



The Breast Health Global Initiative

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Dr. Benjamin O. Anderson biography

*Founder, chair and director of the Breast Health Global Initiative
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Benjamin O. Anderson, MD, has been a leading voice in the international breast cancer clinical improvement and best practices movement for the past decade. He founded and chairs the Breast Health Global Initiative (BHGI) with the vision of developing and implementing resource-sensitive, culturally appropriate guidelines for breast cancer early detection, diagnosis and treatment in low- and middle-income countries (LMCs) under the auspices of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and Susan G. Komen for the Cure®.

As private sector advisor on the U.S. delegation to the 58th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Dr. Anderson contributed to the first World Health Organization Approved Resolution on Cancer Prevention and Control passed in 2005, designed to reinforce comprehensive cancer policies and strategies for LMCs. Dr. Anderson served as president of the American Society of Breast Disease from 2005 to 2007 and has been a member of the board of directors of three national and international academic breast cancer societies.

Dr. Anderson has clinical expertise in breast cancer; international breast health care; oncoplastic breast surgery to improve oncologic and cosmetic outcome with complex breast cancer procedures; locally advanced breast cancer; minimally invasive breast diagnosis; and high risk breast health evaluation. A native of California, he earned his BA in mathematics at Pomona College and medical degree at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. Following a general surgical residency at the University of Colorado, Dr. Anderson trained in surgical oncology at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York as an American Cancer Society Clinical Oncology Fellow.

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He joined the surgical faculty at University of Washington in Seattle in 1994 and served as clinical medical director of the breast program from 1998 to 2003. Dr. Anderson continues to serve as director of both the Breast Health Center at the University of Washington and the Breast Health Clinic at the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, where he has devoted his clinical practice to the care of patients with breast cancer and breast health issues. He holds joint faculty positions in the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center Division of Public Health Sciences and the University of Washington Department of Global Health.

Dr. Anderson was elected by his peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America in 2001 and has been reelected every year since that time. He received the American Cancer Society Career Development Award for breast cancer research in 1995.
