



# BLACK HISTORY MOMENT



Dr. Richard Allen Williams

Dr. Richard Allen Williams graduated top of his class at Howard High and received a full scholarship to attend Harvard University. He then studied medicine at State University in New York, graduating in 1962. He received a Cardiology fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

In 1972, Williams became the Assistant Medical Director at the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital where he secured a \$3 million dollar grant to establish the King-Drew Sickle Cell Center, of which he became the director.

He is the founder and president of the Minority Health Institute, the 117th President of the National Medical Association and the founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists. Williams is considered an international expert on hypertension, healthcare disparities, dyslipidemia, diabetes, obesity, heart failure, and sudden cardiac death. ([Minority Health Institute](#))

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