

Charles L. Rice, M.D.

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Dr. Charles L. Rice was selected to become the university's fifth president in 2005 after serving as Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Originally from Atlanta, Ga., he graduated with an A.B. from the University of Georgia in 1964 and earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia in 1968. He interned at Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. In 1973, he completed his residency in general surgery at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. From 1973 to 1975, he was a research fellow at the Naval Medical Research Institute in Bethesda. Dr. Rice was most recently a professor of surgery, physiology and biophysics at UIC from 1993 to 2005. He was also the Vice Dean of the College of Medicine, UIC, from 1994 to 1999. In addition to his appointments at UIC, Dr. Rice has held faculty appointments at the University of Chicago, the University of Washington, and the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas. He has authored more than 200 scientific papers, abstracts, and chapters in medical textbooks. His research interests, many funded by the National Institutes of Health, have been in the biology of lung injury and in mechanisms of cell and tissue injury in shock. His clinical focus has been in trauma and critical care. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Surgical Association and the Society of University Surgeons, and is a past president of the Shock Society. Dr. Rice was a Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow and served as a Legislative Assistant to Senator Thomas A. Daschle (D-SD) from 1991 to 1992. He served on the Board of the Accreditation Council on Graduate Medical Education from 1998 to 2004 and as its Chair from 2002 to 2004. During his military career Dr. Rice was commissioned in 1966 as an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps and promoted to lieutenant in 1968. In 1969 he became a member of the Medical Corps in the U.S. Navy and in 1971, he was promoted to lieutenant commander and then to commander in 1975. Back in the Naval Reserve Medical Corps in 1989, he was promoted to captain in 1991. From 1990 to 1993 he served as Trauma Surgeon to the President of the United States.