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William J. Rea, M.D., is a practicing thoracic and cardiovascular surgeon with an added interest in the environmental aspects of health and disease. Founder of the Environmental Health Center Dallas (EHC-D), Dr. Rea is currently director of this highly specialized Dallas-based medical facility. The EHC-D also a clinic in: Chicago, and Illinois.

In 1988, Dr. Rea was named to the world's first professorial chair of environmental medicine at the Robens Institute of Toxicology at the University of Surrey in Guildford, England. He was also awarded the Jonathan Forman Gold Medal Award in 1987 and the Herbert J. Rinkel Award in 1993, both by the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, as well as named Outstanding Alumnus by Otterbein College in 1991. He was a professor with the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center College of Public Health. Author of a medical textbook, *Chemical Sensitivity*, and coauthor of *Your Home. Your Health and Well-Being*, Dr. Rea has published more than 100 research papers related to the topic of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery as well as that of environmental medicine.



Dr. Rea has served on the board of directors of both the American Academy of Environmental Medicine and the American Environmental Health Foundation. He previously held the position of chief of surgery at both Brookhaven Medical Center and Veteran's Hospital, and

he is a past president of the American Academy of Environmental Medicine and the Pan American Allergy Society. He has also served on the Science Advisory Board for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, on the Research Committee for the American Academy of Otolaryngic Allergy and on the Committee on Aspects of Cardiovascular Endocrine and Autoimmune Diseases of the American College of Allergists, Committee on Immunotoxicology for the Office of Technology Assessment and on the panel on Chemical Sensitivity of the National Academy of Sciences. Dr. Rea is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the American Academy of Environmental Medicine, the American College of Allergists, the American College of Preventive Medicine and the American College of Nutrition.

Born in Jefferson, Ohio, Dr. Rea was graduated from Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio, and Ohio State University College of Medicine in Columbus, Ohio. He then completed a rotating internship at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He held a general surgery residency from 1963-67 and a cardiovascular surgery fellowship and residency from 1967-69 with The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School system, which includes Parkland Memorial Hospital, Baylor Medical Center, Veterans Hospital and Childrens Medical Center.

From 1984-85, Dr. Rea held the position of adjunct professor of environmental sciences and mathematics at the University of Texas, while from 1972-82, he acted as clinical associate professor of thoracic surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. He has also served as chief of thoracic surgery at Veterans Hospital and as adjunct professor of psychology and guest lecturer at North Texas State University. Dr. Rea is currently affiliated with Tri-City Health Center of Dallas and Garland Community Hospital in Garland.

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