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Dr. Jones has more than 35 years of experience in addressing minority health and the health of the underserved. As a scientist, he has also done extensive research into the relationship between hormones, diet and endocrine responsive tumors and has presented his work both nationally and internationally. He has edited one of the few comprehensive textbooks on this subject: *Minorities & Cancer*. Dr. Jones has either chaired or co-chaired numerous major events regarding the underserved and cancers, including the American Cancer Society South Central U.S. Regional Hearings on Cancer and the Poor and the 1<sup>st</sup> National African Cancer Education meeting in Abuja, Nigeria. Dr. Jones is co-author of the congressional resolution designating the third full week in April as "National Minority Cancer Awareness Week." For his work, the NIH/National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities was awarded him its Director's Award for Excellence in Health Disparities. Dr. Jones was recently selected to receive the Ruth Kirschstein Diversity in science Award.

Dr. Jones' research work also involves determining the mechanism by which natural and environmental estrogenic agents may initiate cancers in hormonally responsive tissue. He has served as the PI on a number of NIH grants, including "The Women's Health Eating and Living Study," an NCI grant studying the role of diet on prevention recurrence of second primaries in breast cancer survivors. The other grant was awarded by the Centers of Excellence for Community Partnership, Outreach, Research & Training from the National Center on Minority Health & Health Disparities and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Cancer Prevention and Treatment Demonstration grant titled: "Facilitated Assistance, Research, & Outreach Services".

In January 2000, Dr. Jones was named the first director of the congressionally mandated Center for Research on Minority Health (CRMH), a multidisciplinary center which aims to a) foster research that addresses the causes of health disparities and translates scientific results back to the communities affected by those disparities; b) encourage minority students to pursue careers in the biomedical sciences; and c) increase recruitment and retention of minority and medically underserved populations into clinical trials. Dr. Jones received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley.

#### **Selected Publications:**

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