

## Michael Chizner, M.D.



Michael A. Chizner, M.D., has been a practicing cardiologist in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for the past 27 years. He currently holds the position as Chief Medical Director of The Heart Center of Excellence of Broward Health, one of the largest health care systems in the nation, and serves as Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of Miami School of Medicine, the University of Florida College of Medicine, Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and Barry University. Dr. Chizner was born and raised in New York City. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from New York University, and received his medical degree from Cornell University Medical College, where he was selected a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha National Medical Honor Society. Dr. Chizner completed his internship and residency in internal medicine at the New York Hospital – Cornell Medical Center, and then served as a Fellow in cardiology at Georgetown University Medical Center with the legendary cardiologist, Dr. W. Proctor Harvey, where he later received the distinguished alumnus award.

Dr. Chizner is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology, the Council on Clinical Cardiology of the American Heart Association, and the American College of Physicians. He has been recognized by his peers as one of the nation's top cardiologists in the publications, *Best Physicians in the United States* and *Castle Connelly's Top Docs*. Dr. Chizner has also served on the editorial advisory boards of national cardiology journals, including *The American Heart Hospital Journal* and *Cardiovascular Reviews and Reports*. In addition to authoring many articles and book chapters, Dr. Chizner has edited the critically acclaimed textbook, *Classic Teachings in Clinical Cardiology – A Tribute to W. Proctor Harvey, M.D.*, and has authored one of the best selling books on cardiology, *Clinical Cardiology Made Ridiculously Simple*, both of which are currently being used in medical schools throughout the United States and abroad.

Dr. Chizner has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the *Silver Medallion Award* of the National Conference on Community and Justice, the *Valor Award* of the American Diabetes Association, the *Leading Men Award* of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and the *Heavy Hitter in Health Care* award by the South Florida Business Journal. He has also served on the Board of Directors of a myriad of professional and civic organizations, including the American Heart Association, the American Red Cross, the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, United Way, Special Olympics, the Broward Workshop, and the Broward Community College Foundation, and was selected Team Cardiologist for the Florida Marlins. Dr. Chizner has also directed national continuing medical education conferences, and is involved in the instruction of medical students, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals.

Dr. Chizner has made it his life's work to advance the discipline of medicine and cardiology. In addition to the practice of cardiology, Dr. Chizner has spearheaded the establishment of The Heart Center of Excellence at Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, a world-class facility dedicated to the fight against heart disease, and committed to the

advancement of medical education, clinical research, and the delivery of the highest quality of compassionate, state-of-the-art patient care.

Dr. Chizner's love of music, playing piano and guitar by ear, led him to his life's passion for the art of cardiology, the use of the stethoscope to listen to the "music of the heart", and the "laying on of hands", which has helped to foster the close personal bond, trust, and confidence with his patients. Dr. Chizner was inspired by his parents, his mother Sybil and his late father Bernard, who taught him, by personal example, that with hard work, perseverance, dedication, and commitment to the time honored American values of giving back, caring for and helping others, you can reach as far as your fondest hopes and dreams will take you. Dr. Chizner was influenced to become a physician by the stories his mother shared with him about his uncle who worked his way through medical school playing concert piano during the Depression. She told him the stories of how his uncle would make house calls to patients he knew had no money to pay him, and after the visit, how he would leave money with *them*. This was Dr. Chizner's first indication how doctors could not only take care of, but also care *for* their patients.

Dr. Chizner has always believed in the value of giving back to the medical profession, and to society, more than we receive, all to the ultimate benefit and in the best interest of the patient, with dedication to the highest ethical and moral standards of practice. Dr. Chizner was deeply honored to have been selected by Governor Charlie Crist to serve on his transition team as a member of the Citizen Review Group for The Agency for Health Care Administration and considers it a special honor and distinct privilege to have been selected by Governor Crist to serve on the Florida Board of Medicine. He looks forward to working with the other Board Members to protect the public safety, enforce the highest health care standards, and enhance the quality and availability of health care for all the citizens of the state of Florida.

It is Dr. Chizner's belief that the two most important reasons for becoming involved in medicine today remain as old as the institution itself – an abiding fascination with science and technology, but even more importantly, a burning desire to help those in need of care. Dr. Chizner believes there is no greater opportunity, responsibility, obligation, or calling than to be a physician. He feels that the evolution of medicine has compelled us to become more introspective about the medical profession, our community, and our goals. According to Dr. Chizner, "many of us have much faith in science and technology. The role of technology, however, although valuable, can be emphasized far too much. For in spite of the dazzling new advances that have come along in recent years, nothing is as wonderful as the human heart, mind, and spirit when put to use in the service and care of others. After all, medicine is a serving profession, one that exists not for its own sake but for the benefit and care of others".

Dr. Chizner feels that being a good doctor takes more than just knowledge and skill. It also requires honesty, integrity, a selfless concern for humanity, a deep sensitivity and compassion for the suffering, along with a good dose of optimism, humor, and wit. He has always felt that it is as important to heal the mind as it is to heal the body. After all, when the body is ailing, the mind is ailing as well, and needs comfort and attention too. Dr. Chizner lives by the credo, "cure if you can, alleviate if you cannot, but always comfort and support, and never take away hope".

Dr. Chizner resides in Fort Lauderdale, Florida with his wife Susan, and their three children, Kevin, Ryan, and Blair.