

Dr. Tennant's accomplishments have been nothing short of remarkable. Here is just a glimpse of his accomplishments throughout his career:

- High School valedictorian at age 16 in 1957;
- Finished university (except for three credit hours) in 2-1/2 years at Texas Tech University, and was awarded the "Phi Kappa Phi Award" and "Pre-med of the Year Award";
- Before entering medical school, Dr. Tennant attended the University of Houston School of Optometry;
- In 1960, at age 19, he was accepted into the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School;
- Graduated **Top 10** in his medical school class and received his MD degree in 1964;
- Interned at Methodist Hospital of Dallas and then completed a residency in ophthalmology at Parkland Hospital in Dallas and Harvard/Massachusetts Eye and Ear in Boston between 1965 and 1968;
- Fellow of the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery;
- Board certified in Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery, Director of the Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Clinic at Parkland Hospital/Southwestern Medical School;
- Founded the Dallas Eye Institute;
- Holds patents on surgical instruments, intraocular lenses, and other devices, including the Tennant Biomodulator® PLUS and PRO;
- An accomplished author of books on cataract surgery, lifestyle management, and integrative medicine;
- Developed and refined the techniques to allow eye surgery to be safely performed in an outpatient setting instead of a hospital with the assistance of his anesthesiologist, Monte Hellman, MD, and his internist, Javier Ramirez, MD;
- A pioneer in LASIK surgery, Dr. Tennant was responsible for most of the research done on the Excimer laser for VISX. He also performed over 1,000 operations in the United States and about 2,000 cases abroad from 1991 to 1995;

- Founded the Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society, taught surgeons around the world to do outpatient eye surgery, and was instrumental in getting Congress to pay for outpatient surgery, saving Medicare millions of dollars every year, along with Drs. David McIntyre and Douglas Williamson;
- Chairman of the ad hoc committee that wrote the rules that govern outpatient surgicenters in Texas;
- Dr. Tennant is one of the few surgeons to be awarded the Corboy Award for Contributions to Ophthalmology and the Recognition Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology;
- Dr. Tennant was one of the first surgeons in the U.S. to place intraocular lenses in eyes after cataract surgery, eliminating the need for thick, incapacitating glasses after cataract surgery. He redesigned the European lenses to eliminate defects and was awarded patents for his designs;
- Dr. Tennant is licensed by the Arizona Board of Homeopathic and Integrated Medicine Examiners MD(H). Texas does not have such a board;
- Although not a Catholic, Dr. Tennant was awarded the Order of Saint Sylvester by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008 for his contributions in medicine;
- Ph.D. (hon.) in anthropology and from Orden De Santiago Apóstol;
- Doctorate of natural medicine license from the Board of Pastoral Medical Association;
- Current member of the American Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine.