



Biography

G. Richard Olds, MD, MACP

An educator, physician, and administrator during a distinguished career spanning more than 30 years, Dr. G. Richard Olds became President of St. George's University in Grenada, West Indies on August 28, 2015. Prior to joining SGU, he was the Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs and Founding Dean of the School of Medicine at the University of California, Riverside (UCR). In 2010, Dr. Olds joined UCR to lead the creation of a new school of medicine – the first LCME-accredited medical school in California in more than four decades.

Dr. Olds is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and trained in internal medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He was an infectious disease fellow and one of the nation's first geographic medicine fellows at University Hospitals of Cleveland, where he also served as medical chief resident and faculty member. He served as full professor of medicine, pediatrics, molecular, cell and development biology at Brown University. He was also the founding Director on Brown's International Health Institute. He was professor and chairman of medicine at the MetroHealth Campus of Case Western Reserve University in the 1990's. His role at UCR was preceded by a decade long stint as professor and chair of medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

In addition to his academic background, Dr. Olds is a tropical disease specialist with extensive experience working in Asia and Africa. He has over 100 peer-reviewed articles and book chapters primarily on international health topics. He was the Foreign Principal Investigator of an NIH funded Tropical Disease Research Center in the Philippines. He currently serves on a WHO expert panel and was chairman of the Board of a large Gates Foundation project to deworm children in Sub Saharan Africa. Because of Dr Olds background in both newly emerging infectious diseases and international health, he has been closely involved the COVID response, both in the U.S. and internationally.

Dr Olds is well known to the community of Greensboro Vermont. His parents, Drs. Glenn and Eva Olds purchased the property on top of Barr Hill in 1955. Richard (Dick) and his wife Jackie and their three sons have returned to Greensboro every summer for decades. Many of you may have cross country skied through their property during the winter.