

DAVID L. BAKER, D.O.

CURRENT

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FREEMAN HEALTH SYSTEM

Manage the provision of patient care to an ethnically and socially diverse patient base in and around Southwest Missouri. Ensures that standards, protocols, leadership and direction are all in place so that Freeman Health System is providing the highest quality of care possible to its patients, and at the same time, to implement operating efficiencies aimed at enhancing patient flow and increasing the number of patients cared for. This includes assessing and upgrading existing medical care standards; providing management, leadership and coaching to all medical staff and related staff employed at clinic sites; and working with operating and executive team members to implement new operating processes and systems.

GENERAL, BARIATRIC, LAPAROSCOPIC AND TRAUMA SURGERY FREEMAN HEALTH SYSTEM 2009-PRESENT

MEDICAL STAFF POSITIONS

MEDICAL STAFF PRESIDENT; JANUARY 2020-OCTOBER 2021

MEDICAL STAFF PRESIDENT ELECT; JANUARY 2018-DECEMBER 2020

SECRETARY/TREASURER; Freeman Health System 2014 – 2018

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY CHAIR; Freeman Health System 2013 – 2014

MEDICAL DIRECTOR; Freeman Health System, Breast Specialty Services 2015 - 2019

MEDICAL DIRECTOR; Freeman Surgical Center 2014 - present

BOARD CERTIFICATION

- American College of Osteopathic Surgeons 2009, 2C

EDUCATION

- Master of Health Care Administration, Pittsburg State University Anticipated
- July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2009. General Surgery Residency, Doctor's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio
- July 1, 2004 – June 30, 2005. General Surgery Internship, Freeman Health System, Joplin, Missouri
- August 2000 – May 2004. Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, Kansas City University of Medicine and Biosciences, Kansas City, Missouri
- May – August 2000. C. Roy Adair Research Fellowship, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas
- August 1995 – May 2000. Bachelor of Science Biology, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas.
- August 1991 – May 1995. Galena High School, Galena, Kansas.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- Pittsburg State University Dr Kenneth K. Bateman Outstanding Alumni Award 2023
- Ohio University CORE Research Presentation First Place 2009
- Arnold P. Gold Foundation, Humanism and Excellence in Teaching Award 2008
- Sigma Sigma Phi, Medical Honors Society

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Society of Metabolic and Bariatric Surgeons
- The American Society of Breast Surgeons
- American Osteopathic Association
- American College of Osteopathic Surgeons
- Society for American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons

RESEARCH

- Fever in the ICU: Current Clinical Outcomes of Antipyretic Therapy. Baker, David L. D.O., Hockenberry, Scott E. M.D., Hawley, Phillip M.D.
- The Effect of Coated Vicryl Plus Antibacterial Suture on Wound Healing in Surgical Patients. Baker, David L. D.O., Cantwell, Danny K. D.O., Villalobos, Raphael E. D.O., Presented at the 2006 ACOS Annual Clinical Assembly.

- BMI as a Risk Factor in ACL Injuries. Baker, David L. D.O., Dougherty, John J. D.O., presented at the 2003 American Society of Sport Medicine Physicians Annual Clinical Assembly.

INTERESTS

Family, Tennis, Swimming, Biking, Running, Golf, Fine Dining, Travel

PERSONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST