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## **Biography: Timothy J. Gardner, M.D.**

Timothy J. Gardner, M.D., a nationally noted heart surgeon and leader in cardiovascular medicine, is Medical Director of Christiana Care's Center for Heart & Vascular Health and Executive Director of Christiana Care's Value Institute.

Dr. Gardner joined Christiana Care in 2005 to oversee final phases of construction of the state-of-the-science Center for Heart & Vascular Health in the Bank of America Pavilion on the Christiana Hospital campus. Under his leadership, Christiana Care continues to be recognized as a regional center of excellence in cardiovascular medicine where patients receive comprehensive, high quality care. Dr. Gardner oversees a team of expert cardiologists, cardiac and vascular surgeons and subspecialists who offer patient-centered care using the most advanced treatment options and therapies available, including a new acute stroke treatment program, providing advanced interventional treatment for stroke victims. Since 2011, Dr. Gardner has served as Executive Director of the Value Institute at Christiana Care Health System, leading a team of clinician researchers in programs to evaluate and deliver innovative solutions influencing quality of care, patient safety, population health, system performance and health policy development.

Dr. Gardner is past president of the American Heart Association (AHA). As president during the 2008-09 fiscal years, Dr. Gardner served as the AHA's chief volunteer science and medical officer, responsible for medical, scientific and public health matters. He is a member of several AHA Advisory Boards and Committees and National Board of Directors and has been an AHA volunteer for more than 25 years.

From 1999-2002, he served as a councilor, vice president, then president of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery. He was a director of the American Board of Thoracic Surgery for 10 years and served as the board's chair and vice chair from 2001-2005. Dr. Gardner also served as an IPA Medical Officer in the Division of Cardiovascular Diseases at the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute at NIH from 2004 through 2007. Currently, he serves as Steering Committee Chair for the Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinical Trials Network sponsored by NHLBI.

Dr. Gardner was the William M. Measey Professor of Surgery and chief of the Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery for the University of Pennsylvania Health System from 1993-2003. Currently, he is Professor of Surgery at Jefferson Medical College. Dr. Gardner was a cardiac surgeon at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore from 1976-1993. He joined the faculty at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in 1976, was appointed professor of surgery in 1986 and has mentored numerous surgery

residents and research fellows at Johns Hopkins and the University of Pennsylvania between 1976 and 2004.

He has lectured extensively both nationally and abroad and he is the author of over 200 scientific papers and has edited or contributed to many texts on cardiac surgery. He is a graduate of Georgetown University Medical School and received his postgraduate training in surgery at Johns Hopkins, with a final period of training in cardiac surgery in Auckland, New Zealand. He was a major in the U.S. Army Medical Corps, serving in the U.S. Army Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1968 to 1970.