

Curtis E. Harris, M.S., M.D., J.D., FCLM

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Current Practice

Dr. Curtis E. Harris is the Chief of Endocrinology for the Chickasaw Indian Nation and Director of the Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Care Center. Prior to his current position, he was in private practice as an Endocrinologist in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for more than 25 years, with a speciality of Diabetology. He has been President of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Diabetes Association; and in 1998, was the first physician in Oklahoma to receive the American Diabetes Association Physician Excellence Award, with Distinction. In 2004, he was appointed by the Governor of Oklahoma to the Oklahoma Medical Licensure Board, in recognition of his work on improving clinical excellence and quality assurance in Oklahoma. In May, 2007, he was elected to the Board of the Federation of State Medical Boards (FSMB), which is the oversight organization for the 70 MD and DO state licensure boards in the United States.

Medical Education, Training and Experience

Dr. Harris received a Masters in Biochemistry (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington in 1969, during which time he worked with Drs. Fisher and Krebs (“The Krebs Cycle”) on a project for which they received the Nobel Prize in 1998. After receiving a National Institutes of Health MD/PhD Career Fellowship Grant in 1969, he obtained his Medical Degree from the University of Washington 1973. He was recognized as the outstanding medical school graduate in his class, and was the first recipient of the Medical Faculty Award for academic excellence in medicine and medical education. Dr. Harris completed a Residency in Internal Medicine in Seattle in 1976, and a Fellowship in Endocrinology at the University of Iowa in 1978.

Legal Education and Experience

Later in his career, he received a Juris Doctorate from the Oklahoma City University School of Law in 1994. He graduated first in his class and received the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Award for Excellence. He is Adjunct Professor of Law at the Oklahoma City University School of Law, and a specialist in medical law. He was the lead medical expert in the Tobacco Litigation Cases in Oklahoma, and has provided medical-legal consultations for more than 200 physicians in the areas of malpractice liability, Medicare, and HIPAA.

Public Speaking and Publications

Dr. Harris is widely published in the areas of Biochemistry, Endocrinology, Law and Medical-Legal Ethics. He has lectured throughout the United States on issues of medicine and law, and has been a guest on the Oprah Winfrey Show, Good Morning America, the Today Show and National Public Radio. He is a Peer Review Editor of the journal *Issues in Law and Medicine*.

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Curriculum Vitae

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Current Position: Chief of Endocrinology, Chickasaw Indian Nation
Director, Diabetes Care Center, Ada, Oklahoma

Education

1967 B.A. Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio
1969 M.S. (Biochemistry) University of Washington, Seattle
1969 Ph.C. (Doctoral Candidate, Biochemistry) University of Washington, Seattle
1973 M.D. University of Washington, Seattle
1994 J.D. Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Post-graduate Education

1973-74 Internship, Internal Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle
1974-76 Residency, Internal Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle
1976-78 Fellowship, Endocrinology, University of Iowa, Iowa City
1990-94 Oklahoma City University School of Law, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Certification and Licensure

Certification: Internal Medicine, June 1976, No. 58089
Board Eligible: Endocrinology, June, 1980
Certification: Fellow, American Board of Forensic Examiners, June 1995
National Board Medical Exam, July 1974, No. 135532
Medical Licensure: Oklahoma (permanent), No. 11555
Oklahoma Bar Association (active), No. 16236

Professional Affiliations and Positions

Chief of Endocrinology and Director, Chickasaw Indian Nation Diabetes Treatment Program
Director, Board of Directors, Federation State Medical Boards
Member, State of Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision
Member, Board of Directors, American College of Legal Medicine
Clinical Assistant Professor (Volunteer Faculty), University of Oklahoma School of Medicine

Adjunct Professor of Law, Oklahoma City University School of Law
Trustee, Christian Medical and Dental Associations (CMDA)
Member, Professional Section of the American Diabetes Association
Fellow, The American College of Legal Medicine
Fellow, Federation of State Medical Boards
Diplomat, American Board of Forensic Examiners and American Board of Forensic Medicine
Member, Medicine and Law Committee, American Bar Association;
Chairman Elect 2005-2006 TIPS (Tort Reform)
Peer Review Board, *Issues in Law and Medicine*
Peer Review Board, *Annals of Pharmacotherapy*
Medical Advisory Board for the DiscoveryHealth.com Disease and
Conditions Encyclopedia, DiscoveryHospital.com and HealthTeacher.com
Barrister, Holloway Inn of American Inn of Court, 1996-2004

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- Curtis E Harris, *Issues in Law & Medicine*, "AIDS and the Future," 4 (2); 141; 1988
- Curtis E Harris and Barry A Bostrom, *Issues in Law & Medicine*, "Is the Continued Provision of Food and Fluids in Nancy Cruzan's Best Interests?" 5 (4); 415; 1990
- Curtis E Harris, *Physician*, "Do We Really Need Fetal Tissue Research?" Fall 1990
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Curtis E Harris, *Oklahoma City University Law Review*, "An Undue Burden: Balancing in an Age of Relativism," 18: 363, 1993

Curtis E Harris, *Christian Medical Society Journal*, "Reflections On Personhood," 26:34, 1995

Curtis E. Harris and Jay Hollman, "Withdrawal of Treatment: Feeding, Hydration and the Persistent Vegetative State." In: Hollman J, ed. *New Issues in Medical Ethics*, Bristol, Tn: CMDS Publishing; 1995; chap. 13.

