

Biography for

***L.D. Britt, MD, MPH, D.Sc. (Hon), FACS, FCCM, FRCSEng (Hon), FRCSEd (Hon),
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***Department of Surgery
Eastern Virginia Medical School***

EVMS FACULTY APPOINTMENTS

Henry Ford Professor and Edward J. Brickhouse Chairman

MEDICAL EDUCATION

MD: Harvard Medical School

MPH: Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, Massachusetts

RESIDENCY

General Surgery: University Hospital, Cook County Hospital, University of Illinois School of Medicine, Chicago, Illinois

General Surgery Intern: Barnes Hospital/Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri

FELLOWSHIP

Critical Care: Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services, University of Maryland

Research-General Surgery: Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

Research Fellowship: Washington University

Trauma and Critical Care Fellowship: University of Maryland

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

American Board of Surgery-General Surgery and Critical Care Medicine

PATIENT CARE SPECIALITIES

Primary Specialty: General Surgery and Acute Care Surgery

Secondary Specialty: Critical Care

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

American Board of Surgery-General Surgery and Critical Care Medicine

Dr. L.D. Britt, a member of the National Academy of Medicine, is a native of Suffolk, Virginia. Graduating valedictorian of Booker T. Washington High School, he received a B.A. degree (*with Distinction*) from the University of Virginia and was elected to the coveted Raven Society. Dr. Britt, a graduate of Harvard Medical School and Harvard School of Public Health, has had extensive surgical and critical care training. He has conferred honorary doctorates by three universities (*Norfolk State University, Tuskegee University, and Howard University*).

As the Henry Ford Professor and Edward J. Brickhouse Chairman of the Department of Surgery at Eastern Virginia Medical School, Dr. Britt is the first African-American in the country to have an endowed chair in surgery. Dr. Britt is the author of over 300 scientific publications (including 235 peer-reviewed articles in high-impact journals). He is the editor of four books, including the highly touted *Acute Care Surgery* (Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins, Medford, NJ). He serves on numerous editorial boards, including the *Annals of Surgery*, *Journal of the American College of Surgeons (Deputy Editor)*, the *American Journal of Surgery (Associate Editor)*, *Archives of Surgery*, *Shock*, the *Journal of Trauma*, *Journal of Surgical Education* and others. In addition, he is a reviewer for the *New England Journal of Medicine*. He is a member of several national and international organizations, including Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, Society of University Surgeons, Southern Surgical Association, Société Internationale de Chirurgie, International Surgical Group (ISG), Halsted Society, American Surgical Association, and others. He has served on the National Institutes of Health study review panels. Dr. Britt has had many national and international leadership positions, including the following:

1. **American College of Surgeons, *President***
2. **Board of Regents of the American College of Surgeons, *Chair***
3. **American Surgical Association, *President***
4. **American Association for the Surgery of Trauma, *President***
5. **Halsted Society, *President***
6. **Society of Surgical Chairs, *President***
7. **Southern Surgical Association, *President***
8. **Southeastern Surgical Congress, *President***
9. **National Medical Association, - *Surgical Section, President***
10. **Society of Black Academic Surgeons, *President (and current Executive Director)***
11. **ACGME Residency Review Committee, *Chair***
12. **American Board of Surgery, *Director***

Dr. Britt also sat on the executive board of the National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) and was the recipient of the organization's Edithe J. Levit Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Britt is a former member of the Examination Committee of the American Board of Surgery. He was also a member of the Executive Council of the American College of Surgeons National Committee on Trauma and was the Chairman of all the regional committees of the American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma, which includes all fifty states and the international community.

Dr. Britt is the recipient of the nation's highest teaching award in medicine, the Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teaching Award, which is given by the American Association of Medical Colleges in conjunction with the national medical honor society, Alpha Omega Alpha. Each medical school, in both the United States and Canada, submits its best faculty member to compete for this top award given for medical education. He was also selected to be the AOA Visiting Professor. Dr. Britt was also selected by the Association for Surgical Education to be the recipient of the 2004 Distinguished Educator Award, presented annually to one individual who has attained national prominence and demonstrated excellence as a master educator. In addition, on eight occasions, Eastern Virginia Medical School has awarded Dr. Britt the Sir William Osler Award as the outstanding teacher of the year. He was the recipient of the Dean's Faculty Achievement Award for excellence in the clinical sciences and subsequently received the highest award given by the medical school, the Dean's Outstanding Faculty Award. He is the youngest faculty member ever to be given this award. Dr. Britt received Virginia's most prestigious award, The Outstanding Faculty Award, which is presented by the Governor and State Council of

