Dr. David Satcher, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. David Satcher, currently serving as Interim President of Morehouse School of Medicine, completed his four-year term as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States in February 2002. He also served as Assistant Secretary for Health from February 1998 to January 2001, making him only the second person in history to have held both positions of Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health simultaneously.

From 1993 to 1998, Dr. Satcher served as Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Administrator of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry. Before that, he was President of Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee, from 1982 to 1993.

As Surgeon General and Assistant Secretary for Health, Dr. Satcher spearheaded the development of Healthy People 2010 which included the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in health as one of its two goals. He also released 14 Surgeon General’s reports on topics that included tobacco and health; mental health; suicide prevention, oral health; sexual health; youth violence prevention; and overweight and obesity.

His mission continues to be to make medicine and public health work for all groups in this nation.