

Edward Partridge, MD

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Evalina B. Spencer Chair in Oncology



Edward Partridge, M.D. currently serves as Director of the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center. He is also Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Gynecologic Oncology and holds the Evalina B. Spencer Chair in Oncology. Dr. Partridge has demonstrated exceptional leadership ability in both research and administrative posts. His clinical interests are cancer control and prevention; cervical cancer; community based research; gynecology oncology; minority health disparities; and ovarian cancer.

Dr. Partridge received his bachelor's degree from the University of Alabama in 1969 and his medical degree from UAB in 1973. He went on to complete his training in obstetrics and gynecology at UAB before joining the School of Medicine faculty as an assistant professor in 1979. He would go on to become the director of the UAB Division of Gynecologic Oncology in 1990, and would serve in that capacity until 2003. In 2007, he was named director of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as the Evalina B. Spencer Chair in Oncology.

Much of Dr. Partridge's work focuses on cancer prevention and control with an emphasis on eliminating health barriers and disparities among minorities and other underserved populations. He serves as principal or co-principal investigator on several nationally funded research initiatives, including the Alabama Black Belt Cancer Linkage Initiative; UAB's Deep South Network for Cancer Control, a National Cancer Institute-funded project focused on training, data-gathering and educational outreach in 22 counties of the Alabama Black Belt, the Mississippi Delta, urban Birmingham, and Hattiesburg and Laurel, Miss.

Dr. Partridge has a long and extensive history of donating his time and expertise to organizations outside of UAB. Among other roles, he has served as president of the Birmingham and Alabama Societies of Clinical Oncology, as well as the chair of the Commission on Cancer for the American College of Surgeons – the only gynecologist ever to serve in that position. He was Chairman of the Commission for Cancer for the American College of Surgeons and currently serves as Chairman of the Cervical Cancer Screening Guidelines Committee of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network. He is on the Board of Directors of the Mid-South Division of the American Cancer Society and Immediate Past President of the National Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society.