

**MY JOB:** cardiac surgeon

**MY SPECIALTIES:** complex valvular heart surgery  
and robotic heart surgery

**MY AVOCATIONS:** photography, amateur radio  
and trout fishing

**MY HONOR SOCIETY:** Phi Kappa Phi

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**W. RANDOLPH CHITWOOD, JR., MD**, is an international pioneer in minimally invasive and robotic heart surgery. In 2000, Chitwood became the first surgeon in North America to use robotics to repair mitral valves. He practices at the Brody School of Medicine and is the Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs at East Carolina University. He earned the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his humanitarian work earlier this year. Chitwood was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at East Carolina University in 1998 and was named the Phi Kappa Phi National Scholar in 2001.

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