

LEROY William VAUGHN, MD, MBA

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Medical Director, Eye Care for Diabetics Medical Group-Inglewood, CA 1980-Present

Serve as principal medical and business director for full service medical eye clinic with special emphasis on treating diabetic eye problems and glaucoma. Supervise staff of seven, including in-house medical billing and administrative management. Solicit and maintain contracts with all major HMOs and insurance companies. Solicited and completed several national glaucoma research projects. Began the full service clinic as a specialist referral center for advanced stages of various diabetic eye diseases. Accelerated clinic growth by securing referrals from Internists and other physicians for early intervention, particularly for diabetic related problems.

Director of Retinal Services & Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology 1980-1986

Martin Luther King, Jr., Medical Center-Los Angeles, CA

Established and directed hospital's first full-time retina clinic. Supervised ten professional and training personnel.

UCLA/Jules Stein Eye Institute-Westwood, CA

Supervised clinical staff on the research, diagnosis, and treatment primarily of diabetic retinal diseases.

CERTIFICATION

Diplomate-American Board of Ophthalmology, 1978

Scored 97th percentile national ranking on the written examination.

Appointed Associate Oral Examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology, 1983

FELLOWSHIP

Retinal Clinical Fellow

07/1978-12/1979

Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard University-Boston, MA

Retinal Research Fellow

07/1978-12/1979

Eye Research Institute, Retina Foundation-Boston, MA

RESIDENCY (DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY)

Kresge Eye Institute, Wayne State University-Detroit, MI

07/1975-06/1977

Barnes Hospital, Washington University-St. Louis, MO

07/1974-06/1975

INTERNSHIP (DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE)

North Carolina Memorial Hospital, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, NC

07/1973-06/1974

EDUCATION

Abraham Lincoln University-Los Angeles, CA

01/2002-2004

School of Law (GPA-4.0, Year 1)

University of Phoenix-Gardena, CA. **MBA**

07/1999-09/2001

Master of Business Administration Degree. (GPA-3.89). Summa cum Laude

Computer Learning Centers-Los Angeles, CA. **CBS**

08/1997-10/1998

Diploma in Computerized Business Systems. (GPA-3.84). Summa Cum Laude

Wayne State University-Detroit, MI. **MD**

09/1969-05/1973

Doctor of Medicine Degree

Franklin C. McLean Scholar (Nation's outstanding Black medical student), 1972

Aesculapian Honor Society, 1972

Founding Treasurer & President, Black Medical Association, Wayne State University School of Medicine, 1969-71

National Medical-Sloan Foundation Scholarship Award, 1969

EDUCATION (continued)

Morehouse College-Atlanta, GA. Bachelor of Science Degree 1963-66, 1968-69
 Major Mathematics & German. Minor: Chemistry & Biology.
 PHI B:: ;TA KAPPA Honor Society, 1969
 Franklm Forbes Scholar-Athlete Award, 1969
 Varsity basketball scholarship, 1963-66, 1968-69
 Merrill Overseas Study-Travel Scholarship Award, 1966-68

University of Vienna-Vienna, Austria 09/1966-06/1968
 Institute of European Studies-Student Advisor Scholarship Award, 1968
 University of Vienna-Basketball Instructor, 1967-68. Firestone National Basketball Team, 1966-68
 Vienn, to Berlin, Germany-Bus Tour Guide, 1967. Kibbutz Hahotrim (Israel)-student coordinator, summer 1968

MEDICAL LICENCES

California (active)	A30576	1976	Illinois (inactive)	36-50416	1974
North Carolina (active)	21521	1973	Massachusetts (inactive)	40346	1976
Guam (inactive)	M001033	2001	Michigan (inactive)	33925	1974
Florida (inactive)	27154	1976	Missouri (inactive)	R5732	1974

HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS

Centinela Hospital Olympia Hospital

HONORS, AWARDS, & SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

ASA-USA Medical Missions Award for humanitarian services to Anambra State, Nigeria, 2008
 Lifetime Volunteer Physician Award-EyeCare America, 2008-for services since 1985
 Conferred title of Chief Omeluora by King Mbaukwu for multiple medical missions to Nigeria, 2007
 America's 'Fop Ophthalmologists-Consumer's Research Council of America, 2002-2003
 Strathmore's Who's Who, 2002-2003
 National Leadership Award-National Republican Congressional Committee, 2001
 Certificate of Appreciation-EyeCare America Volunteer, 2001
 Wayne State University-25 years of professional service in medicine with distinction, 1998
 Distinguished Physician Award-The Minority Health Institute, 1996
 President Bill Clinton Commendation-Many years of dedicated service, 1994
 Commission Physician-California State Athletic Commission, 1982-89
 Commission Physician-Ad Hoc Select Committee on Professional Boxing and Licensing, 1985-88
 California Senate Medi-Cal Task Force Committee, 1983-89
 California Committee on Health and Welfare, 1983-85
 Medical Advisory Commission-Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, 1984
 L.A. Mayor Tom Bradley Commendation-Outstanding professional & community achievement, 1982
 California State Assembly Commendation-Immeasurable contribution toward diabetic eye care, 1982
 Los Angeles City Council Commendation-Outstanding service to senior citizens, 1981
 Outstanding Young Men in America Award, 1975

PUBLICATIONS

Vaughn, L. (2002) Black People and Their Place in World History. Los Angeles: self published.
 Vaughn, L. "Diabetic Retinopathy." Western Journal of Medicine, 1982.
 Vaughn, L., Pruett, R. "A Shot between the Eyes." Annals of Ophthalmology, 1982.
 Vaughn, L., Schepens, C. "Progressive Lenticular Astigmatism Associated with Colobomas of the Iris, Lens, and Choroid: Case Report." Annals of Ophthalmology, 1981.

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It is clearly patients' appreciation that carries Dr. Vaughn and his staff through some of the roughest patches of the mission. The conditions in which they work are fairly primitive. On his first trip, Dr. Vaughn had to work without a microscope or a generator; as daylight waned, he could not even see the sutures he was sewing. He demanded the Association provide him with those two tools and it has, but his team buys their own gasoline to power the generator. In addition, the political situation is somewhat unstable. Dr. Vaughn reports that his team is accompanied everywhere by a security guard who carries a machine gun. To him, though, it's all worthwhile. "If we could find a way to pay the bills over here at my practice while we shut down for the trips, we would stay there longer."



Service Can Be Addictive

Profound appreciation keeps Dr. Vaughn coming back.

There is seldom electricity, you can forget about air conditioning and the food is so dicey that he carries canned tuna with him at all times, but Leroy Vaughn, M.D., wouldn't dream of not spending two weeks in some of the poorest regions of Africa every year. He has recently returned from his fourth visit to Anambra State, in southeast Nigeria. Sponsored by the Anambra State Association/U.S.A. Medical Missions, Dr. Vaughn, who practices in Inglewood, Calif., heads a medical team that provides eye care to people who have no other resources to turn to.

Addressing the Extreme

Mostly, Dr. Vaughn and his team treat advanced cataracts. "Over there they're so bad that people can't even see a tree," Dr. Vaughn explains. Patients often have to be led by the hand into the clinic. While he cannot stay for follow-up treatment, sometimes Dr. Vaughn sees the results when he returns to that village the next year. "I see them out in the crowd, in the line waiting to get in to the clinic, and they will be moving around on their own."

Every day they go to a different site in a different town. Follow-up is not possible, so Dr. Vaughn cannot perform surgery on glaucoma patients. Like those with cataracts, the people he sees usually have had the disease for years, without ever having received treatment before. "What we tried to do was give them enough medication for 6 months to a year, so maybe they will have enough until I see them again next year or they can see another eye doctor somewhere," Dr. Vaughn explains.

The trips are scheduled in early August, to accommodate the pre-med students who volunteer. The students take blood pressures and help patients find the most suitable glasses from among the donated and second-hand spectacles the group brings. "There is no refraction equipment, so if the patients can see the eye chart with their 'new' glasses, that's good enough," says Dr. Vaughn. Patients are more than satisfied. "If anyone has glasses over there, they are 20 years old. One woman we saw was wearing glasses she'd first received in 1985; they treasure them," Dr. Vaughn says.

Sharing the Joy

Members of his staff also accompany him on these missions; last August, in fact, all but one of his staff went to Nigeria. Like Dr. Vaughn, they were the recipients of the locals' enormous appreciation — as well as some curiosity.

"My staff were like celebrities over there," Dr. Vaughn says. "Most of them are Hispanic, so the Africans would say, 'What are you? You're not white; you're not black. What are you?' Everyone wanted their picture taken with them!" Patients frequently offered goats and chickens as payments for the eye care they received. "They are so appreciative, and they don't have any money," Dr. Vaughn explains. "But just seeing their appreciation is overwhelming; I think it's almost addicting."

