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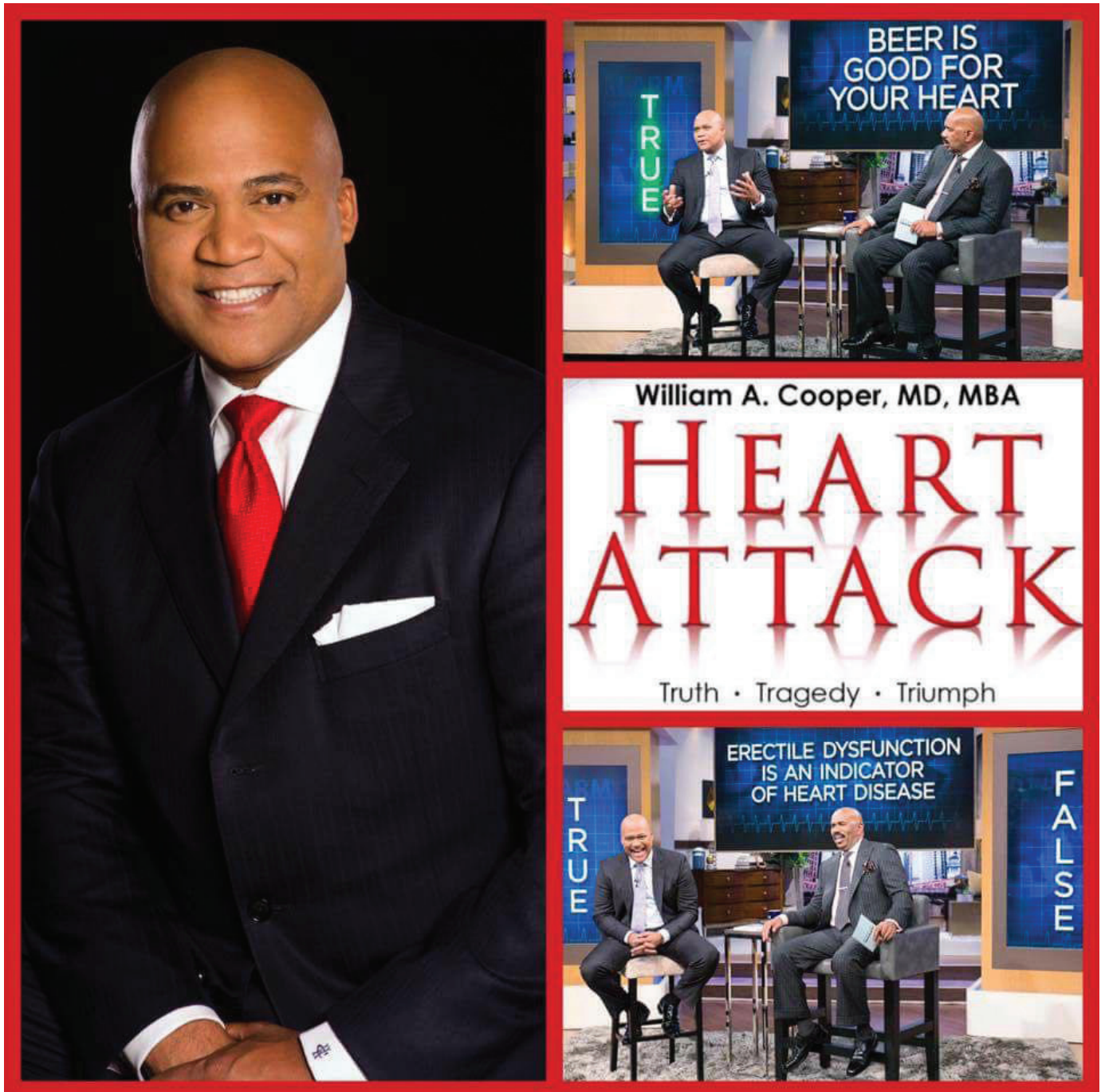
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HEART ATTACK: TRUTH • TRAGEDY • TRIUMPH

“Heart Attack: Truth, Tragedy, Triumph”, unlike many books of its kind takes you on a journey discussing heart disease through the lives those who have suffered at the hands of this dreadful condition. Beginning with the Author’s own devastating family history, Heart Attack reminds us that we are all connected not just by the physical attributes and risk factors associated with heart attacks but also emotionally and spiritually. Many of the characters in this book suffered real “heart attacks” and others although perhaps not “heart attacks” of the purest kind, they all suffered.

