THE MOUNT SINAI HEALTH SYSTEM celebrates

Black History Month

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A FORMER SLAVE BECOMES A PIONEER IN MEDICINE

David K. McDonogh, MD

Dr. McDonogh, a former slave, was one of the first African American ophthalmologists in the United States, and practiced at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai in the late 1840s. As one of the first American slaves to graduate college, Dr. McDonogh finished third in his class from Lafayette College with a BA in Medicine. The college has a sculpture in his honor on its campus.

FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN
PHYSICIAN AT THE MOUNT SINAI
HOSPITAL

William Harold Branch, MD

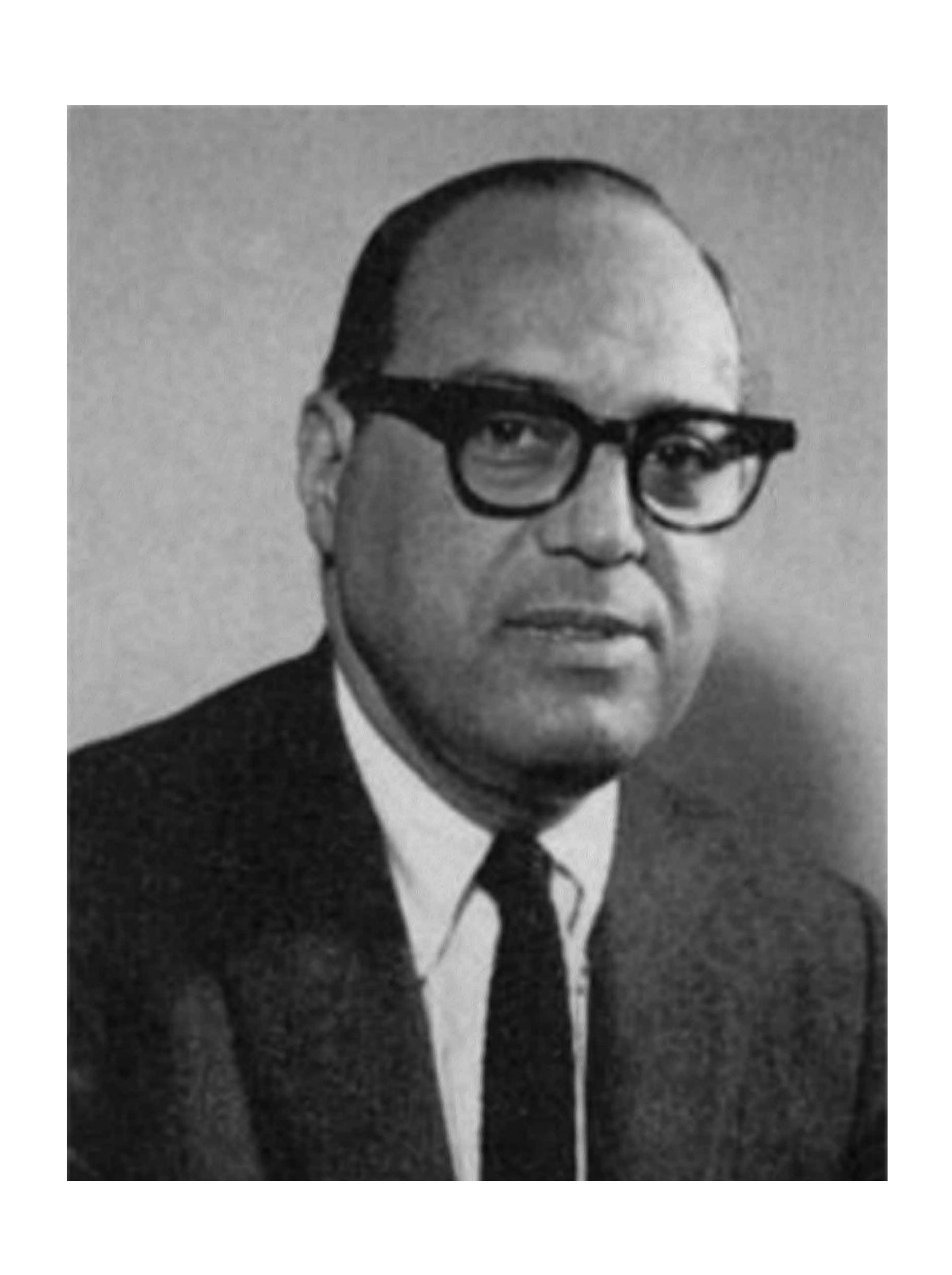
Dr. Branch was a research member of the special cardiac clinic at The Mount Sinai Hospital from 1934 to 1941, where he eventually became Senior Clinical Assistant. Dr. Branch observed and documented acute coronary occlusion in African Americans, which challenged existing theory on that subject. Dr. Branch was the first African American to be elected to membership in the

