

Black Collective Documentary Interviewee Bio

Name: John H. Vassall, MD

Black Collective member since: Periodically over the years but consistently since 2019

Career:

- He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison and both Master of Science and Doctor of Medicine from the University of Washington.
- He serves as Clinical Associate Professor and Associate Dean of Clinical Education for the Washington State University Elson S Floyd College of Medicine-Everett campus.
- He was medical staff President of Providence Seattle Medical Center and served as Chief of Staff and later Chief Medical Officer of Swedish Health Services, the largest health system in Washington State.

Community Engagements:

- He served as CEO of the Foundation for Health Care Quality and served fifteen years as Vice-Speaker and Speaker of the House of Delegates for the Washington State Medical Association and as a trustee for 30 years.
- He served as a delegate to the American Medical Association House of Delegates, a trustee of the Washington State Hospital Association, trustee of the American Hospital Association and trustee of the Washington State Association of Black Professionals in Health Care.
- In 2006 Dr. Vassall was voted Washington State Internist of the Year by the Washington chapter of the American College of Physicians and in 2021 the chapter inaugurated the John Vassall, MD FACP Annual Lecture for Justice and Equity in Medicine.
- He served on the editorial review board of Internal Medicine News.
- On July 27, 2017, Democratic Congressman Adam Smith representing Washington's Ninth Congressional District, honored the work and accomplishments of Dr. Vassall with remarks entered into the Congressional Record.