

A COMMUNICATION FROM PRESIDENT CEASAR C. MITCHELL APPOINTING DR. WILLIAM A. COOPER TO THE COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS. THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS, SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON THE DATE OF COUNCIL CONFIRMATION. (Held 4/29/14 by the Committee to allow the appointee an opportunity to appear before the Committee.)

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Dear Madam Clerk,

It is with great pleasure that I appoint Dr. William A. Cooper as one of my appointments to the Atlanta Commission on Veterans Affairs. Dr. Cooper served over 28 years in the United States Army Reserve and completed three tours of duty in Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on

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I am honored to appoint Dr. Cooper, and attached is a copy of his resume.

Sincerely,

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Biography-William A. Cooper, MD, MBA, FACC, FACS

William A. Cooper is currently Medical Director of Cardiovascular Surgery at WellStar Health Systems in Marietta, GA and former Associate Professor of Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Cooper began his career in surgery in 1992 at Emory University. He was appointed Medical Director of Cardiovascular Surgery at WellStar in April of 2004.

Under Dr. Cooper's direction, the Cardiovascular Surgery program at WellStar Health Systems is rated among the top 15% of cardiac surgery programs in the U.S., having achieved a 3 out of 3 star rating from Consumer Reports, the National Quality Forum and the Society of Thoracic Surgeons. WellStar Cardiovascular Surgery is the only heart surgery program in the state of Georgia and one of only two in the entire United States to hold Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) disease specific certification in heart valve and coronary artery bypass surgery.

Dr. Cooper has numerous academic publications and is actively involved in clinical research. He is particularly interested in strategic alignment, integration, healthcare quality, safety and appropriate use of medical resources. Dr. Cooper has published his work in national, peer-reviewed journals such as: *Circulation* and the *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. He has also presented in national symposia hosted by the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Southern Thoracic Surgery Association, American College of Chest Physicians and the American Heart Association. Professionally, he is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology and the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, Atlanta Medical Association, American College of Healthcare Executives, American College of Surgeons, American College of Cardiology and Georgia State Medical Association. Dr. Cooper serves on several non-profit boards and is a frequent speaker for community, business and professional organizations.

Dr. Cooper received a combined BA/MD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine in May of 1992. He completed postgraduate training in General Surgery and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, GA in June of 2001. He served as Chief Resident in Cardiothoracic Surgery from 2000-2001. He received his MBA from Emory University, Goizueta School of Business in May of 2013.

Dr. Cooper has served over 28 years in the United States Army Reserve and has completed three tours of duty in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. His military awards include the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal, the Iraq and Afghan Campaign Medals and the Army Commendation Medal.

He and his wife Sandi have four children: Frenshel, Sydney, Cameron and William Jr. They are members of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA.

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Curriculum Vitae

Revised:February 25th, 2014

Name: WilliamArthur Cooper, MD, MBA, FACS, FACC

Contact:

William.cooper@wellstar.org
drcoopmd@gmail.com

Birth Date and Place: October 11, 1967; Hayti,MO

Citizenship: USA

Current Titles and Affiliations:

Academic: Associate Professorof Surgery
Department of Surgery
Emory UniversitySchool of Medicine
2001-2013

Clinical: Medical Director-CardiovascularSurgery
Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital
Marietta, GA 2003-
Present

Licensures: State of Georgia License #037977
February 3, 1994

Board Certification: American Board ofSurgery
#45354
June 7, 2000

American Board ofThoracic Surgery
#6614
June 7, 2002
Recertified, December, 2011

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Education:

1986-1992 University of Missouri-Kansas City
Combined Bachelor of Arts-Biology
Doctorate of Medicine

2011-2013 Emory University, Atlanta, GA
Roberto C. Goizueta School of Business
Master of Business Administration

Post Graduate Training:

1992-1995 Emory University-General Surgery
1997-1999 Emory University-General Surgery
1999-2001 Emory University-Cardiothoracic Surgery
2000-2001 Chief Resident, Cardiothoracic Surgery, Emory University
2005 Brandeis/Harvard University HealthLeaders Program

