

## Nation's Top Doctor: Vivek Murthy

Physician Vivek Hallegere Murthy has recently been elected as the 19<sup>th</sup> Surgeon General of the United States. At 37, he is the youngest person and first Indian to fill this prestigious position. He has filled a role that is absolutely crucial to the wellbeing of America.

### The Job Description

The Surgeon General is expected to [safeguard and further](#) America's public health. The Surgeon General equips Americans with the most credible knowledge on how to prevent sickness. Additionally, he supervises 6,700 people of the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and is the Chair of the National Prevention Council. This particular Surgeon General was nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the US Senate at 51 votes to 43.

Dr. Murthy's nomination was advocated by numerous medical organizations. However, there has been some public outcry over Murthy's election. "Now is not the right time for this nomination, and it is not the right job for Dr. Murthy. The majority of Murthy's career has been as an activist focused on gun control and political campaigns," remarked Senator John Barrasso, of the Chairman Senate Republican Policy Committee. Political disapprobation fueled by the NRA over Murthy's support for gun-control policies and Democrats' anxiety over a gun war during the eve of a midterm election [sidelined Murthy's election](#), which was necessitated by the Ebola outbreak.

### Murthy's Background

Murthy has demonstrated his full capability for claiming the title of Surgeon General as an alumnus of Harvard University and Yale University. He is the cofounder and president of Doctors of America. He continues to be the Hospitalist Attending Physician and Instructor in Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Harvard Medical School. He is highly involved in philanthropic work, serving as the cofounder of VISIONS Worldwide in 1995. VISIONS Worldwide is a nonprofit organization aimed at empowering youths and HIV/AIDS preventative education.

### Looking to the Future

Dr. Murthy has expressed sincere ambition in [solving many of America's public health crises](#), encompassing obesity, mental health, smoking, health care delivery, and chronic diseases that occupy 7 of the top 10 causes for death in America and 84 percent of America's healthcare costs. Murthy has the knowledge that is necessary to alleviate the worldwide issue of disease traversing international borders.

With the election of Dr. Murthy as Surgeon General, India has produced a powerful figure and legacy in American History.

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