

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Ronald C. Childs

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Childs, Ronald C., 1957-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs,
Dates:	August 10, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	6 uncompressed MOV digital video files (2:39:03).
Abstract:	Surgeon Dr. Ronald C. Childs (1957-) served as medical co-director of the Inova Spine Institute at Inova Fairfax Hospital, and also chairman of Spine and Osteobiologics committee. Childs has several patents pending in that area in the area of minimally invasive spinal surgery. Childs was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on August 10, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_151
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Surgeon Dr. Ronald C. Childs was born on December 25, 1957. Childs received his B.A. degree from Boston University in 1979, his M.D. degree from Howard University College of Medicine, in 1983, and completed his orthopedic surgery internship and residency in 1989 at Howard University Hospital. Later, Childs became a member in the Rush Medical College Spine Fellowship Program at Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois.

On active duty in the United States Army where he served three years including a tour of duty in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm, Childs became part of the U.S. Army Medical Corps. During this time, he conducted orthopedic and combat surgeries during the Persian Gulf War, and was stationed in both Germany and Saudi Arabia during the conflict.

In 1994, Childs joined Commonwealth Orthopedics and Rehabilitation, P.C. in Fairfax, Virginia as the medical group's first spine surgeon where he specialized in minimally invasive spine surgery, anterior cervical microdiscectomy and cervical disc replacement. While working in Fairfax, Childs became the first surgeon to conduct the XLIF (extreme lateral interbody fusion) surgical procedure. Childs served as chief of the orthopedics spine section at Inova Fairfax Hospital, medical co-director of the Inova Spine Institute, and chairman of the hospital's spine and osteobiologics committee. He also served as chairman of the state's Region II of the Workers Compensation Peer Review Board.

Childs was board certified and recertified in 2001 and 2011, respectively by the American Board of Orthopedic Surgery. He has been a fellow in the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American College of Surgeons. He served as an active member in the North American Spine Society, the Old Dominion Medical Society, Fairfax Medical Society, and Society of Lateral Access Surgeons.

In 2015, Commonwealth and OrthoVirginia merged to become OrthoVirginia, with offices in Central and North Virginia, and Childs joined the group formally known as West End Orthopedic Clinic (WEOC) which was renamed OrthoVirginia in 2011.

Childs has several patents pending in the area of minimally invasive spinal surgery. In 2017, Childs applied for a patent after he developed a bone fixation device with DePuy Synthes. He was voted a “Top Doctor” in 2015, 2017 and 2018 by *Washingtonian* magazine and *Northern Virginia Magazine*.

Childs and his wife, Virginia have two children.

Dr. Ronald C. Childs was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on August 10, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs was conducted by Larry Crowe on August 10, 2018, in Martha's Vineyard, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 6 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Surgeon Dr. Ronald C. Childs (1957-) served as medical co-director of the Inova Spine Institute at Inova Fairfax Hospital, and also chairman of Spine and Osteobiologics committee. Childs has several patents pending in that area in the area of minimally invasive spinal surgery.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Childs, Ronald C., 1957-

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Childs, Ronald C., 1957- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Surgeon

HistoryMakers® Category:

MedicalMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, August 10, 2018. The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection, 1900 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_001, TRT: 1:28:43 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_002, TRT: 2:29:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_003, TRT: 3:28:42 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_004, TRT: 4:29:51 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_005, TRT: 5:29:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Ronald C. Childs, Section A2018_151_001_006, TRT: 6:12:19 ?