



## Bio Dr. Richard O. Butcher:

Richard Oliver Butcher was born May 16, 1939 in Selma, Alabama to the late Mr. & Mrs. Aljah Langston Butcher, Sr. He is the second eldest of five children. He attended local public schools in Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Glenville High School in 1956. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from Allegheny College, Meadville, Pennsylvania in 1960. Dr. Butcher decided that he wanted to be a physician when he was a young boy growing up in Cleveland. Two of his best friends had fathers who were physicians who helped shape young Richard's life and gave him the aspiration to seek a career in medicine. It is this strong sense of community and role-modeling that he witnessed as a child that fueled his spirit and supported his commitment to better the lives of people in the greater San Diego community.

Dr. Butcher received the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1964 from Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee. Upon completing medical school, Dr. Butcher did a rotating internship at the U.S. Naval Hospital, Great Lakes, Illinois. He was then stationed at MCRD in San Diego and was thereafter assigned to a troop transport ship taking troops to Viet Nam. He completed his residency in general practice at Riverside General Hospital and was certified by the Medical Board of California in 1969.

After his training, Dr. Butcher moved back to San Diego and worked at Ford Medical Center, 1969-1970; Family Medical Group of San Diego, 1970-1973; Western Medical Group, 1973-1986; Family Medical Group of San Diego, 1986-1992; and Care View Medical Group from 1992 until the present.

His professional memberships, teaching appointments and offices held in organizations include, but are not limited to the following:

- Alvarado Hospital (Chief of Staff, 2014)
- American Academy of Family Practice
- American Medical Association
- Clinical Instructor at University of California San Diego (UCSD) Medical School
- Comp Care Health Plan
- Golden State Medical Association (President)
- Institute of Medical Quality Assurance
- Multicultural IPA (Medical Director)
- Multicultural Primary Care Medical Group (Co-founder and Chairman of the Board, 2014)
- National Medical Association (President, 1992)
- San Diego Chapter National Medical Association (President)
- San Diego County Medical Society (President)
- San Diego Sports Medicine Foundation
- UCSD Nurse Practitioner Program

With his busy schedule, Dr. Butcher also finds time to serve his community through his passion for sports. 'Team doctor' was his title for each athletic team his five children played on while they were growing up. He also served as team physician for the Granite Hills High School (El Cajon) football team for over 30 years and for San Diego State University Aztecs Football team from 1977-1985. For several years he has attended boxing matches for the United States Institute of Amateur Athletes and continues to do so.

His many awards and honors include: Certificates of Appreciation from UCSD Medical School and National Medical Association, New Orleans Chapter; Outstanding Service Award, Student NMA ; Service Award, San Diego Council on Smoking and Health Education; Distinguished Service Award, Golden State Medical Association; Colegio Medico De Tijuana, AC Certificate of Appreciation; Participant, Minority Medical Student Association; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Outstanding Achievement Award; Black Enterprise Magazine Salute to Excellence Award; County of San Diego Declared 'Dr. Richard O. Butcher Day' on December 10, 1986; Sports Medicine Foundation Medical Champion Award; The HIV HALT Award for Service, 2003; and California Black Health Network Public Service Award.

Over the years, Dr. Butcher served on numerous boards such as the Museum of Man Board of Trustees, Allegheny College Board of Trustees; Blue Cross of California Advisory and Governing Boards; Physician and Surgeons Hospital Board of Trustees; Comprehensive Health Care Board of Trustees; Pacific Coast Bank, Board of Directors; Foundation for Medical Care, Board of Trustees; and John Davis Family YMCA Board of Directors.

Dr. Butcher is married to the former Velia 'Vickie' Knight Butcher, JD. They are co-founders of the non-profit organization Water for Children Africa, Inc. which provides safe sustainable water to rural villages in Africa. They have five children, Richard II, April, Kelley, Langston, and Crystal. They also have five grandchildren.