

Global Aging Forum

Will Health Spans Rise with Life Spans?

—Speaker's Biography—

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Dr. Patricia Barry is currently the Executive Director of the Merck Institute of Aging & Health and a Clinical Professor of Medicine at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. Dr. Barry earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the College of William and Mary, received her M.D. degree and her postgraduate training in Internal Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, and obtained her M.P.H. from Boston University.

As a faculty member at the University of South Florida, Dr. Barry was the founding Director of the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Clinical Services Coordinator of the Suncoast Gerontology Center. She was an Associate Professor and Senior Fellow for the Center on Adult Development and Aging at the University of Miami School of Medicine. She was appointed as Chief of the Division of Geriatric Medicine, Associate Chief of Staff for Geriatrics and Extended Care and Clinical Director of the GRECC at the Miami VA Medical Center. Before assuming her current responsibilities, she was Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Geriatrics Section of the Department of Medicine, and Director of the Gerontology Center of Boston University.

Dr. Barry is a Fellow and former President of the American Geriatrics Society and a former member of the Council of the Association of Subspecialty Professors. She served on the geriatric test-writing committees of the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Barry is also a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and serves on its Health and Public Policy Committee, and has been elected as an honorary member of the Latin American Academy of Medicine in Aging (ALMA).