ABOUT DR. COOPER



William A. Cooper is the former founding Medical Director of Cardiovascular Surgery at WellStar Health Systems in Marietta, Georgia, and Associate Professor of surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. He obtained his BA/MD from the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, post-graduate training in general surgery and cardiothoracic surgery at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, and his MBA from Emory University, Goizueta School of Business.

He was voted the 2015 Georgia Hospital Association Physician Hero. He has also been recognized as a Men of Influence Awardee by the Atlanta Business League, Man of the Year by the Atlanta Tribune Magazine and Extraordinary physician leader by Citizens of Healthcare. He is a contributor to the Steve Harvey Show and has been recognized by Black Enterprise Modern Man magazine, Ebony magazine, and numerous media outlets.



Dr. Cooper is an experienced physician, surgeon, veteran, speaker, author, and entrepreneur with over 30 years of experience in healthcare. He has a proven track record of developing a nationally recognized high-quality cardiovascular program. During his tenure as Medical Director the WellStar Cardiovascular Surgery program was ranked among the top 15% of heart programs in the United States having achieved a perennial 3 out of 3 Star rating from the Society of Thoracic Surgeons and Consumer Reports. The program was twice awarded the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organizations (JCAHO) Gold Seal for heart valve and, heart bypass surgery and heart failure treatment excellence. Most recently in 2019 the heart program was awarded Comprehensive Cardiac Care Center recognition by JCAHO.

In July 2019 Dr. Cooper moved on to start his own healthcare staffing and consulting company called Prime Health Services Group, LLC. He is also Founder and Chairman of Cooper and Company Consulting. Both firms are veteran owned and operated.



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His leadership and expertise encompass a full suite of skills including human resource development, and management, strategic planning, data analysis, clinical, and fiscal oversight. In addition to his managerial and clinical expertise, Dr. Cooper is a certified LEAN Six Sigma Master Black Belt.

Dr. Cooper is a decorated Army Veteran having served over thirty-four years in the United States Army Reserve and has completed four tours of duty in support of military operations around the world, including two tours in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and in the continental United States.

He is a visionary, focused, accountable leader with a deep interest in healthcare transformation, quality, outcomes, and consumer education. He is also a well-rounded clinician with national and international medical experience including healthcare systems in austere forward deployed wartime settings.

He has authored many peer reviewed articles. In 2016 he became a published author with the release of his book: Heart Attack: Truth, Tragedy, Triumph, which was featured on the Steve Harvey show.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

EDUCATION

MBA, Roberto C. Goizueta School of Business, Emory University
Atlanta, GA - May 2013

MD, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Kansas City, MO (combined BA/MD) - May 1992

BA, University of Missouri-Kansas City
Kansas City, MO (combined BA/MD) - December 1990

TRAINING

Cardiothoracic Surgery, Emory University, Atlanta, GA June 2001

General Surgery, Emory University, Atlanta, GA June 1999

CERTIFICATIONS

Harvard Health Leaders Program/Brandeis University May 2005

General Surgery, ABS June 2000

Cardiothoracic Surgery, ABTS 2002, 2012

ACADEMICS

Published over 40 articles, abstracts, and book chapters in major medical journals such as *Circulation*, *Annals of Thoracic Surgery*, and *Chest*.

AWARDS

- Highest Rated Heart Bypass Program in Georgia by Consumer Reports, the Society of Thoracic Surgeons, and the National Quality Forum.
- Two-time JCAHO GOLD SEAL DISEASE-SPECIFIC CERTIFICATION FOR HEART BYPASS AND VALVE SURGERY.
1 of 2 in the entire US.
- 2015 Georgia Hospital Association Hospital Physician Hero.
- 2015 Citizens of Healthcare Physician Champion.
- 2016 Atlanta Tribune Magazine Man of the Year.
- Conceived a new collaborative care delivery model.
Accountable care units.
- Co-developed a battlefield trauma registry while deployed in combat operations

MILITARY AWARDS & ACCOLADES



TOURS OF DUTY

Operation Iraqi Freedom	2003-2004
Operation Iraqi Freedom, Fort Gordon, Augusta, GA	2007-2008
Operation Enduring Freedom	2010
Operation Inherent Resolve	2017-2018

AWARDS

- Army Service Ribbon
- National Defense Service Medal
- Global War on Terrorism Medal
- Iraq and Afghan Campaign Medals
- Army Commendation Medal





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