Higher Education for excellence in teaching, research and public service. The recipient of this award is selected from over 15,000 faculty members of the 160 state supported and private institutions. Additionally, Dr. Britt has been honored with an Emmy Award by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for his contribution to the television special: "Youth/Violence: A Call To Disarm." Dr. Britt has participated in visiting professorships and distinguished lectureships throughout the world, including the A. Clifford Barger-Hinton Wright Lecture, which is given by a distinguished physician to both the faculty and entire student assembly at Harvard Medical School. Also, he was named the Edward Richardson Visiting Professor at Massachusetts General Hospital. This is considered one of the oldest lectureships at Harvard Medical School. He was named the Deryl Hart Visiting Professor at Duke University, the Woodward Visiting Professor at the University of Florida, the Will C. Moore Visiting Professor at Duke University, the Woodward Visiting Professor at the University of Florida, the Will C. Moore Visiting Professor at Indiana University, the Altemeier Visiting Professor at the University of Cincinnati, the Erb Lecturer for the Philadelphia Academy of Surgery, the Drew-Syphax Visiting Professor for Howard University Hospital, the William R. Drucker Visiting Professor at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and the Felda Hightower Lecturer at Wake Forest University. In 1996, he completed the Miller Visiting Professorship at the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa. Dr. Britt was selected to be the Foundation Visiting Professor for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh for their first combined Clinical Congress, which was held in Adelaide, Australia. He has also been a Visiting Professor at both the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Ireland. Dr. Britt was named the 2003 Maurice Galante Visiting Professor for the University of California at San Francisco. In 2004, he was the Distinguished Sherman Lecturer for Southeastern Surgical Clinical Congress. Dr. Britt was the 2005 James Rives Visiting Professor at Louisiana State University and the Robert Zollinger Visiting Professor at Ohio State University. His visiting professorships include the Muller-Jones Society (UVA), James DeWeese (University of Rochester), the E. Starr Judd (University of Minnesota), the Folkert O. Belzer (University of Wisconsin), the Alton Ochsner (Ochsner Clinic) The Champs-Lyons (University of Alabama at Birmingham), the Sam Gross (University of Louisville), the David Skinner (University of Chicago) the Francis Moore "Pro-tempore" (Brigham and Women's Hospital-Harvard Medical) Professorships, along with the H. James Fox (University of Colorado), Waltman Walters (Mayo Clinic), and Evarts Graham visiting professorships. Dr. Britt's recent visiting professorships include the William P. Longmire, Jr. Visiting Professor at the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA), the Gardner W. Smith Visiting Professor at Johns Hopkin's, the Kelsey Seybold Visiting Professor at Baylor School of Medicine, the Hohn Whittington Visiting Professor at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, the Edwin P. Lehman, MD Visiting Professor at the University of Virginia, and the William A.L. Mitchell Endowed Lectureship at the USA Trauma Symposium. Acute Care Surgery: Ongoing Challenges Visiting Professorship, Winchester Medical Center, Winchester, VA, Point Counterpoint Charlie Wolferth Lecture, Baltimore, MD, Donald Silver Endowed Lectureship, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO.

Governor Mark R. Warner appointed Dr. Britt to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Virginia Capitol Foundation. Dr. Britt is an appointed member to the Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program National Advisory Committee. Along with his academic pursuits, Dr. Britt is an "active" participant in the community.

He is the former Rector of the Board of Visitors at Norfolk State University and a former Executive Council member of the Board of Managers at the University of Virginia. He has been the recipient of

the B'NAI B'RITH Great American Traditions Award, the NAACP Man of the Year recognition, and the Community Service Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America for his support of urban scouting. IN addition, he was the honoree featured in the Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership series sponsored by Virginia Power/North Carolina Power. Community leaders have established both a medical school scholarship and community service award in his name. Dr. Britt serves on several other state, national and international boards and is involved in numerous church and community activities. He was featured in Ebony magazine as being a member of the “power elite” (one of the 150 most influential Blacks in America). Atlanta Post recently highlighted him as one of the top 21 black doctors in America. Dr. Britt is the recipient of the 2010 Colgate Darden Scouter Citizen Award and the 2011 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Award (the annual Suffolk city-wide recognition).

President George W. Bush recognized Dr. Britt’s leadership role in medicine and nominated him to the Board of Regents of the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, and he was subsequently confirmed by the United States Senate. At the end of his tenure, Dr. Britt was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal. He currently serves as a consultant and is the Distinguished Visiting Surgeon in Combat Trauma Care for the United States Department of Defense.

