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Barbara Sapp Davis is currently the Minority Veterans Program Coordinator at the MEDVAMC Houston. Ms. Davis has more than 35 years of perioperative experience in cardiothoracic surgery and serves as the Service Coordinator, a position she has held for the past 20 years. She is an educational and motivational speaker, patient advocate, mentor and community activist. Ms. Davis serves as a consult to Cardiothoracic Surgery departments and staff within the Texas

Medical Center, VA hospitals in VISN 16 and several other community groups as well. She is a volunteer with the American International Health Alliance where she serves as educator/consultant and ambassador to visiting medical staff from partnership hospitals in Sakalin, Russia.

Ms. Davis represents the only VAMC listed as a Partner for Understanding Pain.

She is a former member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Board of Directors and currently serves as Assistant Secretary of the NAACP Special Contribution Fund Board of Trustees. She is former vice chair of the NAACP National Board of Directors Audit Committee, an active member of the Health Committee, which works legislatively and in the private sector to change the current health statistics of minorities in cancer, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS and renal failure, access and treatment, the Image Awards Committee, the Election Supervisory Committee and a volunteer with the Convention Over-site Committee.

Ms. Davis is a former Executive Committee member and Secretary of the Houston Branch NAACP, positions she held for 16 years and 4 years respectively. She is the immediate past President of the National Kidney Foundation Southeast Texas, which

serves over 47 counties. In addition Ms. Davis was recently re-elected Secretary of the Intercultural Cultural Cancer Council Board of Governors. She is a founding member of the MD Anderson Center for Research on Minority Health Disparities Consortium and a member of the Houston area American Heart Association Advisory Council. Ms. Davis is a member of Payne Chapel AME Church where she serves a mentor to young adults.

Ms. Davis' commitment to quality care and the elimination of disparities in medical care for veterans has earned her local and national recognition. She is directly responsible for the development of several educational brochures including, Winning the Fight Against the Silent Killers, HIV/AIDS in African Americans, Cancer in Hispanic Americans and Cancer in African Americans, all of which are used locally and nationally. The MEDVAMC Minority Veterans Program is the recent recipient of the Cary Award for excellence in organization. Ms. Davis is the recipient of the 2006 Congressional Black Caucus Veterans Brain Trust Award for her exemplary service to America's veterans. Ms. Davis is a member of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.

A graduate of the University of Texas, where she received her bachelor's and master's degrees and continues her doctoral studies, she is board certified in operating room nursing. She is licensed to practice nursing in California and Texas. She enjoys reading, traveling and cooking. An avid dog lover, Ms. Davis resides in Houston with her dogs; Maya Angelou, Morgan Freeman, Lena Horne and Denzel Washington, Gabby, Taylor and Duke Ellington.