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Dr. Beck was a Distinguished Graduate of the USAF Academy and attended medical school at the University of Miami. He completed his residency in general surgery at Wilford Hall USAF Medical School, Lackland AFB, Texas and completed a fellowship in colorectal surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio. He is board certified in general and colon and rectal surgery and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons. After retiring from the Air Force, where he was Chairman and Residency Program Director of the Department of General Surgery at Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center and the Military Consultant to the Air Force Surgeon General in Colon and Rectal Surgery, Dr. Beck joined Ochsner in 1993, served as Chairman of the Colon and Rectal Surgery Department from 1995 to 2014, and is now Chairman Emeritus.

Dr. Beck conducts research into colorectal diseases, has authored and edited eight medical textbooks, and written over 250 scientific publications. He was the President of the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS) from 2010-2011 and is a member of many other medical associations. He served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Ochsner Clinic Foundation from 2005 to 2012. Dr. Beck is on the editorial board of several prestigious medical journals. In addition to his clinical and administrative duties, he is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Queensland, Australia and is on the clinical faculty at the Louisiana State University and Uniformed Services University Schools of Medicine. Dr. Beck is listed in Who's Who, Best Doctors in America, Good Housekeeping's Top Cancer Doctors for Women, and Best Surgeons in New Orleans. Dr. Beck is a nationally recognized expert in inflammatory bowel disease, anal, rectal and colon cancer, stomas, adhesions, bowel preparation, sphincter saving surgery for cancer, laparoscopic surgery, and postoperative pain management.