

## OKLAHOMA

## Colonel Lance T. Frye, MD

Interim Commissioner of Health

Oklahoma State Department of Health



Colonel Lance Frye, M.D. was appointed as Interim Commissioner by Governor Kevin Stitt on May 22, 2020. He also serves as interim department chair, residency program director and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, and State Air Surgeon for the Oklahoma Air National Guard (OKANG). As State Air Surgeon, Col Frye is the OKANG senior medical officer and advisor to The Adjutant General (TAG) of Oklahoma for all OKANG medical issues.



Col Frye received his Doctorate in Medicine from Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, Loma Linda, California in 1993. He completed an internship in Family Medicine in 1994 and a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology in 1997. Col Frye completed additional training in Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery at The University of California in 1998. After practicing medicine for several years, Col Frye's desire to serve his country led him to join the Air Force in 2005 after receiving his commission through the Officer Training Corps. Upon completion of Commissioned Officer Training he attended Aerospace Medicine training at Brooks AFB where he was recognized as the Honor Graduate. He entered active duty Air Force as a flight surgeon at Nellis AFB, and transitioned to the Air National Guard, moving to Tulsa, OK in 2010.

Col Frye deployed in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. He has served in multiple areas of expertise in deployed environments including flight surgeon at a contingency aeromedical staging facility (CASF), a gynecologic surgeon, combat search and rescue (CSAR) and casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) in the highest threat environment of Afghanistan in spring 2008. Professional memberships include Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.