dr. Britt is well known as an outstanding educator and role model and has been recognized with many national and institutional awards for his excellence in teaching, including the EVMS Dean's Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award and the American Association of Medical Colleges' Robert J. Glasser Distinguished Teaching Award-the nation's highest award in medicine. In 2007, Dr. Britt was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal from the Uniformed Services Universities of Health Science, their highest award given. He is a recipient of the Hampton Roads Chamber NAACP man of the Year and Special Image Awards.