

# Speaker Bio | Senator Bill Frist, MD

Senator Frist is a special partner at healthcare firm Cressey & Co. and founder/partner of Frist-Cressey Ventures. A former heart and lung transplant surgeon, he served Tennessee in the US Senate for 12 years (as US Senate Majority Leader from 2003 to 2007), and is the voice of the podcast “A Second Opinion.” ([asecondopinionpodcast.com](http://asecondopinionpodcast.com)). Frist currently serves on the boards of Teladoc Health, Accolade, Select Medical, SmileDirect Club, and GSAH-N, as well as the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and The Nature Conservancy. He cofounded Aspire Health, formerly the nation’s largest provider of nonhospice, community-based palliative care. Frist majored in health policy and international relations at

Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs before graduating from Harvard Medical School and completing surgical training at Massachusetts General Hospital and a transplant fellowship at Stanford. He went on to found and direct the Vanderbilt Multi-Organ Transplant Center. Frist founded and now leads the global health nonprofit Hope Through Healing Hands, as well as the Tennessee State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE), and NashvilleHealth, a collective impact organization focused on improving the health and well-being of Middle Tennesseans.