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Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences, VCU Libraries presents:

# Opening Doors

Contemporary African-American Academic Surgeons  
a traveling exhibition



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[www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/aframsurgeons/index.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/exhibition/aframsurgeons/index.html)

African-Americans have always practiced medicine, whether as physicians, healers, midwives, or “root doctors.” The journey of the African-American physician from pre-Civil War to modern day America has been a challenging one. Early black pioneer physicians not only became skilled practitioners, they became trailblazers and educators paving the way for future physicians, surgeons, and nurses, and opening doors to better health care for the African American community.

Opening Doors is a collaborative effort between the National Library of Medicine, the largest medical library in the world, and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture in Baltimore, the largest African-American museum on the east coast of the United States.

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