

Dr. James Bearden III is the Vice President of Clinical Research for Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System; Managing Physician for the nationally recognized Gibbs Cancer Center; and Director of the Bearden-Josey Center for Breast Health. He is board-certified in Internal Medicine, Clinical Oncology and Hematology; he is the first Board-certified oncologist in South Carolina.

While at The Citadel, Dr. Bearden was President of the Pre-Medical Society. Dr. Bearden graduated from MUSC in 1969 and has served as an adjunct professor there. He has also worked in adjunct faculty positions at Wake Forest University Cancer Center in Winston-Salem, N.C., and the University of Texas Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Bearden has made significant contributions to the medical profession by publishing a large volume of articles in scholarly journals.

Bearden is a Certified Principal Investigator by APPI and has served as a Principal Investigator for one of only eight continuously funded CCOPs in the country. He is also Principal Investigator for one of only 10 sites funded by the National Cancer Institute's Community Cancer Center's Program. He has been affiliated with the M. D. Anderson Cancer Center since 2005. At Spartanburg Regional, he served as Medical Director for the Hospice Program for 10 years. He is a Past President of the Spartanburg Medical Society and is a Senior Partner and President of Palmetto Hematology Oncology Associates and President.

Only one of two community physicians on the National Cancer Institute's steering committees for Multiple Myeloma and SX-QOL, Bearden has served as a member of the American Society of Clinical Oncology Cancer Prevention Committee, as well as a member of the Executive Committees of both the Southwest Oncology Group and the Alliance Oncology Group, for which he also serves as Co-Chair of Conflict of Interest. Bearden is a Research Affiliate of Hollings Cancer Center and was Chairman of the Cancer Care Committee at Spartanburg Regional from 1976 to 2010. A former member of the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System Board of Directors, Bearden is a Charter Founding Member of Carolina Alliance Bank and is an Elder and prior deaconate at 1st Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg. He is also on the Board of Trustees and was a former Vice Chairman of the Board for Spartanburg Day School. Dr. Bearden served his country through a military career that included 10 years of active duty and 10 years of reserve duty and retired as a Navy Captain.

He has been awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award by the Medical Alumni Association of the Medical University of South Carolina and has served as President and founding Board Member of the South Carolina Oncology Society. He is a recipient of the Order of the Palmetto and the Betty Ann Moore Award in honor of extraordinary service in the fight against colon cancer. Dr. Bearden currently practices in Spartanburg, where he has lived with his family for more than 30 years.