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Dr. Norris 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.

Dr. Norris's research interests focus on the impact and outcomes of chronic kidney disease in African American and Latino populations, the role of vitamin D in chronic kidney disease, calcium management in end-stage renal disease, and hypertension. He is currently a principal investigator or co-investigator on multiple National Institutes of Health (NIH) sponsored trials, researching such diverse topics as health disparities in chronic kidney disease, testosterone and muscle function, self-management of diabetes, and transcendental meditation in cardiovascular disease. 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, the National Kidney Foundation's Kidney Disease Outcomes Quality Initiative Advisory Committee, and the NIH/National Center for Research Resources Clinical Research Working Group. Dr. Norris has co-authored more than 100 papers, including journal articles, reviews, and textbook chapters, and over 100 abstracts. He is editor-in-chief of the journal *Ethnicity & Disease*.

Board-certified in internal medicine and nephrology, Dr. Norris is also certified as a specialist in clinical hypertension by the American Society of Hypertension, Inc. Additionally, he is a Reiki Master. He currently holds professional memberships in the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Nephrology, the Renal Physicians Association (member, board of directors), American Association of Kidney Patients (member, medical advisory board) and the National Medical Association, among many others.

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