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Dr. Keith Norris is a Professor of Medicine, Departments of Internal Medicine, Charles Drew University of Medicine and Science and holds a dual appointment at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Dr. Norris attended Cornell University, Ithaca, New York from 1973 to 1976. He received his M.D. degree from Howard University School of Medicine in 1980. Dr. Norris completed his residency in Internal Medicine at Howard University Hospital in Washington, D.C. from 1980 to 1983. He was the Chief Resident in the Department of Internal Medicine at Howard from 1982 to 1983. Dr. Norris completed his Nephrology Fellowship and an additional Research Fellowship at UCLA School of Medicine, and Wadsworth (West Los Angeles) Veterans Administration Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA. from 1983 to 1986. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine and Nephrology, and an American Heart Association certified hypertension specialist. Dr. Norris has served as Residency Program Director and subsequently as Vice Chairman and Interim Chair for the Department of Internal Medicine, and Associate Dean for Research in the College of Medicine. He was elected into the Alpha Omega Alpha, Medical Honor Society in 1980 and inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame (Science) in 2003. He is currently a postdoctoral candidate in metaphysics, spirituality, and holistic health.

Dr. Norris is a member of the NIH Study Section for the National Center for Research Resources and the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. He is a former member of the National Kidney Foundation (NKF) Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative National Advisory Committee. Presently he is a member of the NKF Kidney Early Evaluation Program National Advisory Committee and the NIH/National Center for Research Resources Clinical Research Working Group.

Dr. Norris holds numerous professional memberships. He is a founding member and former president of the National Association of Minority Nephrologists and is a former member of the board of directors for both the American Association of Kidney Patients and the Renal Physicians Association, and presently a member of the board of directors for the International Society for Hypertension in Blacks (ISHIB). A frequent presenter in both professional and academic settings, Dr. Norris has co-authored more than 100 scholarly publications and over 100 research abstracts. He currently serves as editor-in-chief of the journal *Ethnicity & Disease*, the official journal for ISHIB.

His research interests include renal osteodystrophy, the epidemiology, prevention, and treatment of hypertension and chronic kidney disease, and the reduction of health disparities. He is the Director of the NIH funded Clinical Research Center, and the principal investigator for two large NIH program project grant directed at reducing health disparities. In 2005, Dr. Norris assumed his new position as Vice President for Research at Charles Drew University.

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