

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson

Overview of the Collection

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Creator:	Tuckson, Reed
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson,
Dates:	March 5, 2018
Bulk Dates:	2018
Physical Description:	11 uncompressed MOV digital video files (5:00:11).
Abstract:	Healthcare executive Dr. Reed Tuckson (1951-) founded Tuckson Health Connections in 2013 and previously served as president of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, group vice president for professional standards of the American Medical Association, and executive vice president and medical affairs chief of UnitedHealth Group. Tuckson was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on March 5, 2018, in Sandy Springs, Georgia. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2018_030
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Healthcare executive Reed V. Tuckson was born on February 18, 1951 in Washington, D.C. to Coleman and Evelyn Tuckson. He received his B.S. degree from Howard University in 1973, and his M.D. degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1978. From 1978 to 1981, he trained at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania as a specialist in internal medicine, served as an admitting doctor at Philadelphia's Veterans Affairs hospital, launched a radio program aimed at African American listeners, and organized a support group for sickle-cell anemia patients. His interest in public health led him to a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars fellowship, where he studied health care administration and policy at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, from 1981 to 1983.

Tuckson worked for Elmira Jeffries Nursing Home in Philadelphia as a founding medical director from 1981 to 1985. Returning to Washington, Tuckson worked for the D.C. Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration from 1983 to 1985. He then held the position of District of Columbia deputy commissioner of public health from 1985 to 1986; and a year later, was promoted to commissioner of public health for D.C., a position he held from 1986 to 1989. He joined the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation as senior vice president for programs before being appointed as the new president of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science in Los Angeles, serving from 1991 to 1997. Tuckson left Drew University to work for the Chicago-based American Medical Association as the group vice president for professional standards from 1997 to 2000. He accepted an offer from the United Health Group in Minneapolis, Minnesota to serve as senior vice president of consumer health and medical-care advancement from 2000 to 2006 when he was then promoted to executive vice president and chief of medical affairs at United Health where he served until 2013. He then established Tuckson Health Connections, a private health and medical care consulting company.

Tuckson has held numerous appointments in the areas of health care, the federal government and academia including active memberships in the American Medical Association and the Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences. He was appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Director of the National Institutes of Health, and has served on numerous boards, including those of Neptune Technologies & Bioresources, Inc.; the National Hispanic Medical Association; the Alliance for Health Reform; the National Patient Advocate Foundation; ViTel Net, Inc.; Cell Therapeutics, Inc.; Inform Genomics, Inc.; AcademyHealth; Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Greater Twin Cities; and Minnesota Public Radio. He also served on the board of trustees of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation, on the advisory board of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, and as president of the Society of Medical Administrators.

Tuckson and his wife Margie Malone Tuckson have four adult children including Kobi, Nia, Dominic and Lance.

Reed V. Tuckson was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on March 5, 2018.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson was conducted by Larry Crowe on March 5, 2018, in Sandy Springs, Georgia, and was recorded on 11 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Healthcare executive Dr. Reed Tuckson (1951-) founded Tuckson Health Connections in 2013 and previously served as president of the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science, group vice president for professional standards of the American Medical Association, and executive vice president and medical affairs chief of UnitedHealth Group.

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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:

Tuckson, Reed

Crowe, Larry (Interviewer)

Stearns, Scott (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews
Tuckson, Reed--Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Healthcare Executive

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

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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. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_001, TRT: 1:27:37 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_002, TRT: 2:28:11 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_003, TRT: 3:28:01 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_004, TRT: 4:28:24 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_005, TRT: 5:29:55 ?

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Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_009, TRT: 9:27:29 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_010, TRT: 10:26:00 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Reed V. Tuckson, Section A2018_030_001_011, TRT: 11:14:47 ?