Military or Government Service:

1985-Present United States Army Reserve
Colonel-Medical Corps
2003-2004 Deployment Operation Iraqi Freedom, Al-Asad, Iraq
2007-2008 Deployment Operation Iraqi Freedom, Eisenhower Army Medical Center
2010 Deployment Operation Enduring Freedom, FOB Salerno, Afghanistan

Military Awards:

Army Service Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal
Iraq Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Medal
Afghan Campaign Medal
Army Commendation Medal

Committee Memberships:

Local: Atlanta Medical Association
1995-Present

Cobb County Medical Society 2005-
Present

National: Fellow, American College of Surgeons

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Fellow, American College of Cardiology

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Committee on HealthReform, Policy andAdvocacy

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2005-Present

Association of Black Cardiothoracic Surgeons

Secretary

2003-Present

Regional:

American Heart Association of Greater Metro Atlanta

Advisory Board 2005-

Present

Georgia State Medical Association 2001-

Present

Southern Thoracic Surgical Association

2002-Present

Institutional:

Wellstar Health Systems:

Cardiac Services Performance Improvement Chair-2005-

Present

Quality Review Committee 2005-

Present

Cardiovascular Service Line Marketing Committee Co-Chair-2009-

Present

Cardiovascular Service Line Outcomes Committee 2009-

Present

Surgical Medical Care Evaluation Committee 2008-

Present

Credentials Committee-2011-Present

United States Army Reserve Credentialing Advisory Panel (ARCAP) 2010-Present

Crawford Long Hospital:

Surgical Services Committee-2001-2002

Infection Control Committee-2001-2003

Consultantships:

Maquet Cardiovascular, Inc

Off-pump preceptor

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2008-Present

Honors/Awards:

1990-Mortar Board National Honor Society
 1991-Alpha Omega Alpha
 1992-University of Missouri Chancellor's Scholar
 2006-Wellstar Cardiac Services 5 star rating
 2007-American Heart Association recognition award for public service
 2008-Wellstar Health Systems-Patient Safety Champion

 2008,2009-Top 10th percentile for 19/21 STS/NQF outcome measures
 2009-STS/NQF-"3 star rating" rating for quality and outcomes

 2008-Georgia Hospital Association Award for Quality Improvement:
 Crawford Long Hospital Sternal Wound Infection Project

 2006-Emory Healthcare Patient Satisfaction Award-Top Press
 Ganey Kennestone Cardiothoracic Surgery

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 Ganey Kennestone Cardiothoracic Surgery

 2008-Emory Healthcare Patient Satisfaction Award-Top Press
 Ganey Kennestone Cardiothoracic Surgery

 2009-Emory Healthcare Patient Satisfaction Award-Top Press
 Ganey Kennestone Cardiothoracic Surgery

Society Memberships:

Atlanta Medical Association-1995-
 Association of Black Cardiothoracic Surgeons-2003-
 Association of Black Cardiologists-2001-
 Cobb County Medical Society-2004-
 Georgia State Medical Association-2000-
 Society of Thoracic Surgeons-2003-
 Southern Thoracic Surgery Association-2002-

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Research Focus: ClinicalOutcomes in Cardiovascular Surgery, HealthCare reform, administration and policy.

Computer-based surgical simulation training.

Grants:

Post- approval evaluation of theCardiobladeRadiofrequency Ablation
Surgical Handpiece

3/1/02-6/1/04

Medtronic, Inc.

Award #60811

Role:Principal Investigator

Evaluation of the antimicrobialand anti-migration effects of Integuseal
vs. commonly used surgical skin preparation in cardiacsurgery

12/31/07-12/31/09

Kimberly Clark Corporation

Award #100-06-0001

Amount-\$26,037

Role:Principal investigator

National Institutesof Health

Cardiothoracic Surgery Research Group

Study 1: Surgical interventions for moderate ischemic mitral
regurgitation, a prospective, multi-center, randomized clinicaltrial. Study
2; Evaluationof outcomes following mitralvalve repair/replacement in
severe chronic ischemic mitralregurgitation 8/31/09-

Award #

Amount \$2.5 million

Role: PrincipallInvestigator-Ancillary site

Clinical Service Contributions:

Directed the expansion of Emory Cardiothoracic Surgery service to Wellstar- Kennestone Hospital.
Including planningand implementation ofthe cardiac surgery service andestablishing a rotation for
Emory Cardiothoracic Surgery residents.

