

Arizona's 2008 Adolescent Substance Abuse Conference

Confronting Social Barriers in Adolescence

Conference Speaker Information



Rodgers M. Wilson, M.D.

Rodgers M. Wilson joined Arizona Department of Health Services in December of 2007. Dr. Wilson is the Acting Chief Medical Officer for the Division of Behavioral Health Services and serves as the Substance Abuse Authority for the State of Arizona.

He has served as the Chief Medical Officer of Friends Hospital in Philadelphia and Chairman of Psychiatry at Bayhealth in Delaware. He attended Meharry Medical College. Dr. Wilson completed his internship in internal medicine at Tulane University and his psychiatric residency at the University of New York. He was named as an honorary fellow by the Isaac Ray Center of Chicago.

Clinically, his career has focused on Adolescents and Adults with Serious Mental Illness. Dr. Wilson is certified in adult psychiatry, forensic psychiatry, administrative psychiatry, and healthcare quality management. He has served a consultant to the United States Secret Service, federal and state courts, law firms and major corporations related to sexual and criminal behaviors, and workplace violence.

Dr. Wilson has worked extensively in academic settings with a focus on forensic medicine, electroconvulsive therapy and transcultural psychiatry. He has held committee assignments with the American Psychiatric Association and The American Academy of Psychiatry and Law. He is member of the American College of Physician Executives and the National Association of Medical Communicators.

He is dedicated to removing healthcare disparities and promoting culturally sensitive care to minority populations. Professional beliefs are rooted in consumer recovery and patient autonomy.

Dr. Wilson has been involved in oversight related to *Arnold v. Sarn* and clinical performance since joining the Arizona's Department of Health Service.