

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. James Rosser, Jr.

PERSON

Rosser, James C., 1954-

Alternative Names: Dr. James Rosser, Jr.;

Life Dates: September 14, 1954-

Place of Birth: Rome, Mississippi, USA

Residence: Davenport, FL

Occupations: Medical Professor; Hospital Chief
Executive

Biographical Note

Hospital chief executive and medical professor James C. Rosser, Jr. was born on September 14, 1954 in Rome, Mississippi. He attended James C. Rosser Elementary school and graduated from Gentry High School in 1971. After briefly attending the University of Florida, Rosser enrolled in the University of Mississippi and graduated from there with his B.A. degree in chemistry and biology in 1974. He received his M.D. degree from the University of Mississippi

School of Medicine in 1980. Rosser then completed his surgical residency at Akron General Medical Center where he served as chief resident from 1984 to 1985.

Upon completion of his residency, Rosser began an academic/private surgical practice at Akron General Medical Center and accepted a position as assistant professor of surgery at Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. In addition, Rosser was appointed as assistant professor of surgery at the Yale University School of Medicine, and as professor of surgery at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. His hospital appointments include Academic Medical Center in Amsterdam, Netherlands and St. Francis Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. From 1994 to 2002, Rosser served as chief of videoendoscopic surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Then, in 2002, he was named chief of minimally invasive surgery and director of the Advanced Medical technology Institute at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Rosser has given more than 350 invited lectures around the world on topics ranging from education to remote control surgery. He has written over fifty peer-reviewed articles, sixteen chapters in books currently in print, and eleven digital books. He holds two patents and he has been credited with the development of several products and appliances. For his efforts, Dr. Rosser has received numerous recognitions and awards, including the NAACP Living Legend Award in Medicine, the National Role Model Award from Minority Access, Inc., the SAGES Gerald Marks Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Society of Laparoscopic Surgeons' EXCEL award.

Rosser is married to Dana Mitchell Rosser. They have five children: Kevin S. Rosser, Duane C. Rosser, Angela N. Rosser, Taylor E. Rosser, and Tianna M. Rosser.

James C. Rosser, Jr. was interviewed by The

HistoryMakers on June 4, 2013.

Related Entries

University of Mississippi [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A.

University of Mississippi School of Medicine [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

M.D.

James C. Rosser Elementary School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Gentry High School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Diploma

Akron General Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1980 to 1985]

General Surgery Residency

Akron General Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1984 to 1985]

Ohio Chief Resident in General Surgery

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1985 to 1991]

Clinical Instructor of Surgery

Children's Hospital Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 1994]

**Start-Up Director and Preceptor, Laparoscopic
Surgery, Dept. of Pediatric Surgery**

Union Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1970 to ?]

**Start-Up Director and Preceptor, Laparoscopic
Cholecystectomy and Colon Surgery Program,
Department of Surgery**

Bellevue Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1976 to 1994]

**Start-Up Director and Preceptor, Laparoscopic
Cholecystectomy Program, Department of
Surgery**

Washington General Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1990 to 1994]

**Start-Up Director and Preceptor, Laparoscopic
Cholecystectomy Program, Department of
Surgery**

Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine

[EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1991 to 1994]

Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery

Riverview Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 196808 to 197801]

**Preceptor, advanced Laparoscopic Procedures
Program, Department of Surgery**

Providence Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1957 to ?]

**Preceptor, Laparoscopic Colon Surgery and
Advanced Laparoscopic Procedures Program,
Department of Surgery**

Yale University School of Medicine [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1994 to 1999]

Assistant Professor of Surgery

Middlesex Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1968 to 1973]

**Preceptor, Advanced Laparoscopic Procedures
Program, Department of Surgery**

Yale University School of Medicine [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1999 to 2002]

Associate Professor of Surgery

Best Israel Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1967 to ?]

**Director, Advanced Medical Technologies
Institute**

Albert Einstein Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1953 to 1958]

Professor of Surgery

Southern Medical Society [MEMBEROF]
[from 1980 to ?]

American Medical Association [MEMBEROF]
[from 1980 to ?]

Ohio Stated Medical Association [MEMBEROF]
[from 1981 to ?]

National Medical Association (NMA) [MEMBEROF]
[from 1985 to ?]

Summit County Medical Society [MEMBEROF]
[from 1986 to 1994]

International College of Surgeons [MEMBEROF]
[from 1991 to ?]

**Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic
Surgeons** [MEMBEROF]
[from 1992 to ?]

American College of Surgeons [MEMBEROF]

[from 1993 to ?]

European Association for Endoscopic Surgery

[MEMBEROF]

[from 1994 to ?]

Society of Laparoscopic Surgery [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to ?]