

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Christopher Leggett

PERSON

Leggett, Christopher, 1960-

Alternative Names: Dr. Christopher Leggett; Dr. Christopher J.W.B. Leggett

Life Dates: November 8, 1960-

Place of Birth: Cleveland, Ohio, USA

Residence: Alpharetta, GA

Occupations: Cardiologist; Healthcare Executive

Biographical Note

Clinical interventional cardiologist Dr. Christopher J.W.B. Leggett was born on November 8, 1960, in Cleveland, Ohio, the tenth of eleven children to Willie and Ethel Leggett. At thirteen years of age, Leggett was awarded a three year academic scholarship by the A Better Chance organization to attend Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts. After his high school graduation, Leggett received a four year scholarship to attend Princeton University. While attending Princeton, Leggett was a campus leader and member of the Princeton University basketball team. In 1982, Leggett graduated from Princeton University with his B.A. degree in sociology.

In 1982, after attending the University of Cincinnati's School of Medicine in Cincinnati, Ohio, Leggett attended Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, Ohio, where he received his M.D. degree. At Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, Leggett was also chairman of the Student National Medical Association. In 1986, Leggett interned in internal medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland; after completing his residency at Johns Hopkins in 1989, Leggett completed his cardiology fellowship at the Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, Georgia.

In 1992, Leggett became a physician at the Cardiovascular Laboratory in the Veterans Administration Hospital at the Emory University School of Medicine in Decatur, Georgia. In 1993, Leggett became an interventional cardiology fellow in the Department of Cardiology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine. During his fellowship, Leggett was under the tutelage of world leader and pioneer, Dr. Gary S. Roubin.

In 2002, Leggett was appointed by the United States Secretary of the Department of

Health and Human Services to serve on the National Practicing Physician Advisory Council in Washington, D.C. for a four year term. In 2002, a Georgia State Senate Resolution honored Leggett for his contributions to society; in May of that same year, Leggett was the recipient of the President's Award at Oakwood College for being an exemplary role model for Alumni. Leggett is the Director of Cardiology at Medical Associates of North Georgia and practices medicine at Northside Hospital – Cherokee in Canton, Georgia; St. Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Georgia; and Gwinnett Health System in Lawrenceville, Georgia.

Christopher Leggett was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on September 11, 2007.

Related Entries

University of Cincinnati [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Mary M Bethune Elementary School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Harry E. Davis Junior High School [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Phillips Academy [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Princeton University [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Johns Hopkins Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1986 to 1987]

Intern in Internal Medicine

Johns Hopkins Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1987 to 1989]

Resident in Internal Medicine

Emory University School of Medicine [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1989 to 1992]

Clinical Cardiology Fellow

Piedmont Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1989 to 1997]

Emory University School of Medicine [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1992 to 1993]

Attending Physician

Atlanta VA Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1992 to ?]

University of Alabama, Birmingham [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1993 to 1994]

Interventional Cardiology Fellow

Medical Associates of North Georgia [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1994 to ?]

Director of Cardiology

St. Joseph's Hospital, Atlanta [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from 1997 to ?]

[MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Center for Disease Control [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

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Health Strategies Council [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member

Cardiovascular Learning Partnership [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board Member and Primary Investigator

Fuqua Heart Center Cardiac Invasive Catheterization Lab Committee [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Fuqua Heart Center Research Committee [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Member

Northside Cherokee Hospital Intensive Care Committee [MEMBEROf]

[from ? to ?]

Atlanta Cardiovascular Research Institute [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to ?]

Chairman

Strategic Leadership Group of American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to 2001]

National Board member

Development Coordinating Committee of American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to 2001]

National Board member

Disease Management Strategic Group of American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2000 to 2001]

National Board member

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services [MEMBEROf]
[from 2001 to 2005]

National Member

American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2001 to 2002]

President

American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2001 to 2003]

National Board member

Minority Health Issues Task Force of American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2001 to 2001]

Board Member

Professional Education Committee of American Heart Association [MEMBEROf]
[from 2002 to 2004]

National Board member