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Teaching: Please see attached teaching file.

Other Activities:

Atlanta Technical College
Foundation Board of Directors 2006-
2008

Leadership Atlanta
Class of 2006
Alumni Member 2006-Present

Metro Atlanta YMCA
Board of Directors
2009-Present

Sadie G. Mays Nursing Home
Board of Directors
2009-Present

100 Black Men of Atlanta
Board of Directors 2006-2010
Chair, Health and Wellness Committee 2006-
2008

Presentations:

1. The surgical spectrum of pulmonary neuroendocrine neoplasms. The American College of Chest Physicians Sixty-Fourth Annual International Scientific Assembly, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 10, 1998.
2. Hypothermic circulatory arrest causes multi-system vascular endothelial dysfunction and apoptosis. The Southern Thoracic Surgical Association, Forty-Fifth Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, November 14, 1998.
3. Esophageal Atresia: surgical management. Egleston Children's Hospital of Emory University, Pediatric Surgery Grand Rounds, February 11, 1998.
4. Quality Improvement Initiative: Deep Sternal Wound Infection Post-Open Heart Surgery. Emory Division of Cardiothoracic Surgery Grand Rounds, July 24, 2002
5. The Impact of Renal Disease in Cardiovascular surgery: Emphasis on The African-American Patient. STS 39th Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, January 30, 2003.

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6. Surgery in an Austere Forward Deployed Setting:Surgery from the Front Line in Iraq. Surgery Grand Rounds, Emory University Hospital, July 24, 2004.
7. CardiovascularDisease In WomenSpeaking ofWomen's Health,May 2004
8. Gastrointestinal Complicationsafter Open Heart Procedures.Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital Department of Surgery GrandRounds.January 26, 2005.
9. Kennestone Cardiac Surgery Update. EmoryDivision of Cardiothoracic SurgeryRetreat, June 4, 2005.
10. Innovation in Cardiac Surgery.WellstarKennestone Cardiovascular Surgery, January, 2005
11. Update in Cardiovascular Surgery.East Cobb Chamber of Commerce, February,2005
12. The Doctor is OUT,Common Sense is IN.Cascade United Methodist Men, February 3, 2006.
13. Trends in Cardiac Surgery.WellstarKennestone Grand Rounds, August 26,2006.
14. Why Are CEOs Concerned About Health Care in America.Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital Cardiology Conference. March, 2007.
15. Racial Disparity Persists afterOn-pump and Off-pump Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting. American HeartAssociation 2008 ScientificSession. New Orleans, LA,November 11, 2008.
16. Dr.Why? HeartDisease Beyond the Diagnosis.Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital, April 22, 2009
17. Wellstar CardiacSurgery Update.Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital, June 9, 2009.
18. Health Disparities: Target HeartDiseaseSociety of LaparoendoscopicSurgeons Annual Meeting and Expo-Multi-Disciplinary Session:The U.S. Healthcare Systemis Broken: What can we do about it?BostonMassachusetts,September10, 2009.
19. ImplantationTechniques, theATS 3F Valve.ATS Medical 3F Training Course, January 28, 2010, Fort Lauderdale, FL.
20. CardiovascularDisease in Women.Morehouse School of Medicine, February 3,2010.
21. Heart Disease101. Cobb CountyGovernment Center, February 11,2010.
22. Heart Disease101.MariettaRotary Club, February 15, 2010.
23. Bridging the Gap in the Operating Room.Marietta First United Methodist Church, March 4, 2010.
24. ImplantationTechniques, theATS 3F Valve.ATS Medical 3F Training Course, April 28, 2010, New York, NY.

