

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Stephen Keith

PERSON

Keith, Stephen, 1952-

Alternative Names: Dr. Stephen Keith;

Life Dates: July 20, 1952-

Place of Birth: Battle Creek, Michigan, USA

Residence: Chicago, Illinois

Occupations: Healthcare Executive

Biographical Note

Healthcare executive Dr. Stephen Keith was born on July 20, 1952 in Battle Creek, Michigan to Laurel Eugene and Elizabeth Brown Keith. After graduating from the University of Chicago Laboratory High School in 1969, he received his B.A. degree in Black Studies from Amherst College in 1973. Keith went on to earn his M.D. degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1977. He completed his residency in pediatrics with the University of California Los Angeles in 1980, where he also received his M.S. degree in public health in 1982.

From 1982 to 1987, Keith served as an assistant professor in the Departments of Pediatrics at UCLA and the Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science, where he also served as Associate Dean for Student Affairs. He served as a senior health policy advisor for the U.S. Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources under the late Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts from 1987 to 1990. In 1990, Keith was hired by Merck & Co., Inc. where he served in various senior management roles, including in the corporate public affairs and health strategies divisions. Keith was appointed vice president of marketing and sales at the vaccine developer and manufacturer North American Vaccine, Inc. in 1995 until 2000. From 2000 to 2001, he worked as president and chief operating officer of the life science startup, Antex Biologics, Inc. Keith was then hired as general partner with Emerging Technology Partners, LLC in 2002, a position he held until 2003. Keith then joined Glocap Advisors as a managing director and retained this role until 2005. Biologics Consulting Group hired him as a senior consultant in 2005, and he served until 2006. Panacea Pharmaceuticals then hired Keith as president and chief operating officer in 2006. He remained at Panacea until 2009, when he was hired as chief executive officer of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology. Three years later, Keith joined WellStreet Urgent Care in Atlanta, Georgia as a site director and staff physician. While practicing

here, he was also hired as the chief executive officer of Optima Health, Inc. Keith remained there, and with WellStreet, until being selected as the chief executive officer of the life sciences company, Vivacelle Bio, in 2015. That same year, he was hired by Evanston Technology Partners to serve as chief business development and medical officer. Keith left Vivacelle Bio in 2017, and became a medical director of medical management and scientific services in the clinical services department of Syneos Health in 2018.

Keith has served on the board of directors for Intradigm Therapeutics, Cytomedix, Inc. (now Nuo Therapeutics), Vivacelle Bio, Evanston Technology Partners, National Medical Fellowships, Inc., and Community Health Charities. He served as a fellow of the Academy of Pediatrics and a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatrics.

Keith and his wife, Dr. Helene Gayle, reside in Chicago, Illinois. He has three children from previous marriages.

Dr. Stephen Keith was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on August 16, 2019.

Related Entries

University of Chicago Laboratory Schools [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

Amherst College [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

B.A.

University of Illinois College of Medicine [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.D.

University of California, Los Angeles [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.P.H.

University of California, Los Angeles [STUDENTOF]
[from ? to ?]

M.B.M.

Syneos Health [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2018 to ?]

Medical Director

Evanston Technology Partners [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2015 to ?]

Chief Business Development and Medical Officer

Vivacelle Bio, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2015 to 2018]

CEO

Optima Health, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2013 to 2015]

CEO

Panacea Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2006 to 2009]

President and CEO

Biologics Consulting Group [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2005 to 2006]

Senior Consultant

Glocap Advisors LLC [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2003 to 2005]

Managing Director

Emerging Technology Partners, LLC [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2002 to 2003]

General Partner

Antex Biologics, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 2000 to 2001]

President and CEO

North American Vaccine, Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1995 to 2000]

Vice President, Marketing and Sales

Merck & Co., Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1994 to 1995]

Senior Director, Health Strategies

Merck & Co., Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1992 to 1994]

Senior Customer Manager, US Human Health Division

Merck & Co., Inc. [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1990 to 1992]

Senior Director, Health Care Delivery Policy

US Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1987 to 1990]

Senior Health Policy Advisor

Charles R. Drew University [EMPLOYEEOF]
[from 1982 to 1987]

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

University of California, Los Angeles [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1982 to 1987]

Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics

Children's Memorial Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1971 to 1971]

Director, High School Student Preceptorship Program

Children's Memorial Hospital [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1972 to 1972]

Student Project in Neurological Research Laboratory

Rush Presbyterian - St. Luke's Medical Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1973 to 1973]

Program Coordinator, Allied Health Sciences

Martin Luther King, Jr. Neighborhood Health Center [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1974 to 1975]

Administrative Assistant

Charles R. Drew University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1982 to 1985]

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, Postgraduate Medical School

Charles R. Drew University [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 1985 to 1987]

Associate Dean for Student Affairs, Postgraduate Medical School

American College of Clinical Pharmacology [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 200908 to 201202]

CEO

WellStreet Urgent Care [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from 201208 to 201505]

Physician; Site Director

National Medical Fellowships [MEMBEROF]

[from 1999 to ?]

Board of Directors; Treasurer

Community Health Charities of Maryland and Delaware [MEMBEROF]

[from 2000 to 2011]

Board of Directors

Intradigm Corporation [MEMBEROF]

[from 2002 to 2006]

Board of Directors

Citizens' Review Board for Children [MEMBEROF]

[from 2004 to 2011]

Board of Directors

Nuo Therapeutics, Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from 2008 to 2016]

Board of Directors

David A. Winston Health Policy Fellowship [MEMBEROF]
[from 2008 to 2014]

Board of Directors

Family Services, Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from 2008 to 2011]

Board of Directors

Community Health Charities [MEMBEROF]
[from 2009 to ?]

Board of Directors

Optima Health, Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from 2013 to 2015]

Board of Directors Chair

Vivacelle Bio., Inc. [MEMBEROF]
[from 2015 to 2018]

Board of Directors