RECOGNIZING OUR History Makers

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PIONEER IN RADIOLOGY AND BLOOD DISORDERS

John E. Moseley, MD



Dr. Moseley practiced medicine at The Mount Sinai Hospital for four decades (1943—1983) and served as its first pediatric radiologist. Dr. Moseley was a pioneer in radiology and blood

disorders, contributing to the understanding of sickle cell anemia by identifying certain abnormalities and changes in the bones

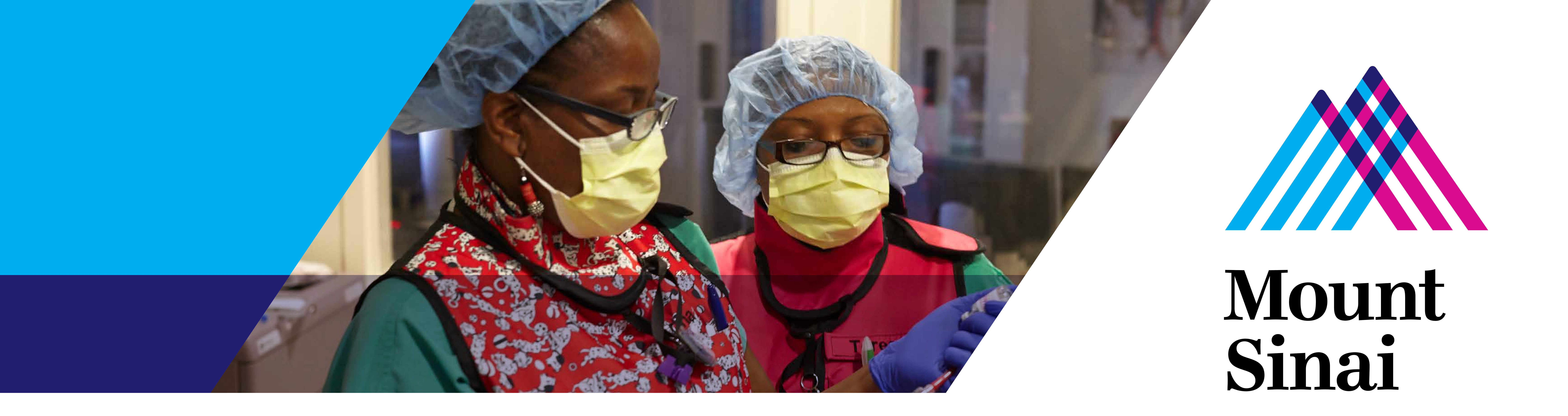
RENOWNED EXPERT ON PEDIATRIC SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

Doris Wethers, MD



Dr. Wethers was the first
African American physician
appointed to head a New
York City voluntary hospital
department. As Director of
Pediatrics and the Sickle
Cell Center at Mount Sinai

St. Luke's and Mount Sinai Roosevelt,
Dr. Wethers was a tireless advocate for the
early testing and treatment of sickle cell



FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDENT AND GRADUATE AT ISMMS

Miriam Senhouse Rossi, MD

Dr. Rossi was part of the first graduating class of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 1970. The Rossi, the student newsletter of the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, is named in her honor. Dr. Rossi spent three decades in adolescent medicine, and is actively involved in medical education for young people and in community health education and research.

FIRST BOARD CERTIFIED FEMALE AFRICAN AMERICAN VASCULAR SURGEON

Donna Mendes, MD



Dr. Mendes is the first
African American female
certified by the American
Board of Surgery in vascular
surgery, and has been in
practice at Mount Sinai
St. Luke's and Mount Sinai

Roosevelt since 1984. Dr. Mendes' clinical activity has focused on the proven greater