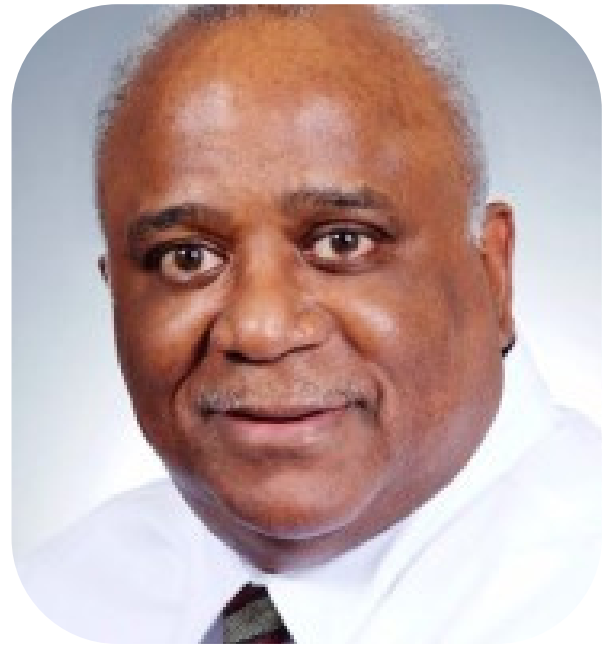


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Dr. Gary A. Puckrein, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the National Minority Quality Forum (NMQF), a not-for-profit research and advocacy organization he founded in 1998 to address the disproportionate burden of premature death and preventable illness experienced by racial and ethnic minorities and other underserved populations. Under his leadership, NMQF has become a national resource for evidence-based, data-driven solutions that strengthen community capacity for prevention, early detection, and improved management of disease. Dr. Puckrein also serves as Executive Director of the Alliance of Minority Medical Associations, a collaborative of leading physician organizations representing Asian American, Pacific Islander, American Indian, Hispanic, and African American clinicians. The Alliance was created in response to data demonstrating persistent disparities in treatment and outcomes across underserved communities.

Dr. Puckrein graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University, where he earned his master's degree in 1974 and doctorate in 1978. From 1974 to 1992, he taught at Roger Williams College, Brown University, Connecticut College, and Rutgers University, where he was a tenured faculty member. His career also includes leadership in publishing: he launched *American Visions*, a leading African American art and culture magazine, and later created *Minority Health Today* to support clinicians serving minority communities.

While board president of AAAM, Dr. Puckrein was heavily involved in the African American arts world.