

Dr. Ron J Anderson



Ron (Ronnie) Joe Anderson was born September 6, 1946 to Ruby Anderson (Cudd). He graduated from Chickasha High School in 1964. He attended Southwestern University of Oklahoma finishing with a B.S. in pharmacy. In 1973, he graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and continued his post-graduate medical training at UT Southwestern Medical Center. After residency training at Parkland Memorial Hospital, he was appointed assistant and then associate professor of internal medicine at UTSW. In 1979, Dr. Anderson became the medical director of ambulatory care-emergency services at Parkland and, in 1982, is chosen by the Parkland board of managers as the county hospital's chief executive officer at age 35.

Dr. Anderson served on the executive committee of the State Task Force on Indigent Health Care and in 1985 played a major role in the passage of landmark legislation concerning indigent health care in Texas. He was appointed Co-Chair of the Attorney General's Task Force to study not-for-profit hospitals and unsponsored charity care in 1988, and served as a member of Governor Richard's Health Policy Task Force during 1991-1992. Dr. Anderson is past chairman of: the Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council, the Texas Association of Public and Non-Profit Hospitals, the Texas Board of Health, the National Association of Public Hospitals, and the National Public Health and Hospital Institute, and the Texas Hospital Association. He was a member of the Kaiser Commission on the Future of Medicaid. He was elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 1997.

In 1994, he received the John P. McGovern Award for Humanitarian Medicine and Lectureship from the Association of Academic Health Centers. In October 2001, he received the American Public Health Association Award for Excellence in recognition of exceptionally meritorious contributions to the improvement of the health of the people.

In May 2001 he received the Dallas Baptist University-Oak Cliff Good Samaritan Award, and in May 2002 he received the first-ever Annual Ron J. Anderson, M.D., Healthcare Servant Leadership Award from the Alliance for Healthcare Excellence. In 2002, he became an honorary member, University of Texas at Arlington, Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha. In November 2002, received the Boone Powell, Sr. Award of Excellence. In March 2003, he received the Citizen of the Year Award from the Dallas-Fort Worth Indian Lions Club.

Dr. **Ron Anderson**, president and CEO of **Parkland Health & Hospital System**, was honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2011 **National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems** annual conference in Chicago. The award recognizes leadership and dedication to the underserved and a commitment to improving the health care system. “I am humbled to be recognized by an organization that understands what it means to be at the front lines of public medicine,” Anderson said. “I share this distinction with each and every Parkland employee, as well as the medical staff who work tirelessly to provide the highest-quality care to the residents of Dallas County and beyond.” Anderson is the longest-serving CEO in Parkland’s history. Under his leadership, Parkland has been recognized for 17 consecutive years as one of America’s best hospitals by *U.S. News & World Report*. His vision of health care for all regardless of patients’ ability to pay led to groundbreaking changes in the U.S. medical system. In 1985, he played a major role in passing landmark legislation in Texas that banned “patient dumping.”