

# Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Virgil Norris

PERSON

Norris, Virgil

**Alternative Names:** Dr. Virgil Norris; Dr. Virgil Norris

**Life Dates:** , -October 29, 2014

**Place of Birth:** Tallahassee, Florida, USA

**Residence:** Delray Beach, FL

**Occupations:** Surgeon;

## Biographical Note

Born in Tallahassee, Florida, Virgil C. Norris has practiced medicine in the Palm Beach area for forty years. He graduated with his B.S. from Hampton Institute in Hampton, Virginia, in 1950. He went on to study medicine at Meharry Medical College in Tennessee and received his M.D. in 1959. Dr. Norris has enjoyed a twenty-seven year career as a surgeon and general practitioner for the Palm Beach community.

Norris was certified by the American Board of Surgery in 1975 and became a fellow at the American College of Surgeons in 1977. He has been in private practice since 1969 and has served on staff at Bethesda Memorial Hospital and Delray Community Hospital. He is a member of Palm Beach County Medical Society, Florida Medical Association, American Medical Association, the National Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons.

Aside from practicing medicine, Norris takes an active role in his community. He has served as president of the Delray Club, Masonic Lodge, Naciremas Club and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; and as a member of the NAACP, ACLU, Delray Board of Realtors and St. Paul A.M.E. Church. Norris received the First Annual Black Award for Medicine and Health Care in 1989. He and his wife Barbara have six children.

## Related Entries

**FAMU Developmental Research School** [STUDENT OF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Lincoln High School** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**Hampton University** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**B.S.**

**Meharry Medical College** [STUDENTOF]  
[from ? to ?]

**M.D.**

**Delete** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1961 to 1965]

**Doctor**

**V.A. Lakeside Medical Center** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1965 to 1969]

**General Surgeon**

**Delete** [EMPLOYEEOF]  
[from 1969 to ?]

**Doctor**