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Brenda Fitzgerald holds a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology from Georgia State University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from Emory University School of Medicine. She completed her post-graduate training at the Emory-Grady Hospitals in Atlanta and held an assistant clinical professorship at Emory Medical Center. As a major in the U.S. Air Force, Fitzgerald served at the Wurtsmith Air Force Strategic Air Command (SAC) Base in Michigan and Andrews Air Force Base in Washington, D.C.

Career highlights: Fitzgerald is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist and fellow in anti-aging medicine. She was appointed to the position of public health director at the Georgia Department of Community Health in early 2011. Later that year, she was appointed commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health. Previously, Fitzgerald served on the board and as president of the Georgia OB-GYN Society and she worked as a healthcare policy advisor with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senator Paul Coverdell. She has served as chairman of the board for the Georgia Public Policy Foundation and remains a senior fellow. Additionally, she served on the Military Academy Selection Boards for Senators Paul Coverdell and Saxby Chambliss, and was a founding board member for the Paul Coverdell Leadership Institute. She also contributed to Leadership Georgia, serving as a program chair, served as the 7th District Representative to the Georgia State School Board and held board posts with Voices for Georgia's Children, the Advanced Academy of West Georgia, the University of West Georgia Foundation and the Carrollton Rotary Club.