

Dr. Patricia
Bath
Timeline
Cards



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1942

(November 4)
Patricia Bath
was born.

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1950

Patricia Bath
received a toy
chemistry set.

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1959

Patricia was
selected for the
prestigious
National Science
Foundation summer
program.

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1960

Patricia wins
Mademoiselle
magazine's
Merit Award
for a cancer
research
project.

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1964

She earns a
Bachelor of
Arts degree in
chemistry from
Hunter College.

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1967

Patricia travels
to Yugoslavia
and observes
inadequate eye
care for the
poor

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1968

Patricia earns a doctoral degree from Howard University College of Medicine.

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1968

She starts an ophthalmology internship at Harlem Hospital Center.

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1969

Patricia begins Columbia University fellowship and notices higher rates of blindness in patients of colour

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1970

Patricia begins a three-year residency at NYU. During this time (1970-1973), she marries and has a daughter; Eraka.

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1974

Patricia moves to Los Angeles to teach ophthalmology at UCLA and Charles R. Drew University.

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1974

Patricia becomes the first full-time female ophthalmologist faculty member in the ophthalmology department at UCLA's Jules Stein Eye Institute.

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1977

She helps co-found
the American
Institute for the
Prevention of
Blindness.

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1981

Patricia begins
researching the
idea of lasers
to remove
cataracts.

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1983

She becomes the
first US woman
to chair an
ophthalmology
residency
program.

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1986

Patricia travels
to Europe to
experiment with
cutting-edge
laser technology.

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1986

She completed
the invention
of the
Laserphaco
Probe.

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1988

She is elected to
the Hunter
College of Fame.

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1988

She receives the first medical patent for the Laserphaco Probe.

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1993

Patricia is named a Howard University Pioneer in Academic Medicine.

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1993

Patricia retires from UCLA.

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Present

Currently living in Los Angeles, California where she writes, teaches and speaks about the importance of eye health.

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Present

She is the president of the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness.

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Different spelling of Colour in 1969



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