

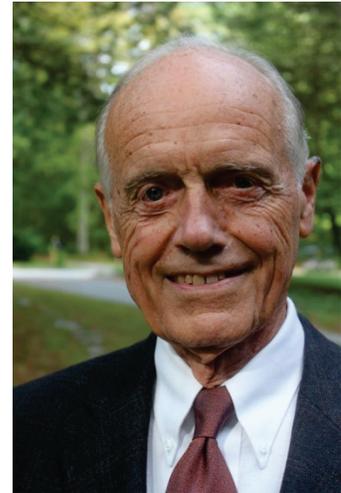
Duncan Clark Awardee

Hugh Fulmer, MD, MPH

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Hugh Fulmer has focused his career as a public health physician, educator and academic on bridging the gap between medicine and public health. Countless medical students and public health physicians have been inspired by his approach, as evidenced by the many Preventive Medicine Residencies and Community Oriented Primary Care programs he has helped to establish.

His medical training was followed by two years as Medical Director at the Many Farms Navajo-Cornell Field Health Research Project, the first teaching and research community health center in the nation, and based on the Community Oriented Primary Care concept. From 1960 to 1968, Dr. Fulmer was a professor at University of Kentucky's new medical school, founding the first Department of Community Medicine in the country, where he developed the famous in-state and international community medicine clerkships, a model emulated all over the world.



In 1969, Dr. Fulmer came to the University of Massachusetts Medical School as Founding Chairman in the Department of Community Medicine, where he co-founded three health centers, merged the Department of Community Medicine with the graduate Department of Family Practice, and originated Primary Care Oriented Residencies. During his decade at Carney Hospital, as Director of Ambulatory and Community Services, and founder and director of the ground-breaking Department of Community Oriented Primary Care, he researched connections between general medicine, ambulatory care, multiple risk factor intervention and reduction. He authored "Community Health Initiative: A Health Care Delivery Mode," focusing on the evaluation and dissemination of Community Oriented Primary Care.

In 1993 Dr. Fulmer founded the Center for Community Responsive Care in Dorchester, and until 2002 was the Executive Director. He was an attending physician at St. Elizabeth's, a consultant to Griffin Hospital, and founded, among others, an innovative, four-year residency in Preventive Medicine run jointly by Griffin Hospital, the Center for Community Responsive Care, and Yale University.