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25. Optimal Resources for Cardiac Surgery.Salerno Hospital, FOB Salerno Afghanistan, June 11, 2010.
26. Blood Addiction: The Search for A Cure.WellstarHealth Systems, Senior Leaders Retreat, October 9, 2010.
27. Blood Utilization in Cardiac Surgery.Wellstar-Kennestone Hospital, November 3,2010.

Publications:

1. Thourani,VinodH; Nakamura, Masanori ;Zhao,Zhi Qing; Duarte, Ignacio G; Jordan, James E; **Cooper, William A**;Guyton, Robert A; Vinten-Johansen, Jakob Specific AdnosineA3 Receptor Stimulation Attenuates Global Ischemic-Reperfusion Injury in a Neutrophil-free model. *Circulation*.96(8S) Supplement:743-I,October 21,1997
2. Thourani VH. Pettitt BJ. Schmidt JA.**Cooper William A**,Rozycki GS. Validation of surgeon-performed emergency abdominal ultrasonography inpediatric patients.*Journal of Pediatric Surgery*. 33(2):322-8, 1998 Feb.
3. Mansour KA. Thourani VH.**Cooper William A**. As originally published in 1989:Esophageal carcinoma: surgery without preoperative adjuvant chemotherapy.Updated in1998. *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*.65(5):1492-3, 1998 May.
4. GottJP.**Cooper William A**.Schmidt FE Jr. Brown WM 3rd. Wright CE. MerlinoJD. FortenberryJD. Clark WS. Guyton RA.Modifying risk forextracorporealcirculation: trailof four anti- inflammatory strategies.*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. 66(3):747-53; discussion 753-4, 1998 Sept.
5. Miller JI.**Cooper William A**.Surgical treatment of aspergillosis. In:Franco KL, Putman JB,eds. *Advanced therapy inthoracic surgery*.Hamilton, London: B.C.Decker, 1998:293-299.
6. Thourani VH. Feliciano DV.**Cooper William A**.BrandyKM. Adams AB. Rozycki GS. Symbas PN. Penetrating cardiactrauma at an urban trauma center:a 22-yearperspective.65(9):81106; *discussion*817-8, 1999 Sept.

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7. **Cooper William A.** Miller JI. Jejunal interposition for esophageal replacement. *Operative Techniques in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery: A Comparative Atlas*. 4(3):239-51, 1999 Aug.
8. **Cooper William A.** Miller JI Jr. Management of bronchopleural fistula after lobectomy. *Seminars in Thoracic & Cardiovascular Surgery*. 13(1):8-12, 2001 Jan.
9. **Cooper William A.** Thourani VH. Gal AA. Lee RB. Mansour KA. Miller JI. The surgical spectrum of pulmonary neuroendocrine neoplasms; *Chest*. 119(1):14-8, 2001 Jan.
10. Ignacio G. Duarte, Malcolm J. MacDonald, **Cooper William A**, Susan L. Schmarkey, John Parker Gott, W. Morris Brown, III, Jakob Vinten-Johansen, and Robert A. Guyton In vivo hemodynamic, histologic, and antimicrobial characteristics of the Mosaic bioprosthesis *Ann. Thorac. Surg.*, Jan 2001; 71: 92 -99.
11. **Cooper William A.** Duarte IG. Thourani VH. Nakamura M. Wang NP. Brown WM 3rd. Gott JP. Vinten-Johansen J. Guyton RA. Hypothermic circulatory arrest causes multisystem vascular endothelial dysfunction and apoptosis. *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. 69(3):696-702; discussion 703, 2001 Mar.
12. **Cooper William A, MD**, Brinkman William, MD, Petersen Rebecca J, RN, BA and Guyton Robert A, MD: Impact of Renal Disease in Cardiovascular Surgery: Emphasis on the African-American Patient. *The Annals of Thoracic Surgery* Jan 2003; 76:S1370-6.
13. **Cooper, William A**, Joel S. Corvera, Vinod H. Thourani, John D. Puskas, Joseph M. Craver, Omar M. Lattouf, and Robert A. Guyton Perfusion-assisted direct coronary artery bypass provides early reperfusion of ischemic myocardium and facilitates complete revascularization *Ann. Thorac. Surg.*, Apr 2003; 75: 1132 -1139.
14. Tanaka, Kenichi A.M.D.*; Waly, Amr A.M.D.; **Cooper, William A. M.D.**; Levy, Jerrold H.M.D. Treatment of excessive bleeding in Jehovah's Witness patients after cardiac surgery with recombinant factor VIIa (NovoSeven^R). *Anesthesiology*. 98(6):1513-5, 2003 June.
15. Covera JS, Morris CD, Budde JM, Velez DA, Puskas JD, Lattouf OM, **Cooper William A**, Guyton RA, and Vinten-Johansen J. Pretreatment with phenoxybenzamine attenuates the radial artery's vasoconstrictor response to adrenergic stimuli. *J. Thoracic Cardiovascular. Surg.* Nov 2003; 126: 1549 -1554.
16. Staples JR. Tanaka KA. Shanewise JS. Glas KE. Merlino JD. **Cooper WA**. Puskas JD. Lattouf OM. The use of the SonoSite ultrasound device for intraoperative evaluation of the aorta.

