

Biography:

Dr. Alexa Canady was the first African-American woman in the United States to become a neurosurgeon. She is a consultant to the Food and Drug Administration and chairman of the Neurological Devices Panel of the FDA's Medical Devices Advisory Committee. From 1987 to 2001, she was chief of neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan. Her medical interests are Hydrocephalus, Congenital Spine Abnormalities, Skull Abnormalities, brain and spinal tumors.

Dr. Canady earned her medical degree from the University of Michigan, School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, Michigan. She completed her surgical internship at Yale University-New Haven Hospital. She completed her neurosurgical residency at the University of Minnesota Hospitals followed by fellowship training in pediatric neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Some of her many honors and awards include Outstanding Young Woman in America, Top 100 Business & Professional Women of American Award, American Medical Women's Association President's Award, Women of Achievement and Courage Award, Legacy Award Brain Injury Association, and Chair's Recognition Award from the Florida Board of Medicine. She was presented the Golden Apple Faculty Teaching Award by University of Florida Pediatric Residents at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola, Florida in 2004. She is currently with the Sacred Heart Medical Group, Pediatric Neurosurgery, Pensacola, Florida.