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Dr. Guy L. Clifton is Visiting Professor of Neurosurgery at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston where he was founding Chair. Throughout his professional career, Dr. Clifton has been dedicated to the study of neurological trauma, both as a scholar and as a clinician. He has held university positions at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, the Medical College of Virginia, and Baylor College of Medicine. Dr. Clifton was the Nancy, Clive, and Pierce Runnells Distinguished Chair in Neurosurgery, as well as the Director of the Vivian L. Smith Center for Neurological Research at The University of Texas Medical School at Houston. His medical appointments included Chief of Neurosurgery Service at Memorial Hermann Hospital in Houston, Chief of Neurosurgery Service at Hunter Holmes McGuire VA Medical Center in Richmond, and Deputy Chief of Neurological Service at Ben Taub General Hospital in Houston. He was civilian advisor to TRICARE Management Activity on the next generation of TRICARE contracts from 2010 through 2012. He is currently Principal of HealthCare Integrators LLC which develops, implements, and manages plans to improve the health and decrease the cost of care of employees and families of self-insured firms.

Dr. Clifton received his BS from Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, in 1971 and his MD from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas, in 1975. His post-graduate training as a surgical intern started at University of Minnesota Hospital (1975-1976) and continued as a resident in neurosurgery at University of Texas Medical Branch (1976-1980). He is a diplomate of the American Board of Neurological Surgery.

Dr. Clifton's professional memberships have included the American Medical Association, American Association of Neurological Surgeons, the Congress of Neurological Surgeons, the Society of Neurological Surgery, and the American College of Surgeons. He served as the Director of Mission Connect (a collaborative neurotrauma research project in the Greater Houston area), founder and Chair of Save Our ERs, and Chair of the Emergency/Trauma Care Policy Council, Houston/Galveston Area Council (HGAC). He is a trustee of the Vivian L. Smith Foundation for Neurological Research. A 2006-2007 Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow, he is the author of *Flatlined: Resuscitating American Medicine* (Rutgers University Press, 2009).