

# Ellis Island Medal of Honor

In 2009 in New York City, W. Andrew Hodge, M.D., was the recipient of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. He was honored as a Founder and Chief Medical Officer of the non-profit Institute for Mobility and Longevity. The National Ethnic Coalition Organization (NECO), founded 25 years ago as a global foundation, has a mission to honor America's diverse past, advocate for positive change in our present world and build strong leaders for the future. NECO is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with many strategic alliances that support a range of diverse programs that serve a variety of communities and cultures here and abroad many in the medical field.



In a dramatic ceremony with several thousand in attendance on Ellis Island, the Ellis Island Medal of Honor was presented to Dr. Hodge, with citizens of diverse origins all being honored for their outstanding contributions to their communities, their nation and the world. Past Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipients include six Presidents of the United States, Nobel Prize scientists, Olympic athletes, leaders in medicine and industry, famous celebrities and others whose work has made a lasting impact on humanity.

