

## David H. Beyda, MD

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Dr. David H. Beyda is a pediatric critical care specialist and medical ethicist and served as Division Chief of Critical Care Medicine and Chair of Bioethics at Phoenix Children’s Hospital for 35 years. He is now Chair and Professor of the Department of Bioethics and Medical Humanism at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix where he directs the Ethics and Humanism theme for the medical school and also directs the Global Health program.

Dr. Beyda attended Loyola University Stritch School of Medicine, completed his pediatric residency at the University of Louisville Kosair Children’s Hospital and completed his pediatric critical care fellowship training at John Hopkins University. He was appointed as a Visiting Fellow and Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics and the Center for Clinical Bioethics at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he completed his training in medical ethics.

His expertise is in the areas of neuro-resuscitation, medical ethics and Third World medicine. His research interests involve the investigation of the cause and effect of pediatric submersion injuries, the measurement of cerebral blood flow and metabolism in brain-injured children and the ethical issues relating to end of life and truth telling in children. As a pediatric intensivist and ethicist, Dr. Beyda uses simulation to teach students resuscitation and the ethics of resuscitation.

Dr. Beyda is a member of numerous professional societies and organizations including the Society of Critical Care Medicine, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Association of Bioethics. In addition to being a nationally and internationally recognized author and guest lecturer, Dr. Beyda also volunteers his expertise abroad. He is the founder and Medical Director of Medical Mercy, and of Covenant Medicine Outreach, caring for children in over 20 underprivileged countries and has led over 55 medical trips. He is a pilot/physician who does bush flying in Africa taking his medical teams to isolated areas of Africa. Dr. Beyda has also been the recipient of numerous honors and awards including the Society of Critical Care Medicine’s Annual Scientific Award, the J. Kipp Charlton Humanitarian Award for Community Service and a Rocky Mountain Emmy Award. He has received Humanitarian Awards from both the Phoenix Business Journal and the Arizona Business Magazine and recognized as the “Top Doc” in Global Health by Phoenix Magazine. He most recently received the Humanitarian Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics. He has published three books: *Covenant Medicine: Being Present when Present*, *Border Crossings: It’s not what we bring but what we leave behind* and *Duty to Care: Who is more important, you or me.*”

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