



Dr. David Prezant FDNY Chief Medical Officer

Dr. David Prezant is the Chief Medical Officer for the Fire Department of the City of New York (FDNY) and the Special Advisor to the Fire Commissioner for Health Policy. He has overall responsibility for the Bureau of Health Services, Counseling Services Unit, the WTC Health Program and the Office of Medical Affairs. He is FDNY's senior Pulmonary Consultant, Co-Director of FDNY's World Trade Center (WTC) Medical Program, the Principal Investigator for the NIOSH funded FDNY WTC Data Center and the Co-Director of the NIOSH funded FDNY WTC Clinical Center of Excellence.

Dr. David Prezant received his Bachelor of Science from Columbia College in 1977 and his Doctor of Medicine from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in 1981. After completing his internal medicine residency at Harlem Hospital, he returned to Albert Einstein College of Medicine and Montefiore Medical Center for his Pulmonary Fellowship training. Currently, Dr. Prezant is a Professor of Medicine at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine and a pulmonary physician at the main teaching hospital – Montefiore Medical Center. He is the course director for the Albert Einstein College of Medicine course on Pulmonary, Critical Care & Disaster Medicine.



In 1986, Dr. Prezant became an FDNY Medical Officer and in 1994 the Deputy Chief Medical Officer. In 2006, supervision of FDNY's Office of Medical Affairs for Emergency Medical Services was added to his responsibilities. In 2010, he was appointed to be a Chief Medical Officer and the Special Advisor to the Fire Commissioner for Health Policy.

On 9/11, Dr. Prezant was at the WTC taking care of FDNY firefighters and EMS rescue workers. He was present during the collapse and its aftermath and helped with triage efforts. Since then, he has been responsible for the design and implementation of the WTC medical monitoring and treatment program for FDNY firefighters and EMS WTC rescue workers funded by the National Institute of Occupational Safety & Health.