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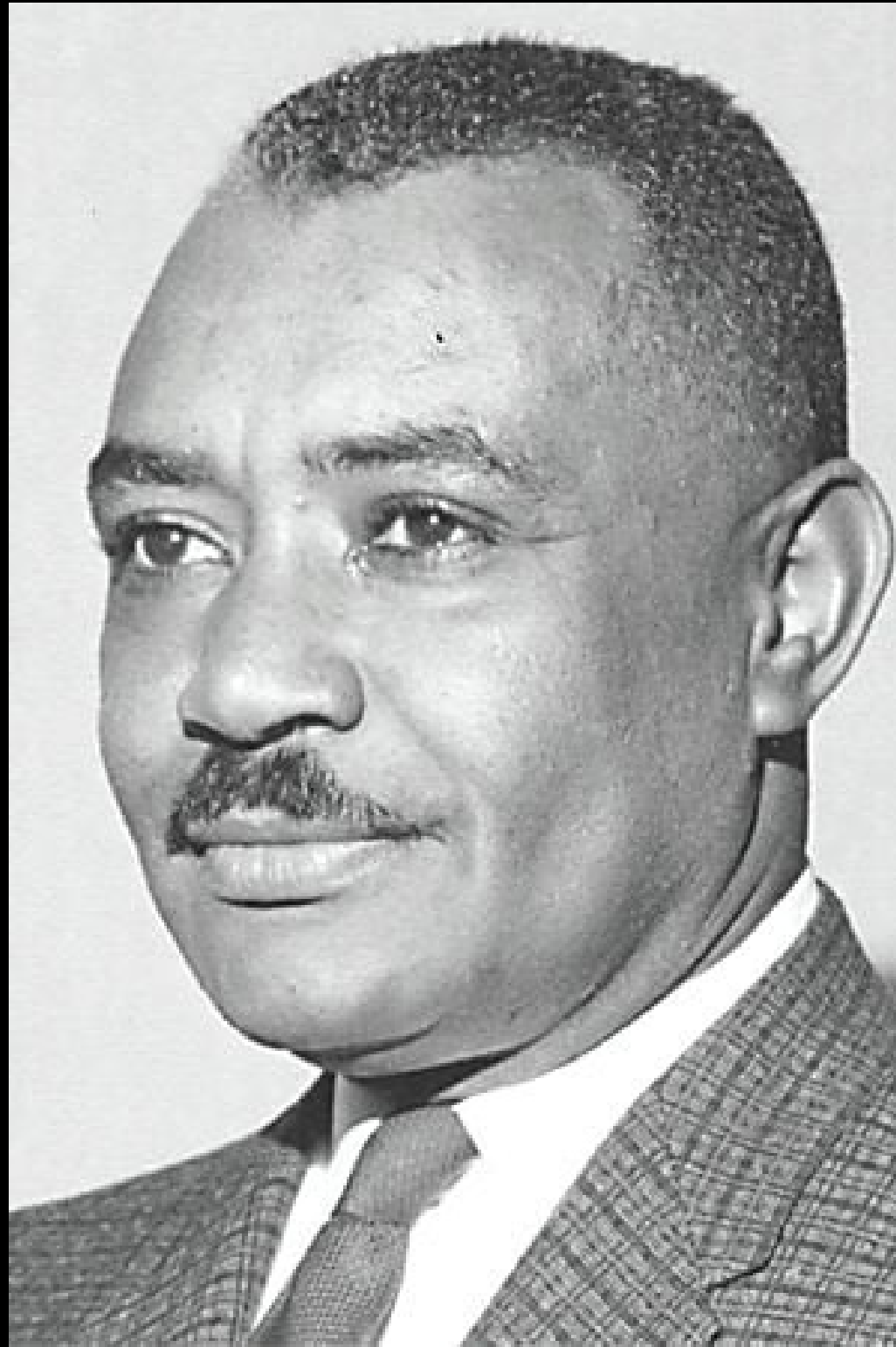
# **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

**BLACK PIONEERS IN HEALTH  
FROM THE BAY AREA**

# DR. JAMES HUTCHINSON



**ONE OF THE FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN DOCTORS IN CALIFORNIA ,AND THE FIRST IN THE BAY AREA.  
DR. JAMES PRACTICED FAMILY MEDICINE IN SAN MATEO CALIFORNIA ALONG WITH RECEIVING HIS  
DEGREE FROM MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE OF MEDICINE A HISTORICAL BLACK COLLEGE IN 1952.  
HE IS ONE OF THE FOUNDING DOCTORS OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND PROJECT GO.**