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[Comparative Study.Evaluation Studies.Journal Article]*Journal of Cardiothoracic & Vascular Anesthesia*. 18(6):715-8, 2004 Dec.

17. FarazKerendi, MD, John D. Puskas, MD, MS*, JosephM. Craver, MD,**Cooper William A MD**,Ellis L. Jones, MD, OmarM. Lattouf, MD, PhD, J. David Vega, MD, Robert A. Guyton,MDEmergency Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting Can BePerformed SafelyWithout Cardiopulmonary Bypass in Selected Patients.*The Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. Mar. 2005;79:801-806.
18. Halkos ME, Craver JM. Thourani VH, Kerendi F.Puskas JD,**CooperWA**,Guyton RA, Intraoperative radiofrequency ablation for the treatment of atrial fibrillation duringconcomitant cardiac surgery.[Journal Article]*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. 80(1):210-5; discussion 215-6, 2005 Jul.
19. **Cooper, William, MD***,O'Brien Sean,PhD, Thourani, Vinod H, MD*, Guyton Robert A.MD*, Bridges, Charles R., MD, ScD †, Szczech, Linda A. MD, MSCE, Petersen, Rebecca RN*, Peterson, EricD., MD, MPH. The impactof renal dysfunction on outcomes of coronaryartery bypass surgery: results fromthe Society of Thoracic Surgeon'sNational cardiac database. *Circulation*; September2005.
20. Budde, Jason M., Cooper, WilliamA.,Aortic valve surgery.In: Medicalmanagement of the surgical patient.Lubin, Michael F., Smith Robert B., eds. Cambridge Press, 2006 pages 582-584.
21. Budde, Jason M., Cooper, WilliamA.,Mitral valve surgery.In: Medicalmanagement of the surgical patient. Lubin, Michael F., Smith, Robert B., eds.Cambridgege Press, 2006 pages585-588.
22. Halkos, Michael E,**Cooper William A MD**,Peterson, Rebecca RN, Puskas, John D MD, Lattouf, Omar M MD, Craver, Joseph M MD,Guyton, Robert AMD; Early Administration of Clopidogrel Is Safeafter Off-Pumpcoronary Artery Bypass Surgery. *Ann ThoracSurg*2006; 81 815-819.
23. Lattouf OM. ThouraniVH. KilgoPD. Halkos ME. Baio KT. Myung R.**CooperWA**.Guyton RA. Puskas JD. Influenceof on-pump versus off-pump techniques and completeness of revascularizationon long-termsurvival after coronary artery bypass.*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*. 86(3):797-805,2008 Sep.
24. Puskas JD, KilgoPD. Lattouf OM, Thourani VH,**CooperWA**,Vassiliades TA, Chen EP, VegaJD, Guyton RA. Off-pump coronary bypass provides reduced mortality and morbidity and equivalent 10-year survival.[ComparativeStudy]. Journal Article.*Annals of ThoracicSurgery*. 86(4):1139- 46; discussion 1146, 2008 Oct.

