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Dr. Hassan A. Tetteh is an Associate Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, adjunct faculty at Howard University College of Medicine, and served as [Division Lead for Futures and Innovation](#) at Navy Medicine's Headquarters, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. He was a [Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellow](#) from 2012-13, assigned to the U.S. Congress, Congressional Budget Office, (CBO), and served as Assistant Deputy Commander for Healthcare Operations and Strategic Planning at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center during its integration. His clinical work includes cardiovascular disease management, heart failure surgery, and heart and lung transplantation. He led Thoracic Transplantation Procurement and Research for the INOVA Health System Heart and Lung Transplant Program in Virginia and currently serves as a staff Thoracic Surgeon for the MedStar Health System. Tetteh is an [Alley Sheridan Award](#) recipient from the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education.



Tetteh served as Ship's Surgeon and Director of Surgical Services for the USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70) battle group in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM in 2005. In 2011, he deployed as a trauma surgeon to Afghanistan's Helmand and Nimroz provinces in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM with 2nd Marine Expeditionary Forces, and has supported special joint forces missions to South America, the Middle East, the South Pacific, Australia, and Africa. He earned both the Surface Warfare Medical Department Officer and Fleet Marine Force Qualified Officer designations, and his military honors include two Meritorious Service Medals. Tetteh is author of the novel [Gifts of the Heart](#) and has published articles on surgical innovation, health information technology, ethics, wounded warriors, and process improvement. He also serves on the board of directors for the Brooklyn, New York based [Arthur Ashe Institute for Urban Health](#) and Fayetteville, Arkansas based [Champions for Kids](#), a nonprofit that mobilizes people to improve the lives of millions of children.

At the CBO, as a [Visiting Scholar](#) with the Health, Retirement, and Long-Term Analysis Division, Tetteh provided a clinical perspective, working with different teams of analysts on a variety of health policy projects. Specifically, he contributed to studies related to the changing cost of chronic conditions, the costs of obesity and their effects on the federal budget, supply-side modeling of health workforce issues, and the impact of health information technology on the federal budget. He also analyzed policy proposals aimed at achieving savings in Medicare.

A native of Brooklyn, New York, Tetteh received his B.S. from State University of New York (SUNY) at Plattsburgh, his M.D. from SUNY Downstate Medical Center, his M.P.A. from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, and M.B.A. from Johns Hopkins University Carey Business School. He completed his thoracic surgery fellowship at the University of Minnesota and advanced cardiac surgery fellowship at Harvard Medical School's Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. Tetteh is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Information and Management, board certified in thoracic surgery, general surgery, clinical informatics, and healthcare management, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives.