

Before running for Congress in 2002, Dr. Michael C. Burgess practiced medicine as an OB-GYN in North Texas for more than 25 years. He continued a family tradition following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather, each a physician and recognized leader in his field.

As the most senior physician in Congress, Dr. Burgess brings the voice of healthcare professionals across the nation to Washington, D.C. As a physician, he believed that D.C. failed to understand his patients and practice. Now, as a Member of Congress, he works to represent the voice of healthcare professionals and patients every day.

Dr. Burgess serves as the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health and also sits on the House Rules Committee as the Energy and Commerce designee.

He is a fiscal conservative who was raised in Denton, Texas, and graduated with an undergraduate and a Masters degree from North Texas State University, now the University of North Texas. Dr. Burgess received his M.D. from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston and completed his residency program at Parkland Hospital in Dallas. In 2000, he received a Masters degree in medical management from the University of Texas at Dallas, and in 2009 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Public Service from the University of North Texas Health Sciences Center.

In his more than 14 years in Congress, Dr. Burgess has received numerous awards from prominent organizations, including the American Medical Association 2015 Dr. Nathan Davis Award, the American Hospital Association, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, NFIB, the American Conservative Union, the Alzheimer's Association, the American Association of Orthopedic Surgeons, the American College of Cardiology and many others. In 2013, Dr. Burgess was named one of *Modern Healthcare*'s 50 Most Influential Physician Executives and Leaders.