



A sixth generation Texan, and a graduate of the University of Texas (Austin) Dr. Whitaker then graduated from Tulane School of Medicine. He interned at the Montreal General Hospital (McGill), served 2 years in the U.S. Army, did a general surgery residency at Dartmouth, and a plastic surgery residency at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center where he has been since 1969. There he served as Chief of Plastic Surgery at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia . At The Children's Hospital he held the first two chairs in Plastic Surgery. He is now Surgeon Emeritus at Children's Hospital, and Honorary Surgeon at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. He remains as Professor of Plastic Surgery at Penn. In 1972 Dr. Whitaker founded the

Craniofacial Program at Penn and served as its Director until 2000. In 1987 Dr. Whitaker established the University of Pennsylvania Center for Human Appearance and remains as Director. This was the first multidisciplinary center dedicated to research, education, and the treatment of appearance related disorders at a major medical center in the United States. Treatment programs in Eastern Europe, Mexico and Africa have been partially funded by the Center. He holds eleven honorary memberships in medical societies including eight in foreign countries. Honors also include, among others, Special Honors and the Distinguished Service Award from the American Society of Maxillofacial Surgeons, and the Tessier Medal from the International Society of Craniofacial Surgery. In 30 years the Tessier Medal was awarded only once before. Three Whitaker lectureships have been established in his name. He has been listed in Castle & Connelly's Best Doctors in America every year published since 1979, in Who's Who in America since 1996, and in Who's Who in the World since 2004. His Academic Activities include having authored or co-authored 227 papers, and six books on plastic surgery, and having given more than 300 invited lectures to scientific organizations worldwide. As Chief and Program director at Penn he had primary responsibility for training 45 plastic surgery residents and 30 craniofacial fellows.