



**Commissioner (Col) Lance T. Frye, MD, FACOG**, Since the beginning of Oklahoma's response to COVID-19, Dr. Lance Frye has served on the Governor's Solution Taskforce, taking a leadership role in the state's response to the pandemic. Currently serving as Oklahoma's Commissioner of Health, Dr. Frye has led the department out of crisis mode and into proactive risk mitigation. His efforts have helped to bring Oklahoma to the forefront of data transparency and planning capabilities and capacity. Dr. Frye has worked quickly to modernize outdated reporting systems, allocated resources according to highest need, saving the lives of Oklahomans, and preparing the department for better collaboration and coordination with public and private partners across the state during the pandemic and in the future.

Colonel Lance Frye, M.D. has served as interim department chair, residency program director and professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, and is currently State Air Surgeon for the Oklahoma Air

National Guard (OKANG). As State Air Surgeon, Colonel Frye is the OKANG senior medical officer and advisor to The Adjutant General (TAG) of Oklahoma for all OKANG medical issues.

Colonel 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. Colonel Frye completed additional training in Urogynecology and Pelvic Reconstructive Surgery at The University of California in 1998. After practicing medicine for several years, Colonel 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.

Colonel 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. He was appointed as Interim Commissioner by Governor Kevin Stitt on May 22, 2020 and was confirmed by the Oklahoma Senate on April 14, 2021 .