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Curtis E. Harris *The Annals of Pharmacotherapy* (July 2006) "Negligence: A Primer for Pharmacists" (CME Credit 2 hours offered)

Curtis E. Harris *THE MEDICAL MALPRACTICE SURVIVAL HANDBOOK* (publication date December 2006; American College of Legal Medicine) Chapter 5: "Negligence" and Chapter 12: "Liability Issues in Ob/Gyn Care"

Curtis E. Harris "The Personal Pain of Malpractice: The Hurting Physician" *Today's Christian Doctor* 38(3): 14-17 (2007)

Awards/Honors

Cum Laude, 1967, Ohio Wesleyan University

Outstanding Doctoral Student, Biochemistry, Univ. Of Wash. 1969

National Institutes of Health MD/PhD Career Development Scholarship, 1969- 1973

Gary Leinbach Award (Outstanding Medical Student) University of Washington 1973

Summa Cum Laude, University of Washington School of Medicine, 1973
Research Fellow (1969-1970), with Dr. Edmond Fischer, Nobel Prize Laureate
1998
Summa Cum Laude, Oklahoma City University School of Law, 1994
Oklahoma Bar Association Outstanding Graduate 1993, Oklahoma City University School
of Law
American Jurisprudence Awards: Torts; Contracts; Constitutional Law; Professional
Ethics; Criminal Procedure; Corporation Law, 1990-1994
Outstanding Student Award for Evidence, West Publishing, 1992
AMA Physicians Recognition Award, 1976, 1983, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1993,
1995, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2005 (with special commendation); 2006
Phi Delta Phi Legal Honor Society
Merit Scholars, Oklahoma City University School of Law
American Inn of Court (student member) 1992-1993; Barrister 1996-2004
Phillips Allen Porta Legal Ethics Award, 1994, Oklahoma City University
School of Law
American Diabetes Association Provider Award, With Distinction, June 1998

Carl Albert Hospital Activities/Positions

2003-06 Member, Credentials Committee
2003-06 Member, Patient Benefits Committee
2003-06 Member, Institutional Review Board
2003-06 Medical Supervisor Lipid Clinic

Public Service

2003-present Board Member of the Oklahoma Blood Institute
1978-2002 Volunteer physician, Baptist Mission Center Indigent Clinic
1997-2004 Volunteer physician, St. Charles Medical Clinic
2003-present Volunteer physician, Compassion Outreach Medical Clinic
1985-87 Board Member, Oklahoma City/County Board of Health
1980-88 Board of Advisors, Mercy Health Center
1986-2003 President, American Academy of Medical Ethics
1987-91 Trustee, Christian Medical and Dental Society (CMDA)
1996-2004 Trustee, Christian Medical and Dental Society (CMDA)
1997-2004 Chairman, Medical Malpractice Ministry of CMDA
1987-present Member, Ethics Commission for the Christian Medical Society
1996-present Leader, Medical Missions Team, The Republic of Fiji, CMDA
1988-89 President, State of Oklahoma Affiliate of the American Diabetes
Association
1982-86 Troop Leader, Boy Scout Troop 162
1983-87 Deacon, Metropolitan Baptist Church

- 1988 *Oprah Winfrey Show*, July 27, 1988; Topic: Treatment of the Handicapped (Debate with Dr. Jack Kivorkian)
- 1988 *The NBC Today Show*, November 1988; Topic: Complications of RU 486
- 1990 *The NBC Today Show*, January 1990; Topic: Why Physicians Are Refusing to Perform Abortions
- 1990 *The New York Times*, January 5, 1990; Topic: Why Physicians Are Performing Fewer Abortions
- 1992-1998 Talk Show Host, KQCV Radio, "Encounter: Health Issues" (weekly call-in program)
- 1990,93,98,01 Commentator, National Public Radio, Medical Ethics
- 1993 *Time Magazine*, May 31, 1993
Topic: Physician Assisted Suicide & Dr. Jack Kevorkian
- 1990-present Commentator, Focus on the Family Radio, Medical Ethics

Public Speaking and Academic Lectures

1985-2005 More than 2500 lectures for graduate and post-graduate education, including CME Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease, Medical Ethics, Medical Legal Law; and CLE Medical Legal Law: Summary available on request