

Dr. Patrice "Patrick" Delafontaine

Professor of Medicine/Executive Dean at Tulane University

New Orleans , LA, US

Dr. Patrice “Patrick” Delafontaine is a physician-scientist and COVID-19 expert in interventional cardiology and vascular biology.

Biography

Dr. Patrice “Patrick” Delafontaine’s research has been continuously funded for over 20 years by the National Institutes of Health. His focus has been growth factors, cellular and molecular biology and atherosclerosis. His current areas of investigative focus include 1) the Role of IGF I and its Binding Proteins in Vascular Growth and Atherosclerosis; 2) Vascular Smooth Muscle and Endothelial Cell Biology; 3) Unstable Angina and Coronary Atherosclerosis; and 4) Mechanisms of Muscle Wasting in Chronic Disease States. Dr. Delafontaine has been a member of the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation since 2005, and has served on the Council and Nominating committee. He currently serves on the Mentoring committee and the Speakers Bureau of the Visiting Professor Program of the SSCI. Dr. Delafontaine has held positions at Emory University, the University of Geneva, the University of Kansas Medical School and Tulane University. During his first tenure at Tulane he was the Vice Chair of Research for the Department of Medicine, Chief of the Section of Cardiology, Director of the Tulane Heart and Vascular Institute and was the Interim Chair of the Department of Medicine. He was also the Director of the NIH funded Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center's Clinical Translational Unit at the Tulane University. In December 2014, Dr. Delafontaine was appointed as the Hugh E. and Sarah D. Stephenson Dean at the University of Missouri - Columbia. Dr. Delafontaine completed his studies and received his Doctorate in Medicine at the University of Geneva in Geneva, Switzerland, and his residency in Internal Medicine at the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital in Philadelphia, PA. He completed a research and a clinical fellowship program in cardiology at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts.

Areas of Expertise

Physician-Scientist, COVID-10 (Coronavirus), Cardiology, Interventional Cardiology, Vascular Biology

Affiliations

Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, Speakers Bureau of the Visiting Professor Program of the SSCI, Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center's Clinical Translational Unit

Education

University of Geneva
MD Faculty of Medicine

Hahnemann Medical College
Residency Internal Medicine

**Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital
Research and Clinical Fellowship Cardiology**

**University of Geneva
BS Faculty of Sciences and Medicine**

Accomplishments

**A.J. de Cotis Award for Outstanding Medical Resident
1979**

**Geneva University Hospital Training Fund Award
1984**

**Swiss National Research Fund Award
1985**

**American Heart Association - Massachusetts Affiliate Fellowship Award
1986**

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1987**

**Distinguished Achievement Award of the American Heart Association, Georgia Affiliate
1993**

**Tinsley Harrison Award of the Southern Society of Clinical Investigation
1994**

**Established Investigator Award - American Heart Association
1994**

**Research Career Development Award - National Institutes of Health
1994**

**Present Elected by his peers for inclusion in Best Doctors in America®
2001**

**University of Missouri Columbia International Center for Psychosocial Trauma Annual Humanitarian
Award
2017**

**Kaley Award Featured Topic: The Microcirculation and Its Many Cells that Contribute to Tissue Repair,
2019**

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