## **DR. EARL RANDOLPH MEYERS**

**DR. MEYERS WAS A PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON WHO PRACTICED MEDICINE UNTIL THE AGE OF 85 AND WAS KNOWN AMONG HIS COLLEAGUES AS "THE FATHER OF BLACK MEDICINE IN FRESNO." DR. MEYERS, WHO DIED IN 2014, AT THE AGE OF 95, OPENED HIS FIRST MEDICAL CLINIC IN 1947 IN DOWNTOWN FRESNO. AFTER 10 YEARS AS THE ONLY AFRICAN-AMERICAN PHYSICIAN IN THE FRESNO AREA, DR. MEYERS BEGAN TO ENCOURAGE OTHER AFRICAN-AMERICAN DOCTORS TO BRING THEIR SERVICES TO FRESNO. HE BUILT THE FRESNO-KLETTE MEDICAL ARTS CENTER, THE FIRST MEDICAL FACILITY OWNED BY LOCAL AFRICAN AMERICANS, IN WEST FRESNO IN 1957.**

# JOSEPH L. WHITE



**DR. JOSEPH L. WHITE, OFTEN REFERRED TO AS "THE FATHER OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGY," WROTE THE REVOLUTIONARY ARTICLE CALLED, "TOWARD A BLACK PSYCHOLOGY," WHICH WAS FEATURED IN EBONY MAGAZINE. HE IS CREDITED FOR HIS WORK FOR BEING THE FIRST STRENGTHS-BASED ANALYSIS AND EVALUATION OF BLACK BEHAVIOR AND CULTURE. DR. WHITE ADVOCATED FOR THE CREATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGY, ARGUING THAT THE APPLICATION OF WHITE PSYCHOLOGY ON AFRICAN AMERICAN PEOPLE DEVELOPED AN UNFAIR ILLUSION OF BLACK INFERIORITY. DR. WHITE HELPED FOUND THE ASSOCIATION OF BLACK PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY'S BLACK STUDIES PROGRAM IN 1968.**

# DR. ARTHUR COLEMAN

**DR. ARTHUR COLEMAN, THE FIRST BLACK PHYSICIAN WHO BUILT A PRACTICE IN S.F. AND STARTED THE TRANSBAY SAVINGS BANK TO PROVIDE MORTGAGE DR. COLEMAN SERVED ON THE SAN FRANCISCO PORT COMMISSION THROUGH THE 1980S. DURING THAT DECADE, HE GREW FRUSTRATED THAT RESIDENTS OF BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT WERE EXPERIENCING HIGH INCIDENCES OF ASTHMA, BREAST CANCER AND PROSTATE CANCER AND WERE NOT GETTING REGULAR CHECKUPS. IN RESPONSE, HE HELPED CREATE THE BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER.**



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# NADINE BURKE HARRIS



**NADINE BURKE HARRIS MADE HISTORY WHEN SHE WAS APPOINTED AS CALIFORNIA'S FIRST SURGEON GENERAL IN JANUARY 2019 BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM. HOWEVER, THE PEDIATRICIAN'S CAREER STARTED IN SAN FRANCISCO A DECADE AND A HALF PRIOR TO HER TAKING ON THIS PREEMINENT ROLE. BURKE HARRIS JOINED THE CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER (CPMC) STAFF IN 2005 AND WAS TASKED WITH DEVELOPING PROGRAMS TO END HEALTH DISPARITIES IN SAN FRANCISCO – WITH SUPPORT FROM CPMC, TWO YEARS LATER BURKE HARRIS BECAME THE MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND FOUNDING PHYSICIAN OF THE BAYVIEW CHILD HEALTH CENTER. FROM 2010 TO 2012, SHE CO-FOUNDED THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES PROJECT IN THE BAYVIEW-HUNTERS POINT NEIGHBORHOOD IN SAN FRANCISCO, WITH COLLEAGUES FUTURE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES KAMALA HARRIS.**



# HABEN GIRMA

**HABEN GIRMA WAS BORN DEAF-BLIND IN OAKLAND IN 1988 TO AN ERITREAN MOTHER AND ETHIOPIAN FATHER. SHE HAS AN OLDER BROTHER, MUSSIE, WHO WAS ALSO DEAF-BLIND, AND THEY WERE BOTH EDUCATED IN OAKLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM. MUSSIE WENT ON TO BECOME A TECHNOLOGY ADVISOR AND DISABILITY ADVOCATE, WHILE HABEN WENT ON TO GRADUATE MAGNA CUM LAUDE FROM LEWIS & CLARK COLLEGE IN PORTLAND.**

**THEN SHE MADE HISTORY BY BECOMING THE FIRST DEAF-BLIND PERSON TO GRADUATE FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN 2013. AFTER GRADUATING, SHE MOVED BACK TO THE BAY AREA TO WORK FOR DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATES IN BERKELEY AS A SKADDEN FELLOW AND NOW SHE WORKS FULL-TIME AS A NON-LITIGATION DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCATE.**





## HEALTH'S BLACK LEADERSHIP



**SHEILA ANTRUM**

**SHEILA ANTRUM IS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER AT UCSF HEALTH. SHE ENSURES THAT THE OPERATIONS OF PATIENT SERVICES ACROSS THE HEALTH SYSTEM ALIGN WITH UCSF HEALTH'S VISION AND STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES. SHE OVERSEES STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION OF UCSF HEALTH'S AFFILIATIONS, FINANCES, QUALITY AND SAFETY FOR ADULT PATIENT SERVICES ACROSS UCSF HEALTH'S LOCATIONS AND AFFILIATES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE BAY AND HAS MATRIXED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR OPERATIONS IN CHILDREN'S AND CANCER SERVICES. NURSING, CLINICAL SERVICES, FACILITIES, SUPPLY CHAIN, MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS, PHARMACEUTICAL, WOMEN'S SERVICES AND PERIOPERATIVE SERVICES REPORT TO HER.**



## **HEALTH'S BLACK LEADERSHIP**



**COREY JACKSON IS SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, HUMAN RESOURCES, FOR UCSF HEALTH AND ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR, HUMAN RESOURCES, UCSF. HE OVERSEES ALL HUMAN RESOURCES FUNCTIONS TO SUPPORT TALENT MANAGEMENT ACROSS UCSF'S ACADEMIC, RESEARCH, ADMINISTRATIVE AND CLINICAL DEPARTMENTS. HE IS CHARGED WITH STRENGTHENING UCSF'S ABILITY TO ATTRACT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN THE DIVERSE TALENT NECESSARY TO BE A LEADER IN PATIENT CARE AND THE WORLD'S PREEMINENT HEALTH SCIENCES INNOVATOR, AND TO MAKE THE ORGANIZATION THE BEST PLACE TO WORK.**

**COREY JACKSON**

# HEALTH CARE LEADERS



**GREG ADAMS. CHAIR AND CEO OF KAISER PERMANENTE (OAKLAND, CALIF.).**

**MR. ADAMS LEADS A NETWORK OF 39 HOSPITALS, 730 MEDICAL OFFICES AND MORE THAN 216,000 EMPLOYEES. HIS WORK IS FOCUSED ON GROWING THE ORGANIZATION'S MEMBERSHIP, IMPROVING AFFORDABILITY AND EXPANDING HEALTHCARE ACCESS. HE HOLDS LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AT SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BEING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH INSURANCE PLANS.**

# HEALTH CARE LEADERS



**PAUL KING. PRESIDENT AND CEO OF LUCILE PACKARD  
CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL STANFORD AND STANFORD  
CHILDREN'S HEALTH (PALO ALTO, CALIF.)**

**MR. KING IS IN CHARGE OF LEADING THE BAY AREA'S LARGEST  
HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, STANFORD  
CHILDREN'S HEALTH IS INVESTING IN A DIGITAL HEALTH  
PROGRAM THAT WILL GIVE PATIENTS MORE ACCESS TO CARE  
USING THE HOSPITAL'S TELEHEALTH AND VIRTUAL  
TECHNOLOGY**



# HEALTH CARE LEADERS

**IMAMU TOMILSON, MD. CEO AT VITUITY  
(EMERYVILLE, CALIF.).**

**MR. TOMILSON BRINGS MORE THAN 16 YEARS OF CLINICAL, PRACTICE MANAGEMENT AND EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE TO HIS LEADERSHIP OF VITUITY'S MORE THAN 400 PRACTICE SITES NATIONWIDE. HE HAS WORKED TO ESTABLISH A TEAM FOCUSED ON CARE TRANSFORMATION FOR THE ORGANIZATION AND LED DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION INITIATIVES. HE IS CREDITED WITH BEING A STRONG PROPONENT OF HEALTHCARE EQUITY, HELPING TO BRING AWARENESS TO HEALTHCARE DISPARITIES IN UNDERREPRESENTED POPULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF VITUITY CARES, A CHARITABLE FOUNDATION DEDICATED TO IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND ADDRESSING INEQUALITY.**