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25. Halkos ME, LattoufOM, Puskas JD, Kilgo P, **Cooper WA**,Morris CD, GuytonRA, Thourani VH. Elevated preoperative hemoglobinA1c level is associated with reduced long-term survivalafter coronary artery bypass surgery.*Annals ofThoracic Surgery*, 86(5):1431-7, Nov 2008.
26. Thourani, Vinod, MD, Myung, Richard, MD, Kilgo,Patrick,MS, Thompson, Karen,DO, Puskas, John D. MD, Lattouf, Omar M. MD,**Cooper, WilliamA. MD**, Guyton, Robert A. MD.Long-term outcomes after isolated aortic valve replacement in octogenarians:a modern perspective. *Annals of ThoracicSurgery*, 86(5):1458-64, discussion 1464-65. Nov 2008.
27. **Cooper, WA**, Thourani VH,Guyton RA,Kilgo P, LattoufOM, Chen EP, Morris CD, Vega JD, Vassiliades TA, Puskas JP. Racial disparity persists after on-pump and off-pump coronary artery byapssgrafting.*Circulation*,2009; 120; S59-S64.
28. Halkos ME, Chen EP, Sarin EL, KilgoP, Thourani VH, Lattouf OM, Vega JD, Morris CD, Vassiliades TA, **CooperWA**, GuytonRA,PuskasJD. Aorticvalvereplacementforaorticstenosisinpatientswith left ventricular dysfunction. *Annalsof Thoracic Surgery*, 88(3):746-51, Sep 2009.
29. Halkos ME, Kilgo P,Lattouf OM,Puskas JD,**Cooper WA**,Guyton RA, Thourani VH.The effect of diabetes mellitus onin-hospital andlong-term outcomes after heart valve operations.*Annals of Thoracic Surgery*,90(1):124-130, Jul 2010.
30. Vinod Thourani, MD , Eric Sarin , MD ,Robert GuytonMD,Patrick D. Kilgo,MS,Ameesh B. Dara,BS, John D. Puskas .MD,Edward P. Chen,MD, **William A.Cooper, MD**, David Vega, MD, Cullen D. Morris, MD, andOmar Lattouf,MD, PhD. Long-term survival for bioprosthetic valve replacement in patients with preoperative end Stage renal failure.*Circulation*. In Press.
31. Vinod Thourani, MD , Eric Sarin , MD ,Robert GuytonMD,Patrick D. Kilgo,MS,Ameesh B. Dara,BS, John D. Puskas .MD,Edward P. Chen,MD, **William A.Cooper, MD**, David Vega, MD, Cullen D. Morris, MD, andOmar Lattouf, MD, PhD. Impact of preoperative renal dysfunction on long- term survival for patients' undergoingaortic valve replacement.*Circulation*.In Press.
32. Lois R. Robley, NancyBallard, DebbieHoltzman,**William Cooper**. Theexperienceofstressfor open heart surgery patients andtheir caregivers.*West J Nurs Res*published online 9 August 2010 DOI: 10.1177/0193945910361469

Books in Progress:

1. Doctor, Why Me?Heart Disease Beyond the Diagnosis

“**Doctor, Why Me? HeartDisease:Beyond the Diagnosis**”is a roadmapfor navigating through the health care system whenone has been diagnosed with heart disease.This book is done in a conversational format with translation of medical terminology throughout.This health literacy text will provide the reader with the necessary

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knowledge to understand the complexities of the etiology, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart disease. (Late Feb/EarlyMarch).

2. Chronicles of the Heart.

“Chronicles of theHeart” is a spiritual journal based on personal experience with my patients. Through journaling, I have compiled a myriad of emotional encounters, elicited by patient’s stories regarding their experience with heart disease. As I do in all of these instances, I am using scriptures and prayer to support dealing with those sometimes overwhelming emotions that patients (and myself) encounter when faced with the devastation caused by heart disease. The book is designed to provide emotional support through scripture and prayer and also to encourage readers to “chronicle” their feelings by creating a diary/journal. (Early-mid Feb).