The National Library of Medicine of the National Institutes of Medicine in collaboration with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture recently featured Dr. Britt for his contributions to academic surgery. At the inaugural presidential ceremony held in Washington, D.C., during the 96th annual Clinical Congress of the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Britt was awarded the U.S. Surgeon General’s medallion for his outstanding achievements in medicine. The Honorable Regina Benjamin, MD, the 18th U.S. Surgeon General, presented this award at a formal ceremony. During the 2011 Clinical Congress held in Senegal, Dr. Britt was also bestowed an Honorary Fellowship in the West African College of Surgeons. He was chosen by the membership to be the 132nd President of the American Surgical Association during its annual meeting. Dr. Britt was also elected to the position of Commissioner of the Joint Commission (formerly JACHO).

In 2012, he was conferred an Honorary Fellowship in the French Academy of Surgery and the Colleges of Medicine of South Africa. Having recently been awarded an Honorary Fellowship in the Royal College of Surgeons of Glasgow, Dr. Britt now has the distinction of receiving the highest honor given by each of the four Royal Colleges in the United Kingdom – England, Edinburg, Ireland, and Glasgow. Dr. Britt, author of the term “Acute Care Surgery” and one of the principal architects of this emerging specialty, was the 2013 recipient of the prestigious Roswell Park Medal, honored for his major contributions to American surgery. At the 2015 annual meeting of the Society of Critical Care Medicine, Dr. Britt was bestowed the coveted title of “Master of Critical Care Medicine” (MCCM) by the American College of Critical Care Medicine. Governor Terry McAuliffe appointed Dr. Britt to the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia. His inaugural committee assignments include the Executive Committee, Finance Committee, Audit Committee, Governance Committee, and Education Committee, along with the Medical Center Operations Board. Dr. Britt was most recently selected to give the distinguished Fitts Oration at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma. Also, the Southern Surgical Association awarded Dr. Britt the organization’s highest accolade – Honorary Fellowship – at its 2015 annual meeting.

In May 2016, Dr. Britt was invited to be the inaugural visiting professor for the Courtney M. Townsend Lectureship at UTMB Galveston. He was awarded the Urban League of Hampton Roads Professor Marion Capps Memorial Award for his accomplishments in community service through education. At the 148th commencement at Howard University, Dr. Britt was conferred an honorary doctorate (Doctor of Science). His co-honorees included President Barack Obama, activist and award-winning actor Cicely Tyson, and Ambassador Horace G. Dawson, Jr. The summer of 2016 serendipitously, Dr. Britt conducted his 200th visiting professorship at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL (where Dr. Britt completed his residency training). He was the inaugural John A. Barrett, M.D. lecturer that kicked off the 50th anniversary celebration for Cook County Hospital Trauma Unit.

Effective October 1, 2016, Dr. Britt was elected to the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine). He is the first and only faculty member from his institution to receive this distinction – considered one of the highest honors in the field of health and medicine.

Dr. Britt was awarded, as the Principal Investigator (PI), a multimillion dollar NIH-R01 research grant (1 R01 MD011695-01). He was also recently awarded, as the Co-Investigator (CO-I), another multimillion dollar NIH-R01 research grant (1 R01 MD011685-01). The Mayo Clinic bestowed upon Dr. Britt one of the institutions highest honors by appointing him to be the Donald Balfour Visiting Professor. In addition to the unveiling of his latest edition of the textbook, *Acute Care Surgery* (Wolters Kluwer), Dr. Britt was inducted into the inaugural class of the Academy of Master Surgeons Educators of the American College of Surgeons in October 2018. Most recently in 2021, Dr. Britt was honored by the American College of Surgeons with a Lifetime Achievement Award and is the fifth individual in the institution's history to receive this accolade. Because of his expertise and achievements, Dr. Britt was honored with the coveted Master Surgeon medallion at the 80th annual meeting of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST). On April 29, 2022, EVMS unveiled a bronze sculpture depicting surgeon Dr. Britt. This 9-foot-tall larger-than-life statue is symbolic of the profound impact Dr. Britt has had over his long and illustrious career.

Most recently, the American College of Surgeons selected Dr. Britt to be honored as an “Icon in Surgery.” This program honors surgeons who have made significant contributions to the field of surgery. A key component of this honor is the production of a short video highlighting the major accomplishments of Dr. Britt, which was unveiled at Clinical Congress 2023.